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Duarte View

A bi-monthly community publication of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, in its 86th year of service to the community.

Lois Gaston elected Mayor Pam Kawasaki elected School Board President

John Fasana elected Redevelopment Agency Chair

Duarte has a new mayor. City Council members voted unanimously to elect Lois Gaston, Mayor for 2006-2007 and Philip Reyes, Mayor Pro Tem during the annual reorganization of the Duarte City Council in late November.

During the Duarte Redevelopment Agency portion of meeting, where Council members serve in their dual role as Agency members, unanimous votes also elected John Fasana, Chairman of the RDA and Margaret Finlay, Vice Chairman for 2006-2007.

Gaston was elected to the Duarte City Council in 2003. She served as Mayor Pro Tem for 2005-2006, and is a Delegate-at-Large for California Contract Cities Board of Directors and Executive Board.

A Duarte resident of 37 years, Gaston has a long history of service to the community. Prior to being elected to the Council, she served on three City commissions over a period of 10 years – Planning Commission, Economic Development Commission and Community Service Commission. She served two terms on the board of directors of Citrus College Foundation and one term as executive board secretary. She also formerly served as State Recruitment Coordinator for AARP in California. Current volunteer activities include the Duarte Education Foundation where she serves as vice president and special events chairperson, responsible for coordinating the All



LOIS GASTON
Mayor, City of Duarte

Schools Talent Show and Spring musicals. She is also founding president and active member

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By Dr. Dean Conklin,
Superintendent

The Duarte Unified School District is pleased to announce the election of Pam Kawasaki as President of the Board of Education, and Rose Brooks-Mitchell as the Vice President.

Pam was elected to the Board in 2003. She has spent most of her life in Duarte, originally moving with her family in 1957. She went to elementary school at Royal Oaks. Pam attended college at Mt. St. Mary's/Loyola, earning a BA in English.

Much of her adult life has been spent volunteering for the students in the Duarte Unified School District; first at Royal Oaks, then Northview, where she has volunteered as many as 30 hours per week.

In addition, Pam has served as a student aide in the Special Education program. Former students often return to visit Pam, and express their appreciation for her



PAM KAWASAKI
President, Board of Education

efforts. She has been a role model to a number of students, many of whom have expressed their desire to serve, modeling after the service Pam has given them.

Pam was involved in the Royal Oaks PTA, and the Northview PTSA. For her ongoing support and dedication to the school district, Pam was awarded the Golden Apple in 2002.

Pam is married to Greg Kawasaki, whom she considers her greatest supporter. Their two children, Brandon and Ally, are students at Duarte High.

Brandon, a junior, is a drummer with the jazz band and is a varsity swimmer. Ally, a sophomore, plays saxophone with the concert, jazz, dixie and marching bands, and is on the wrestling team.

Rose Brooks-Mitchell was elected to the Board in 2003. A 25 year resident of Duarte, she is employed in the Long Beach Unified School District, where she is a school counselor. Rose has served more than 36 years in public education, and has numerous academic credentials.

Her B.S. is from the University of Southern California, where she also earned a Masters Degree. She has a multiple subjects teaching credential, as well as counseling and administrative credentials.

Like Pam, Rose has been very active in the Duarte community, serving on the Community Education Council and the Duarte Vision 2000 Committee, as well being very active in her church.

Rose is a strong advocate for youth, and has spent most of her life supporting students. She is married to Jim Mitchell.

The Duarte Unified School District Board of Education is a hard working, dedicated team. As last year's President Reyna Diaz passes the gavel to Pam, this team, which also includes well known Duarte supporters Ken Bell and Frank Figueroa, the community can be assured that the district is in excellent hands.

Duarte approves development deal for Best Buy shopping center

Also approves exclusive negotiating agreement for key Huntington Dr. corner

Duarte may have saved the best for last. A development deal approved (Nov. 14) between the Duarte City Council/Redevelopment Agency and Jacobsen Family Holdings II, LLC is poised to turn the city's last available 210 Foothill Freeway adjacent site into a 4.7 acre shopping center

that would be anchored by a 46,000 square foot Best Buy. Best Buy Co., Inc. is North America's number-one specialty retailer of consumer electronics, personal computers, entertainment software and appliances.

The development, which will encompass the northeast intersection of Central Ave. and Mountain Ave., will also include a smaller inline building of approximately 11,900 square feet that would be leased to leading national tenants, mostly retail and food. An existing Staples Office Supply Super Store that anchors the northeast corner will be integrated into the shopping center.

"Best Buy is ready to move forward and wrap up the deal before Christmas." If all goes according to plan, Jacobsen Family Holdings CEO Doug Jacobsen told the Council/Agency, the store could be up and running by Christmas 2007.

Jacobsen said the Best Buy deal for Duarte has "knock it out of the park projections" for bringing substantial sales tax revenue to the city. As an example, he said, the Pasadena Best Buy store is the highest grossing store west of the Mississippi.

Best Buy stores in California on average generate about \$45 million a year in sales. The Du-

arte store is expected to produce annual sales above the California average in its first year, bringing an expected \$500,000 in sales tax revenues to the city.

"Not only will this project bring much needed sales tax and up to 200 jobs to the community, but it will definitely generate a positive spillover effect to boost businesses throughout the city," said Duarte City Manager Darrell George.

The Duarte Redevelopment Agency assembled and acquired the properties, and will sell the properties to Jacobsen Family Holdings for \$8.7 million.

In addition the Agency's participation in the deal will be \$3.5 million which will be paid back to Jacobsen Family Holdings over 15 years.

It is the second retail development between the Redevelopment Agency and the Jacobsen Family Holdings. The first, a 3.5 acre retail center at Mountain Ave. and Hamilton Rd, south side of the 210 Freeway, anchored by an 18,000 square foot LaZBoy Furniture Galleries store and 5,000 square foot IHOP Restaurant, opened last November and are leading in retail sales for both franchises.

"Duarte city staff and city

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He's on his way, save the date

The City of Duarte and Duarte in Bronze Committee of the Duarte Historical Society invite everyone to attend the landmark dedication of a bronze statue honoring the City of Duarte's namesake,

ANDRES AVELINO DUARTE, on Saturday, March 31, in the afternoon (exact time to be determined).

The site will be the future community plaza across from Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr.

For more information, please call City Hall at (626) 357-7931.



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Duarte's Promise to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday with community beautification project

A major theme in the life of the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was to urge people to join hands and work together for positive change.

For the fifth year, to commemorate King's birthday, Duarte Teens, members of the local business community, City staff, school district, and others will honor King's legacy by setting their hands on shovels and rakes and planting greenery to help beautify an area of the city.

The 6th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Beautification Project, sponsored by Duarte's Promise, The Alliance for Youth, will kick off at 8:30 am on Sat., Jan. 20, with a continental breakfast provided by IHOP at the Duarte High School Cafeteria.

A special Martin Luther King Jr. Day program hosted by Duarte Mayor Lois Gaston will feature Pastor R.O. Crocker of the First

Baptist Church of Duarte, guest speaker Pamela Russell, who will talk about the life and impact of the late Baptist minister and civil rights leader.

The First Baptist Church of Duarte's Youth Choir will also perform.

Volunteers will then walk to 1565 E. Central Ave to plant 24 five gallon purple fountain grass bushes, 24 five gallon Mexican sage, and complete soil prep work. The Cal American Water Co. has donated the plants and provided both bottled water and volunteers for the event as well.

The annual MLK Beautification Projects, programs and events sponsored by Duarte's Promise the alliance for Youth. In 2000, Duarte was officially named an America's Promise Community of Promise. Since then, more than 100 local businesses, organizations, individuals, government,

schools, and communities of faith have partnered in a commitment to ensure that the needs of young people are served through five promises, ongoing relationships with caring adults, parents, mentors, tutors, coaches, safe places and structured activities during non school hours, a healthy start and future, marketable skills through effective education, and opportunities for youth to give back through community service.

For more information, call Duarte's Promise the Alliance for Youth at Duarte City hall, (626) 357-7931 ext. 265.

Foothill Pregnancy Resource Center Unveils Life Saving Ultrasound Machine

On Monday, December 11, 2006, the Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center received a life saving ultrasound machine donated to them by the Right to Life League of Southern California. The ultrasound machine will be available immediately for clients of the center.

This Machine is very vital. When young women see their babies a large percentage up to 60% chooses not to abort.

They choose life for their babies, says Sheila Fleming, Director of Development, and our help won't end there for the mother and the baby, we help the mother through her crucial initial decision and then we maintain contact with her throughout the pregnancy as well as after the baby is born.

The foothills Pregnancy Resource Center opened in June 2004 and it has served hundreds of women and children of the San Gabriel Valley.

For more information or to view the Ultrasound Machine please call (626) 358-2532, (626) 422-6102 speak to Sheila Fleming Director of Development. Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center, 924 Buena Vista St. #202, Duarte.



KIWANIS CLUB OF DUARTE shined with holiday spirit by donating \$400 each to Duarte Community Service Council and Foothill Unity Center. Shown above are: (L-R) Dorothy Smith, DCSC President; Silvia Hurtado, Duarte Kiwanis Club President; and Karen Herrera, Foothill Unity Center Board of Directors member.

State of the City, School District talks at Chamber luncheon March 14

EVENT WILL ALSO HONOR FOUR OUTSTANDING DUARTE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Duarte Mayor Lois Gaston will present her assessment of the State of the City and Duarte Unified School Board President Pam Kawasaki will discuss the State of the School District at a luncheon Wednesday, March 14, presented by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the City of Hope's Cooper Auditorium, 1500 Duarte Rd. Tickets to the luncheon are

\$25 per person.

The event, sponsored by the Gas Company, a Sempra Energy Utility, will also honor four outstanding public employees with the Duarte Chamber's 4th annual Community Employees of the Year Awards.

For more information and reservations, call the Duarte Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333.

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City is 50, Let's Celebrate

**Happy New Year 2007,
Happy 50th Birthday
City of Duarte!**



This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the City's incorporation. Although the actual anniversary date is on August 22, the City is working to coordinate a series of special events to bring the community together in celebration throughout the year in fun, exciting and historically significant ways.

Community organizations, clubs and local businesses have been invited to join in the spirit of the occasion by hosting community events and activities of their own to mark the City's birthday. The events and occasions will be posted on a special 50th Anniversary page currently under construction on the City's website.

Groups planning special events that tie into the City's birthday celebration and welcome the community are invited to submit their events for posting by sending them by e-mail to barrowhoffman@telis.net. The City's web site calendar will be updated throughout the year.

Among the major events to look forward to this year are the long awaited unveiling and dedication of a bronze statue honoring the city's namesake, land grant holder and rancher, Andres Avelino Duarte, on Saturday, March 31. The exact time of day for the dedication is undecided at press time, but the location will be on the site of the future community plaza, across the street

from City Hall.

Also in the planning is a Duarte Youth Acres Homecoming celebration at the season opener of DYAC on Saturday, March 17. Anyone who was involved with the establishment of Duarte Youth Acres or played on Duarte Youth Acres teams is invited to attend the homecoming celebration. Call homecoming coordinator, Nita Carey for more information at (626) 286-6875

Both the City and the Duarte Historical Society are interested in receiving historical photos of Duarte to display on the City's website and in a Duarte Historical Museum exhibit. If you have any historical photos, please contact Mary Barrow Somerlott at (626) 357-4151.

DCTV, Duarte Public Access will be airing a series of Historical Duarte episodes featuring interviews with long time Duartians about the City's history. If you have a story to tell, please call DCTV at (626) 358-2329.

A Rocktown Reunion is also in the planning for the summer. If you would be interested in assisting in the planning of the reunion or attending, please call (626) 357-4151.

For more information about the 50th anniversary events, log onto www.accessduarte.com.

The Gas Company offers cold weather tips for saving energy, money

With the approaching winter, Southern California Gas Co. officials are offering a number of tips for staying warm and energy efficient at the same time.

"Home heating and water heating make up about 85 percent of winter natural gas use," said Michelle Mueller, vice president of customer services for The Gas Company. The best way to reduce winter gas bills is to conserve energy.

When using the home furnace, lower the thermostat 3 degrees to 5 degrees (health permitting) and turn it off when not at home. This can help save up to 20 percent on heating costs.

Up to 40 percent of a home's heat loss takes place due to inadequate attic and wall insulation. Upgrade insulation to save up to 25 percent on winter heating costs.

Have air ducts tested for leaks. Seal any leaks and save up to 20 percent on winter heating costs.

Check the furnace filter monthly and clean or replace it, per manufacturer's recommendations, to save up to 2 percent on heating costs. Caulk and weather strip drafty doors and windows to save up to 5 percent on heating costs.

Use an extra blanket and turn down the furnace thermostat at night as the weather turns cooler.

Use cold or cool water when washing clothes to save up to 10 percent on hot water costs. Run the dishwasher only when full.

The Gas Company offers rebates on qualified height efficiency natural gas furnaces, water heaters, attic and wall insulation and other home improvement items. Energy efficiency program information and applications are available at www.socalgas.com/energyefficiency.

Muller said that customers should be aware that unpredictable severe cold weather in the United States can boost natural gas demand and prices and, consequently, customer bills.

Residential customers of The Gas Company can expect the average winter monthly bill for 75 therms of natural gas to be about \$80 to \$85, as compared with \$98 last winter.

Apartment dwellers will see an average monthly gas bill for 30 therms of natural gas of about \$35, as compared with \$40, and small businesses that use 300 therms of natural gas per month, will see an average monthly gas bill of

about \$325 to \$345, as compared with \$407 last winter.

For eligible customers with limited income, The Gas Company offers a 20 percent rate discount on monthly gas bills through the California Alternate Rates for Energy (Care) program and free energy saving home improvements, including repair or replacement of qualifying home furnaces, through Direct Assistance Program (DAP).

For more information on conservation and simple home improvement tips, as well as energy efficiency rebates and assistance programs, customers should visit The Gas Company's Web site at www.socalgas.com, or call the Gas Company toll free at (800) 427-2200.

The Gas Company is the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, providing safe and reliable energy to 19.8 million consumers through 5.6 million meters.

The Company's service territory encompasses approximately 20,000 square miles in most of central and Southern California.

The Gas Company strives to provide exceptional customer service to enhance the quality of life in the community.

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Development

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council are among the very best that we encountered. It has been a pleasure doing business in the city and with the city," said Jacobsen.

In what turned out to be a night of development news, the City/Redevelopment Agency also approved a 60-day Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Newport Beach headquartered Fountainhead Development for the key northwest corner of Buena Vista St. and Huntington Dr.

Fountainhead hopes to attract nationally recognized food and beverage franchises on the currently vacant half-acre site. A combination of stores are estimated to create approximately 40 to 45 employment opportunities in addition to approximately \$25,000 a year in sales tax based on estimates of \$2.5 million in gross sales.

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From My View . . .

By Jan Wight, President/CEO,
Duarte Chamber of Commerce

I was four years old the first time my picture was in the newspaper. It was my "first real birthday"; you see I am one of those "leap year babies." It was during World War



JAN WIGHT

II, things in the world were quite grim.

The newspaper in Richmond, Indiana came to take my picture with a birthday cake with one candle while I held my hand up with four fingers showing. I was too young to understand the leap year concept; I just did what the photographer told me to do. My mother was troubled because the cake the newspaper sent wasn't real, it was wooden and rather flat, she was concerned that everyone in Richmond would think her incapable of baking cakes that could rise.

We moved to Monrovia two and a half years later, so my second "real birthday" came along and I didn't understand why the *Monrovia News Post* wasn't coming out to take my picture.

By the time my third "real birthday" rolled around I had someone else in my circle with a leap year birthday. The sister of one of my best friends had been born the previous leap year, and the *Monrovia News Post* sent Milt Bell (remember him?) out to take the picture of both of us. Life was right again in my "little world."

Being active in both Monrovia, and later Duarte, my picture has been in many papers over the last 40 plus years. My mother was never impressed, even in the *Los Angeles Times*, but when I had my picture on the front page of the *Bingo Bugle* she thought that was wonderful.

I do have a point to this story. You are saying, "and, that point is????"

On Thanksgiving my picture was on the front page of the *Star News and Tribune*. The largest picture I have ever seen on any paper's front page and over the fold. As Mary Barrow was quick to point out, "You can see every pore in your face." Thanks, Mary, I needed that.

Here is the point!!! I have never had a response from any picture as I had with this one. I have heard from high school friends, people I have not heard from in years, and strangers who wanted to comment on the picture and the headline, *The Power of Prayer*.

I have been touched by the comments. It was almost as though I had died, people were telling me how they truly felt about me. It has been a humbling experience. I thank each and everyone who took the time out of their busy day to tell me how they feel. I know I am blessed to have all of you in my life.

The lessons I have taken from this experience are tell people what they mean to you and what impact they have on your life. Tell them now. Second lesson, prayer is important to us, as it should be. It needs to be even more important to each and every one of us. Sit back, listen to the silence and communicate with God.

That's the way it is from my view

Former Duarte Mayors visit city hall



FORMER DUARTE CITY COUNCIL members and former mayors Don Watson and Jim Coughlin visited City Hall and were honored by the council for their past service to the community. Watson served on the council from 1968 to 1981. He now lives in Mobile, Alabama. Coughlin served on the council from 1968 to 1987. He lives in LaVerne and is the president of the Rancho Duarte Men's Golf Club.



FORMER DUARTE MAYOR DON WATSON and current mayor Lois Gaston enjoyed a reunion at City Hall. Watson was the first African American to serve on a City Council in the San Gabriel Valley when he was elected in 1968. He was re-elected twice to office.

Water District to Offer Free HETs to Duarte Residents

The Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Residential Water Conservation Program will be offering free high efficiency toilets (HET) to residents of Duarte and select other cities within the boundaries of the water district on Saturday, Feb. 10, at Duarte High School beginning at 8 a.m.

Supplies are limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Duarte High School is located at 1565 E. Central Ave.

To qualify, residents must bring a current water bill and a photo ID.

The water bill must show the name of the water company and the account number for the address where the HET will be installed.

There is a maximum of two free HETs

per household.

Residents who participate in the program are required to return their old toilets on Saturday, March 3, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the same location.

Interested residents are advised to measure.

Existing toilets must be a least 10 inches distance from wall to anchor bolts.

For more information, contact: (866) 648-2925 or (626) 443-2298.

Citrus College continues to enhance services to Duarte residents

By Dr. Michael Viera
Citrus College Superintendent/President

By definition, community colleges are inclusive post-secondary institutions that are publicly funded and locally oriented. They are designed to offer higher education to those who live within the communities that surround the college.

Since 1968, Citrus College has had the honor of serving as the community college for the city of Duarte.

As such, it is our goal to truly fulfill this moniker.

Over the past few years, Citrus College has actively sought out opportunities in which we could increase our outreach efforts within Duarte.

It is our desire to better inform students, teachers, counselors, and parents about the educational programs and resources offered at Citrus. We are also interested in providing support for students to facilitate the transition from high school to college and in serving as a liaison to the local community.

Several steps have been taken to help us better serve Duarte.

First, we have hired Azusa Pacific University graduate Ivon McCraven to serve as Coordinator of School Relations. It is Ivon's responsibility to promote Citrus College's programs and services at our high schools, communicate educational opportunities to parents, and serve as the primary contact for our local high schools.

In addition to hiring a Coordinator of School Relations, we have also hired a new educational advisor who specifically serves Duarte High School.

Emily Burch is a Citrus College alumna and University of California, Irvine graduate who visits Duarte High every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

While there, she introduces students to the programs and services available at Citrus College.

Emily is a friendly face who strives to make the transition from high school to college a lot smoother for young Duarte residents.

Representatives from a variety of campus programs are also scheduled to make visits to our local high schools. The Honors Program, Career Education, Extended Opportunities Programs and Services, Disabled Students Programs and Services, Financial Aid Office, and Teacher Preparation Program will be speaking to Duarte High School students at some point in the near future.

For those interested in experiencing the



DR. MICHAEL VIERA

campus first-hand, Citrus College hosts numerous events on campus throughout the year.

These events include Citrus College Application Workshops, On-Site Placement Testing for juniors and seniors, campus tours provided by Citrus College Student Ambassadors, Citrus College Night, and the Parent Connection.

While Citrus College is interested in reaching out to Duarte High School students, we are also interested in becoming more visible within the city of Duarte as a whole.

Recently, we have participated in both the Duarte Salute to Route 66 and the Hats Off to Duarte events.

On November 22, Dr. Edward C. Ortell, Duarte's elected representative on the Citrus College Board of Trustees, was awarded the Outstanding Civic Service Award by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce for his 38 years of service on the board.

Dr. Ortell, was recognized by the Chamber for his efforts in spearheading the Citrus College Child Development Center and Infant Care Center and his work to establish other facilities that benefit the residents of Duarte, including the Olympic swimming pool, golf driving range, and the fitness center.

Citrus College will forever strive to be a community college in its truest sense. We are your college, Duarte, and we are here to serve.





DUARTE CITY COUNCIL AWARD PRESENTATION for Northview Intermediate Essay Contest Winners November 14, 2006. From left to right: Sargeant Dave Bly, Dominique Rogers (1st Place), Janin Ann Leonida (2nd Place) and Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci.

Congratulations Red Ribbon Week winners

Since 1985, the Red Ribbon Week campaign to raise awareness about substance abuse among youth has been an ongoing part of each school year. Created to commemorate Enrique Camarena, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency that was brutally executed by drug traffickers while on assignment in Mexico. Duarte has joined communities across America in working toward hosting a variety of activities to educate youth on the dangers of drugs.

Activities for 2006 Red Ribbon Week Celebration took place October 23 to October 31, 2006. Students, parents, and teachers in the City of Duarte participated in Essay and Poster Contests and other activities throughout the City. The Duarte Public Safety Department would like to take this opportunity to recognize teachers, parents and students for their efforts and participation in promoting a drug free life style among the Duarte youth. Congratulations winners of the Northview Elementary Essay and Poster Contest, students, Dominique Rogers, Janin Ann Leonida, and Nicolette Benavides!

The event was graciously sponsored by the following organizations: Duarte Kiwanis Club, Duarte Rotary Club, Washington Mutual Monrovia Branch, and Trader Joe's in Monrovia.

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DEPUTY SPOTLIGHT

Deputy Christopher Carpenter

Deputy Christopher Carpenter has only worked in Duarte for the past nine months, however his ties to Duarte go back to his high school days. Carpenter began his eight years with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department working in the jails. This was followed by working patrol in the Temple Station area that enabled him to occasionally work in Duarte. Drawn to his Duarte roots, he requested to be assigned to the Duarte area. Carpenter was excited to return to Duarte. He comments, "Duarte is a diverse community. Citizens are very involved and pro-law enforcement. I know the community well and felt that because of this I could better serve the residents."

Carpenter works the crime car. His general responsibilities include responding to service calls. Calls can range from traffic collisions to family disputes. This allows him to meet people and learn about their problems while investigating crime and maintaining high visibility to deter criminals.

In asking Dep. Carpenter what message he would like to pass along to residents, he advises residents to take an active role in their Neighborhood Watch Program, pick up the phone and report any suspicious activity. In addition, he would like to ask residents to keep personal belongings and any valuables in their car out of visibility. He calls on residents to make vehicle burglaries harder for criminals who prey on opportunity.



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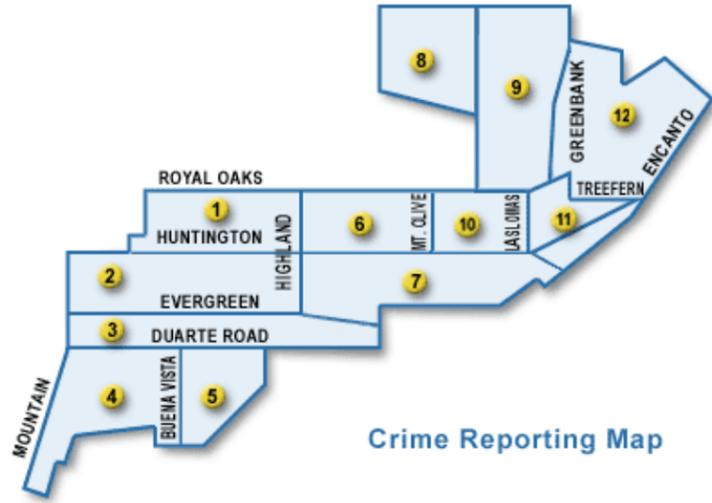
Apples, oranges, lemons or limes if you have an abundance of fruit growing in your yard, don't let them go to waste!

Call Local Harvest to have your homegrown fruit harvested by a team of supervised Duarte youth that will deliver the harvest to both Duarte Senior Center and Foothill Unity Center for immediate distribution to those in need!

Harvesters are equipped with bags, boxes, fruit pickers and a ladder to carefully pick fruit directly from your trees. Harvesters can also stop by your home to receive fresh fruit that has already been picked.

The Senior Center provides Duarte Seniors with meals and other necessities and the Foothill Unity Center has been serving the Foothills by providing food and other necessities to local families in need for over 20 years.

To request harvesters for the next Local Harvest Day, call (626) 359-5671, ext. 475.



Reported home burglaries

OCTOBER 2006

On the 200 block of Parkrose Ave. – Area 4

On Tuesday, October 10, the suspects entered the home by breaking the door locks. The suspects stole a sound amplifier, a cordless headset and took the dead bolt lock.

NOVEMBER 2006

On the 2000 Block of Bashor St. – Area 10

On Thursday, November 23, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked rear door and stole two credit cards.

Public Safety Notice

In order to better accommodate the public with their overnight parking needs the Duarte Public Safety Department, located at the Target shopping center, has started issuing the temporary over night parking permits.

The Fire Department, located at 1105 Highland Ave., will no longer issue parking permits. You may still purchase permits at Duarte City Hall.

Temporary Parking Permits cost \$5 and are valid for up to 10 days and you may purchase them at the Public Safety Department, 1042 Huntington Dr., Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

If you need a temporary parking permit outside of business hours call the Public Safety Department at (626) 357-7938 and please leave a message including the following information:

- (1) The location of the vehicle,
- (2) License plate number, and
- (3) Vehicle description.

The next business day you must purchase a temporary parking permit at the Public Safety Department or City Hall.

For any questions please call (626) 357-7938.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

October and November Statistics

Area	2006	2005	2004
1	0	1	0
2	0	0	2
3	0	0	1
4	1	1	0
5	0	0	0
6	0	1	1
7	0	2	1
8	0	0	1
9	0	0	0
10	1	3	1
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
Total Estimated Loss	\$220	\$25,495	\$21,980
Oct-Nov Totals	2	8	7
Year End Totals	Unk.	47	53

Statistician Sonja Tanner

Neighborhood Watch info leads to arrests

At Public Safety, we get calls from citizens who report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods or in business centers in the city. We take all calls seriously and investigate them, although not all citizen concerns turn out to be

“criminal” in nature. Valuable tips from the community have assisted the Sheriff Department with several investigations. In one instance this information was investigated and resulted in a search warrant being conducted resulting in narcotic arrest.

Duarte Sub-Station. Additionally, Temple Station Narcotic Detectives served a search warrant on 11/15/06. This warrant resulted in two suspects being taken into custody. Furthermore evidence was recovered from the location that will assist with criminal prosecution. Sergeant Bly is hopeful that the community will continue to share information with law enforcement in an attempt to make Duarte a safer place. We would like to thank the citizens of Duarte. Clearly, Neighborhood Watch is a vital asset to law enforcement and the community.

To report crime or suspicious activity, please contact Sergeant David Bly at The Duarte Department of Public Safety at (626) 359-5671 ext. 304. You may also contact Special Assignment Deputies Deputy Avila at ext. 305 and Deputy Frederickson at ext. 306, if you have any information that you may feel will lead to arrests. You may also leave an anonymous tip, simply call the Sheriff Satellite Station Crime Tip Hotline (626) 359-5671 ext. 462.

New helmets for kids only \$5!

A new shipment has come in! Silver, blue, black, white, red or pink 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 onto the youth to ensure their safety.

For more information, call (626) 357-7938.

Duarte has several Special Assignment Deputies at the Public Safety Office. Deputy Bryan Avila, and Deputy Brant Frederickson received information that criminal activity was occurring at a bus stop near a Duarte business center. Over a period of time, they conducted an investigation and surveillance based on the information received from the community. The investigation led them to an apartment complex next to the bus stop, where they learned illegal sales of narcotics were occurring. Deputies Avila and Frederickson continued their surveillance of the bus stop and apartment complex. They identified a suspect who resided at the location. Deputy Avila wrote a search warrant with the assistance of Deputies from The

VEHICLE BURGLARIES & THEFTS

October and November Statistics

	2006	2005	2004
Vehicle Burglaries	16	9	21
Vehicle Thefts	14	13	29
Year End Total	Unk.	186	254

Statistician Sonja Tanner

Duarte Ordinance on Setting Out Trash Effort to Discourage Bears

Hungry bears hoping to cop some tasty snacks in the Duarte hills know that prime time is always the night before trash day. No more. In an effort to control bear intrusions into the hillside residential areas of the city the Duarte City Council has approved

an ordinance that will modify the permitted time that trash receptacles may be placed curbside by residents.

The provision of the ordinance applies solely to residents of the Duarte Mesa area, bounded by the city limits to the north, the Maddock debris basin to the east, the city limits to the west and the city boundary with the City of Bradbury to the south. The Mesa includes the streets of Golden Meadow Dr., High Mesa Dr., Rim Road, Spinks Canyon Road, Tall Pine Dr., and the portion of Mt. Olive Dr. that is within the Mesa.

Under the new ordinance, effective January 11, 2007, trash receptacles that do not exclusively contain recyclable materials shall not be placed in any street, alley, highway, or parkway prior to six a.m. on the day of the regularly scheduled collection. The new ordinance does not affect all

Bears

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other refuse containers which may be placed out for collection after 6 p.m. the day before trash pick-up.

The Council's action follows months of public discussion and residents' concerns about the increase in bear sightings and bear activity in the area. The decision was based on public and expert testimony and on the basis of research that cited:

- The bear population in California is growing, including in the San Gabriel Mountains adjacent to the Mesa. The bear population is now estimated to be more than 30,000 statewide and expected to continue to increase.

- Solving the presence of bears in the Mesa by relocation of bears from areas abutting and adjacent to the Mesa is not feasible given the increasing bear population in Southern California and throughout the state and due to the ability of bears to travel long distances at significant speeds to return to natal areas or areas of food sources. According to the State of California Department of Fish and Game, removal of food sources is the only permanent, long-term solution to bears in residential areas that abut bear habitat.

- The State of California Department of Fish and Game has established a "bear depredation policy" which provides that before a depredation permit is issued to a property owner, corrective measures to reduce or avoid bear-human interactions shall have been taken. The City has determined that the primary corrective measure is the reduction and elimination of access by bears to human solid waste including food garbage.

- Bears in California grow to, on average, five to six feet in length or height, can weight up to 600 pounds and live for 25 to 30 years. Bears seek food sources throughout the year but especially during the late summer and fall months when they seek to add fat to their bodies. Bears generally have a period of "denning" in December or January when seeking food is lessened but that the presence of human food sources in residential areas adjoining bears' hillside and mountain habitat has led to a reduction in denning.

For more information, call the City of Duarte, (626) 357-7931.

Elk's Lodge delivers to Veterans

Sunday, November 19, volunteers from the Duarte Elks Lodge #1427 and the Emblem Club #71 members and friends arrived early at the lodge to begin filling 120 colorful bags to be taken to the hospitalized veterans at Loma Linda Veterans Hospital with all kinds of personal items along with nuts, candy and popcorn.

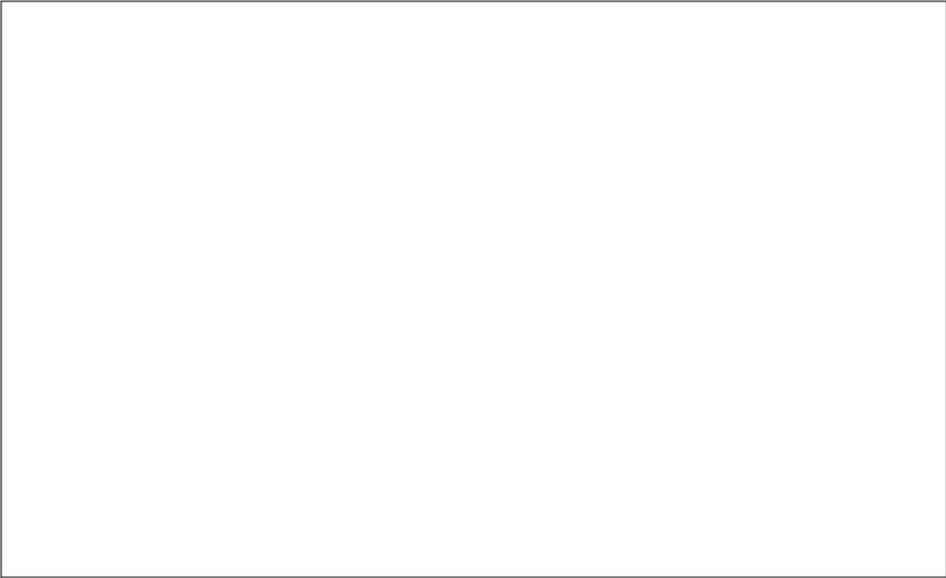
It was quite an assortment of items such as pens, pencils, writing materials, crossword puzzle books to name a few.

The two special ladies that led this project were Ruth Purbaugh and Gail Cook; they had been collecting items for several months.

Other helpers were Mary Haynes, Frances Abraham, Sally Emerson, Jan Cruikshank, Larry Van Den Bosh, Brian Lister, Allan Cook and Gerald Delker, Exalted Ruler of the Duarte Elks Lodge #1427.

We had a deadline and needed to be at Loma Linda Veterans Hospital by 2 p.m. in order to distribute our gifts and visit with some of the patients. That was the highlight of our day.

We are planning on doing this again for Father's Day and have started making plans already.



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Senior Center Activities

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

The Center serves lunch Monday through Friday at 12 p.m. to individuals over 60 years, or the spouse of someone over age 60, for a suggested donation of \$2 per person. You must sign in by 11:45 a.m. or your will be given to the next person on the waiting list. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance, and 48 hours in advance for a choice day.

TRIPS AND TOURS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registration for winter trips. You can pick up a brochure at City Hall or the Senior Center to receive in-depth information about the following trips:

Lewis Family Playhouse at Victoria Gardens Cultural Center "Laughter in Bloom" with Eddie Carroll as Jack Benny Sunday, January 14, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. \$25; Gibbon Conservation Center, Elephant Bar Restaurant, Placerita Canyon Nature Center Thursday, January 25, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. \$40; San Manuel Bingo and Casino & Buffet Wed., Feb. 7, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. \$6; Monarch Butterfly Excursion - 2 Nights at the Spyglass Inn in Pismo Beach Tuesday, February 20-22 \$385 (single occupancy) \$294 per person (double occupancy) Checks payable to Inland Empire Transportation; Welk Resort Theater and Buffet Thursday, March 8, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. \$68; Imax Theatre and Farmers Market at The Grove Wednesday, March 21, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. \$16

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 \$10.

EXTENDED EXCURSION - ALASKA CRUISE TOUR

The Center will be conducting an extended 12-day excursion to Alaska. Featuring a 7-night inside passage cruise aboard the Celebrity Summit. Category 11-Inside Stateroom \$2,999 per person double occupancy, \$1,800 single occupancy. Category 7 - Ocean View Stateroom \$3,349 per person double occupancy, \$2,200 single occupancy. Category 2A - Ocean View Stateroom with balcony \$3,699 per person on double occupancy, \$2,500 single occupancy. Call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 for information and ask to speak to Pat Fuqua.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday by the American Red Cross at (626) 966-9526. If you would like frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services call (626) 858-8382. For more information on either of these programs, please contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers to help with food preparation,

servicing meals, table setups, craft projects, decorating, etc. If you would like to give back to the community, please consider being a volunteer. It will do your heart good! Call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 for more information and ask for Kelly.

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.

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING CLASS

55 Alive Driver Safety Program will be held on Tuesday, January 16 & Thursday, January 18 from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. The fee is \$10 per person - payable to AARP. The program is conducted by A.A.R.P. at the Duarte Senior Center. Auto insurance companies are required by law to offer discounts to course graduates age 55 and older. Attendance required at both sessions. Reservations are required, for more informa-

Duarte Fitness Center Membership Sale and Aquatics Program

It's SALE time again at the Duarte Fitness Center where you can save 20% February 14 through February 17. This sale will allow new members to participate in a wide variety of physical activities. The Life Fitness strength equipment includes a Chest Press, Lat Pull-down, Arm Curl, Seated Dip, Shoulder Press, Seated Leg Press, Leg Extension, Seated Leg Curl,

tion contact the Center at (626) 357-3513.

COED SOFTBALL TEAM

If you are interested in joining a coed softball team, please contact the Center at (626) 357-3513. Practices will begin the end of March.

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

February 1 through April 13, 2007 trained volunteer counselors will be available to assist seniors with income tax returns for both electronic and manual filing. The service is by appointment only. Call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 to schedule an appointment. Donations suggested.

Hip Abductor and Hip Adductor. Also available are Stairmasters, treadmills, bikes and cross trainers. In addition, the Fitness Center has two courts available for either racquetball or wallyball. Aerobic classes are offered at various times daily. The pools will open April 7 - September 30 for lap and open swim.

Sale prices for Duarte residents are as low as \$100 for one full year of aquatics, exercise, and aerobics. Non-resident rates start as low as \$140, and there are no monthly fees or dues. The Fitness Center is located at 1600 Huntington Drive, next to City Hall. Call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118 for more information.



AEROBICS IS A GREAT WAY to stay in shape throughout the year at the Duarte Fitness Center.

Rose Parade Floats create a busy week at Duarte's Buena Vista Pavilion



City of Duarte/City of Hope's float "Looking Out for You".



Even Santa helps out with decorating.



Dinosaurs rockin' on the City's of Cerritos "Nature Rocks" float won the Bob Hope Humor Award for Most Comical and Amusing.



Fiesta Parade Floats owner Tim Estes with a big smile.



Souvenir sales benefit local community groups.



Duarte is the only site that provides Rose Parade float guided tours.



Retired City of Duarte Supervisor Bill Ornelas returns to help.



FTD float - 2007 Sweepstakes Award for Most Beautiful Entry with Outstanding Floral Presentation and Design.



Duarteans honored at Prayer Breakfast



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDEES shown are: Front Row (L-R): Noe Leon, Roxie Arnot, Jack and Sharon Bershtel; back row (L-R): Victoria Jacob-Robles, Kathleen Delker, Rona Lunde – Chairman of the Board Duarte Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Edward C. Ortell. Not shown is Richard Merjil.

The always-popular Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was again filled to capacity with Duarteans to enjoy the speaker, music and the Community Service Awards. Each year the City of Duarte presents this breakfast in conjunction with the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Duarte Kiwanis Club, Duarte Church and Clergy Association, and Duarte Woman's Club. Representing the City of Duarte in all the plans is Kristen Petersen, Deputy City Manager. Ms. Petersen is the one who makes sure everything is completed by 6:30 a.m. that morning and, more importantly, everyone is doing the job they are assigned during the months prior. The success of this event has been on her shoulders for a number of years and the community appreciates all she does.

Larry Wilson, editor of the Pasadena Star News and San Gabriel Valley Tribune, was the speaker of the morning.

Members of the choir of the First Baptist Church, Duarte, inspired the audience with beautiful Thanksgiving music.

Representing the Duarte Church and Clergy Association were: Pastor Glen Gibson, New Life Assembly of God; Pastor Ricardo Crocker, First Baptist Church; Pastor Timothy Ting, United Methodist Church of the Foothills; and Pastor Ivan Villalta, Tower of Praise.

Silvia Hurtado, president of the Duarte Kiwanis Club, ably introduced elected officials, past recipients, and guests of honor.

Rona Lunde, chairman of the Board of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, presented the Community Service Awards to: Victoria Jacob-Robles and Noe Leon, Outstanding Youth Awards. Both young people are seniors at Duarte High School who contribute many hours of volunteerism at the school and in their community while maintaining very high GPA's and outstanding citizenship; Roxie Arnot was honored with the Outstanding Service to Senior Citizens due to her many hours of volunteer service to the Duarte Senior Center and her church; Kathleen Delker honored with the Outstanding Humanitarian Award due to her many hours of volunteerism to the Girl Scouts, Duarte Woman's Club and the Duarte Elks; Dr. Edward C. Ortell, a long time member of the Citrus Community College Board of Trustees was honored with the Outstanding Civic Service Award for representing Duarte on the

Board; Jack and Sharon Bershtel, owners of We Pack It All, were honored with the Outstanding Business Award, for their ethical and moral business practices, for bringing over 200 quality jobs to Duarte and their generous service to Duarte; Richard Merjil has dedicated his volunteer time for over 20 years to the youth of Duarte in both DYAC and Jr. All American Football and was honored with the Outstanding Service to Youth Award.

Business assistance needed to offer students insight on the Working World during 6th annual city sponsored Groundhog Shadow Day

More than 130 Duarte High School students will spend a day learning about a variety of jobs and careers while they gain valuable insight into the working world, as participants in Duarte's 6th annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day Tues., Feb. 20, at the Duarte Community Center.

The program is sponsored by the City of Duarte, Duarte's Promise, The Alliance for Youth, and Duarte High School, in association with corporate sponsors, California America Water Co., City of Hope, Duarte Chamber of Commerce and the International House of Pancakes (IHOP).

Students will shadow adult mentors as they go about their normal work day in careers including banking, healthcare, politics, education, journalism, printing, real estate, automotive, retail, food industry and utilities, among others.

Duarte's Groundhog Job Shadow Day will kick off with an opening ceremony and continental breakfast for students and mentors provided by IHOP at 7:45 a.m. at the Duarte Community Center. After spending the next several hours together on the job, students and mentors will return to the Community Center for a luncheon and a talk featuring speaker, Dr. Kimlin Tam Ashing-Giwa, professor and director of the City of Hope's Center for Community alliance for Research and Education in Duarte.

For more information or to become a partnering business, call Duarte's Promise at (626) 357-7931 ext. 265.

Duarte's Parent Nutrition Class

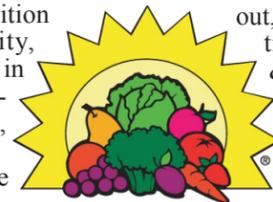
Duarte parents are leading the way to better health this year by participating in a free ten-week course on nutrition. It will be offered at Andres Duarte Elementary School in the cafeteria every Tuesday morning 8-9 a.m. The class will be held in English and Spanish and there will be a free healthy breakfast offered at each class.

With the epidemic of poor nutrition and physical inactivity increasing in our children, it is vital for parents to have knowledge of nutrition. Children need healthy food to learn, play, live, grow, and develop.

Furthermore, good nutrition increases children's learning and test scores in school and also contributes to positive attitudes, more energy, and healthier body

weights. Today, poor nutrition habits are causing obesity, diabetes, and heart disease in children. This not only negatively affects their health, but also negatively affects self-esteem and performance in school. This class teaches parents how to develop and encourage a healthy life-style for their families, which will improve their quality of life and reduce the risk for chronic disease.

Some of the lessons included in this course include: the new food guide pyramid, the six classes of nutrients, whole grains, fruits & vegetables, importance of breakfast, snacks, fiber, reading food labels, fast food and eating



out, physical activity, obesity & disease, and better nutrition with food stamps. For more information about the nutrition education program contact Jane Hursh at (626) 357-7931 ext. 248 or Lupe Valerio at ext. 260.

EAT FRUITS & VEGETABLES AND BE ACTIVE

Also, for information on food stamps contact the Los Angeles County Health & Nutrition Hotline 1-877-597-4777. Lastly, keep up those healthy New Year's resolutions.

Youth sports

Boys and girls basketball practice has already begun! Call now for availability. For boys and girls grades 3rd to 8th.

BASKETBALL is a great sport for children!



Duarte awarded \$150,000 to launch Encanto Nature Walk

The City of Duarte has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountain Conservancy to convert an existing grass lined drainage swale at the southern end of Encanto Park into a bioswale filled with native vegetation.

The bioswale will help reduce water flow velocity, spread water safely and allow for the absorption of some pollution by native plants before it percolates into the ground water basin. Creating a bioswale is an initial step in the City's overall plan to develop the Encanto Nature Walk, a project destined to be one of the "jewels" in the regional Emerald Necklace Project. The multi-faceted project would open up educational and recreational opportunities for visitors to Encanto Park and the adjacent San Gabriel River.

Work on the bioswale is projected to start next summer and to be completed by the end of 2007, according to Karen Herrera, assistant to the City Manager.

This is the second grant that the city has received in conjunction with the Encanto Nature Walk project.

Last September, Duarte received a \$100,000 grant from Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich from County Regional Park and Open Space District Funds.



60th Anniversary



HANS AND ELLA SULZER, long time Duarteans, are shown with then Mayor Tzeitel Paras Caracci as she presents a certificate from the city honoring the Sulzer's for their 60th Anniversary. Both Ella and Hans were very active in Duarte's early days. Hans is a past member of the Duarte Unified School Board of Trustees.

City Leaders

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of the Duarte Community Coordinating Council, originating member of Duarte's Route 66 Parade Committee, member of the board of directors of Foothill Unity Center for the past seven years, member of the Duarte Mediation Team, whose members are committed to the prevention of gang violence, and historian, scholarship and youth advisor for Second Baptist Church of Monrovia.

The mother of four grown sons and a grandmother of eight, Gaston is the first African American woman to hold the position of mayor in the city's history. In 1989, after a 32-year career, she retired from AT&T as a District Manager of Human Resources. She has used her corporate experience to organize teams of volunteers and raise funds for non-profits whose programs are dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Reyes has been on the City Council since 1993. He served as mayor in 1996 and 2002, and has also served as Redevelopment Chair twice, most recently in 2005-2006. Prior to being elected to the City Council, the 27-year resident of Duarte served one term on the Duarte Board of Education, and was president of board in 1992. He is a member of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials, Hispanic

Elected Local Officials, and League of United Latin American Citizens. Reyes is a real estate licensed broker and realtor, and is a past president of the Monrovia/Duarte Association of Realtors.

Redevelopment Chair Fasana was elected to the City Council in 1987 and was reelected in 1991, 1995, 1999, and 2003. He has promoted Duarte's interest in transportation, community services, and environmental protection. Fasana served as mayor in 1990, 1997 and 2003, and has also previously chaired the Redevelopment Agency. He is the chair of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Transportation

Committee and has represented 30 San Gabriel Valley cities as a director to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) since its inception in 1993. Fasana is employed by Southern California Edison Co.

Redevelopment Vice Chair, Finlay was initially appointed to the City Council in 1990 to fill the unexpired term of John Hitt. She has since served three times as mayor. Finlay is past president of California Contract Cities and currently sits on the executive board. She serves on the board of directors of the League of California Cities and is a member of the board of directors of the Institute for Local Government, the research branch for League of California Cities.

She also serves on the board of directors of the National League of Cities.



JOHN FASANA
Chairman, Duarte
Redevelopment Agency



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Advice Insurance Agency has been providing Duartean with quality low cost insurance products since 1992. They have expanded their assortment of insurance companies to include preferred rates through Mercury Insurance Company. Mercury has the lowest rates for drivers of all ages, with especially low rates for families with children that drive. The Mercury advertisements you see stating drivers save an average of \$505 when they switch to Mercury is really true. They are the first and only Mercury agent in Duarte. They also offer vehicle registration renewals so no more waiting in line at the DMV. Call them today to find out how much you can save on your Auto Insurance. They also offer great rates on Homeowners, Commercial Auto, Health, Motorcycle, Renters, with multi policy discounts available. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

And Saturday's 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Please call (626) 930-1080 for more information.

Citrus College Hosts Topping Ceremony for New Building

Students, Faculty, and staff members were given the opportunity to make their mark on Citrus College history during a special ceremony recently held on campus.

The group was joined by members of the Citrus College Board of Trustees and local dignitaries for a Topping Ceremony marking the construction progress of the college's new Center for Innovation.

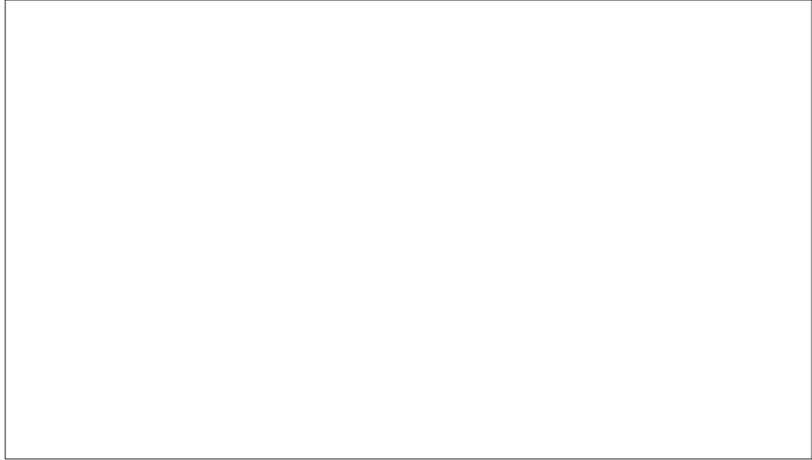
"A topping Ceremony has a lot of history to it," said Dr. Michael Viera, Superintendent/President. "It is rooted in antiquity and its original purpose is said to have

been placating the gods and shielding the building from harm. The practice became a custom in the 20th century with the construction of bridges and skyscrapers".

Today, topping out is a ceremony done when the last beam is placed at the top of the building. Before the beam is put in place, the ironworkers or dignitaries are given the opportunity to sign their names to it.

Sharon Lewis, chairman of the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee, said she was "Thrilled" to be invited to sign her

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DOUGLASS & ZOOK MORTUARY 600 E. Foothill Blvd. Monrovia, CA 91016

This family owned mortuary is there to assist families during one of life's most difficult times, the loss of a loved one. They have a great advance funeral program for medical, estate planning or to simply to offer peace of mind. They offer a full array of services such as traditional cremation and ship outs. They serve all faiths and cultural needs, and they are available to answer questions and provide you with the information that you need 24 hours a day. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday & Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call for more information (626) 358-3244.

New Commissioners



NEWLY SWORN COMMISSIONERS JoAnn Brooks-Washington and Rocky Wenrick are shown with then-Mayor Tzeitel Parascaracci. Ms. Brooks was appointed by the City Council to the Community Services Commission and Mr. Wenrick to the Traffic and Safety Commission. Mr. Wenrick was raised in Duarte and attended local schools. He is now interested in giving back to his community. Anyone interested in applying for a city commission is urged to contact Kristen Petersen at city hall, (626) 357-7931.



LOLA'S CAKES & PASTRIES 1740 Huntington Dr. #304 Duarte, CA 91010

Lola's Cakes and Pastries offer a wide variety of Pastries, Delicacies, Cakes, Rolls and they have a great lunch menu for someone on the run. They also offer special made to order cakes, wedding cakes, catering services, holiday baskets, and have catering services available. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information please call (626) 359-5378.

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Beardslee celebrates!

BEARDSLEE STUDENTS eagerly display their college wear at our recent "We are going to College!" Day!

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 OTH-ERS students were able to shop until 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!

Building developmental assets at Maxwell School

By Mary Gonzales, Principal

There are 2 sets of developmental assets. External assets are the positive experiences young people receive from the world around them. These 20 assets are about supporting young people, about setting boundaries and expectations, and about positive and constructive use of young people's time. External assets identify important roles that families, schools, the church and neighborhood, and youth organizations can play in promoting healthy development.

The 20 internal assets identify those characteristics and behaviors that reflect positive internal growth and development of young people. The internal Developmental Assets will help these young people make thoughtful and positive choices and, in turn, be better prepared for situations in life that challenge their inner strength and confidence.

Studies reveal strong and consistent relationships between the number of assets present in young people's lives and the degree to which they develop in positive and healthful ways. Results show that the greater the numbers of Developmental Assets are experienced by young people, the more positive and successful their development. The fewer the number of assets present, the greater the possibility youth will engage in risky behaviors such as drug use, unsafe sex, and violence.

Overall, 59% of young people surveyed have 20 or fewer of the 40 assets. This

translates to the majority of young people are lacking sufficient Developmental Assets needed for a healthy development. (Search Institute 2006)

At Maxwell we recognize the need to support the need to nurture and promote these Developmental Assets. These are the reasons we provide opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills in Student Council and sports. We also are very fortunate to have Duarte's Promise mini Miracle workers on our campus. These 50 students practice problem solving, learn to be leaders and serve the community.

We also have a girl's basketball team that is coached by Manny Gil the school's head custodian. The girls are learning to play basketball but also develop the skills needed to be part of a team. **Basketball:** Kathy Carrillo, Areli Soto, Maricruz Ortega, Mayra Ortega, Susana Hernandez, Ana Martinez, Isabel Ramirez, Ezme Serna, and Herman Garcia.

Maxwell also partners with Pamela Park to provide opportunities that support asset development. Students go to Pamela Park and participate in karate, flag football, computers and cheerleading.

Students also play soccer. This summer several of our students played and their team came in first place. They are Enrique Acosta, Victor Hernandez, Alan Lopez, Jesus Diaz De Leon, Eduardo Encisco, Ricardo Acosta, Flavio Carlos and Antonacio Herrera.

Duarte High School – winter update

By Dr. Bill Martinez, Principal

It is hard to believe, but we are fast approaching the end of the first semester of the 2006-2007 school year. Before we move to the second semester, I want to highlight some of our accomplishments so far this year.

Thanks to the input and hard work of the staff, parents (four parent meetings), community and the district office, the **Distinguished School** application was completed in mid December and mailed on time to Sacramento. We should receive a response sometime in March or April. We are getting close to the mountaintop!!! As a staff, we will return from the winter break, do final exams at the end of January and beginning of February and start working on our accreditation report. The accreditation report is due to the WASC visiting team in the spring of 2008. I will be calling you for help very soon. On another note, the **Duarte High School Jazz Band** was invited to perform in the Sacramento International Jazz Band Festival this coming spring. It is a great honor to be invited since the jazz bands are selected to participate through video auditions. Only the best jazz bands in the world are invited to perform at the festival. Congratulations to **Mr. Gipson** and the Duarte High School Jazz Band. The **varsity football and volleyball teams** took us on a great "ride" this fall season. Both teams went undefeated in the Montview League. Each team won their respective championships, and each team entered the CIF playoffs. The volleyball team won their first league championship ever and led us through the second round of CIF playoffs. This is the furthest the volleyball team has ever been in the tournament. The boys' football team went to the **third round** of the playoffs. This is the second time in school history the football team has made it to the semifinal round. Congratulations to all teams and coaches, **Coach Crutchfield, Coach Gipson and Coach Montano**. You did a great job.

By the way, if your student is a senior and is planning to attend school (any college, technical or vocational

school) after high school, he/she should be completing the FAFSA form for financial assistance. Even if you know he/she will not qualify for financial assistance have them complete the form anyway. The form opens many doors to scholarships. Our counselors have scheduled a night meeting in mid-January (see calendar below) to assist you in completing the form. We will do the presentation in both English and Spanish. The FAFSA form must be mailed by March 2, 2007.

Oh! Yes. I almost forgot. Not really!!! We had a number of students from Mr. Kenney's English class receive recognition from the Pacific Asian Museum for their essay writing. The students recognized were: **Lara Guiragossian, Kaz Oshiro, Corey Cheraz, Jonathan Graham, Chris Granillo, Irene Haro, Jeanette Haro, Judith Munoz, Eduardo Ramirez, Alyssa Reyes, Justin Robles, Marisa Sadek, Patricia Sierra, Susan Sparks, Ken Truong and Candy Vargas**. Their work was featured at the museum. Congratulations to Mr. Kenney and his students.

Lastly, we have started another construction phase at DHS. The football stadium is being re-modeled. We will have new bleachers, a new concession stand, new bathrooms (**real ones**), blacktop and new landscaping. You can view the architectural renderings in the main office at Duarte High School.

This is our calendar from January 8 through March 10. It is offered so that you have an opportunity to know and be involved:

JANUARY –

- 10, Wed., 7 p.m. – PTSA meeting, Main office
- 11, Thurs., 8:30 a.m. – Exito Latino meets, Main office
- 15, Mon. – Holiday-Dr. King, No School
- 17, Wed., 6:30 p.m. – Financial Aid Workshop, DHS Library
- 18, Thurs., 1:20 p.m. – Early Release Day
- 19, Fri. – Staff Development Day, No School

- 20, Sat., 7 p.m. – Winter Formal Dance, Royal Vista CC
- 27, Sat., 8 a.m. – SAT Test, location TBD
- 30, Tues., 3 p.m. – School Site Council, Main office
- 31, Wed., 12:15 p.m. – Finals periods 1 and 2, dismissal

FEBRUARY –

- 1, Thurs., 12:15 p.m. – Finals periods 3 and 4, dismissal
- 2, Fri., 12:15 p.m. – Finals periods 5 and 6, dismissal
- 5, Mon., 8 a.m. – Second semester begins, DHS
- 6, Tues., 8 a.m. – CAHSEE exam English, DHS
- 7, Wed., 8 a.m. – CAHSEE exam Math, DHS; 7 p.m. – PTSA meets, Main office
- 8, Thurs. – **Report cards mailed home**
- 10, Sat., 8 a.m. – ACT Test, TBD; 6:30 p.m. – Talent Show, PAC Center
- 12, Mon. – Holiday, No School
- 15, Thurs., 1:20 p.m. – Early Release Day, dismissal
- 19, Mon. – Holiday, No school
- 21, Wed., 7 p.m. – Booster Club mtg., Main office
- 24, Sat., 9 a.m. – Beautification Day, DHS Campus
- 27, Tues., 3 p.m. – School Site Council, Main office

MARCH –

- 1, Thurs., 1:20 p.m. – Early Release Day, dismissal
 - 2, Fri. – Last day to mail FAFSA
 - 5, Mon. – PE testing begins (9th graders)
 - 7, Wed., 7 p.m. – PTSA meets, Main office
 - 8, Thurs. – **Report cards mailed home**
- There are so many **students**, staff members, parents, community members without children at DHS doing so many **GOOD** things at Duarte High School that I run out of space or time. Keep it up. I will be calling on you often in the next year and one-half. We will be preparing for the WASC accreditation visit.
- Until next time, thank you for your support,
Dr. M

Home + School = A+ Students at Northview

By Miriam Fox, Principal

This fall has been a time of celebration for the Northview family. We celebrated the opening of our beautiful new gym and we also celebrated our state testing results. Intermediate schools throughout the state of California increased by an average of nine points on the Academic Performance Index, Northview increased by 42 points! Needless to say we are very pleased and want to continue this accelerated rate of progress and provide each child with a high quality education, to accomplish this we need the help of our parents. This article will focus on ideas and activities that parents/guardians can utilize to support their student in his/her learning. When parents and teachers work hand in hand, clearly students benefit. Review the check list below to self-assess your level of support of your learner and hopefully get some ideas that you can implement.

• **Have you made your expectations about academic achievement clear to your son/daughter?** (Be specific let him/her know exactly what you expect, include them in setting lofty but attainable goals about grades etc.)

• **Do you know what your student's homework is each night?** (Expect your child to record his/her homework assignments daily & check the assignment log every evening.)

• **Do you provide an appropriate area (i.e. comfortable, free of distractions) for the completion of assignments?** (An appropriate area means different things in different homes, for some it is a bedroom, an office, the kitchen table or a coffee table in the living room. The important part is to remember to keep the television off and distractions to a minimum.)

• **When the student reports that the homework is done do you check it?** (Make sure the assignment you saw recorded as homework is what was done and is complete. Check for accuracy and neatness of product. Checking for accuracy can be tricky in some of the higher level courses,

especially mathematics. Seek outside help as needed.)

• **Do you make sure that all necessary resources/materials are readily available for your son/daughter?** (Sometimes this is as simple as having colored pencils available, other times it might be a specialized type of material or access to the internet. Few if any school assignments require the use of expensive materials, so keep it simple.)

• **Have you met (in person) or had a phone conversation with each of your child's teachers?** (Early in the year establish a connection with your son/daughter's instructors. Help to forge that bond as soon as possible it will pay off!)

• **Do you know what tutorial or support services are available at your student's school?** (Most schools offer a variety of before, during and after school intervention programs, if needed enroll your child and make sure that she/he attends the class regularly.)

• **Do you attend parent information events including Back To School Night, Open House, parent-teacher conferences and special topic workshops?** (Take every opportunity to connect with your child's school and be informed.)

• **As your schedule permits do you volunteer time at your child's school?**

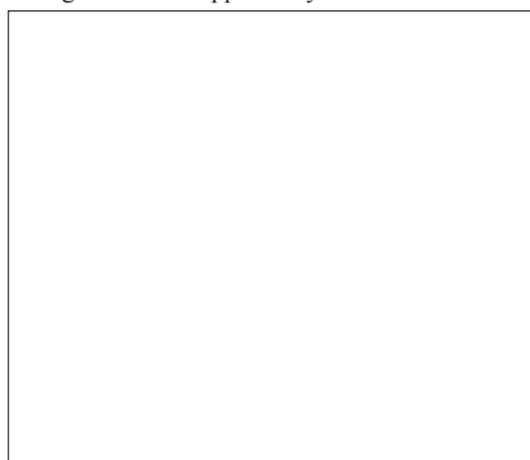
(Parents who can volunteer even occasionally, at school not only help make the school a stronger educational institution but are able to obtain first hand knowledge of staff, programs and procedures in place at the school. Research conducted by PTA organizations indicates that parents involved in their son/daughter's school tend to have higher achieving students.)

The Northview educational family comprised of teachers, administrators, instructional aides and support staff are dedicated to providing an exceptional educational experience for each student, with the help of our caring families we know we can produce A+ students!

Outstanding student authors at Royal Oaks

By Deitra Reed, Principal

Royal Oaks is fortunate to have a strong PTA who invites guest authors to visit, share their love of reading and motivate writing. Royal Oaks teachers are trained and have found success utilizing Write From the Beginning, a special program to teach writing. In conjunction with the Duarte Public Library and the Duarte Author's Festival, our students participated in a city-wide writing contest. We have many outstanding student authors at Royal Oaks. Featured in today's article is one participant of the writing contest and one prize winning young author telling about the happiest day in their life.



PICTURED ARE Royal Oaks School student authors Kayla Denson, grade 5, and Zoey Laghab, grade 3.

"GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL"

By Zoey Laghab, Grade 3

That summer I was sitting on the couch. It was too hot to go outside. I heard my mom's footsteps. She came in the living room. She asked me, "Do you want to go to Ralph's?" I said it was flaming hot outside.

"I just need to get stuff to make your lunches," she said.

"What lunches?" I asked.

"Don't you know tomorrow is your first day of school?"

"You're kidding," I told her.

"No, tomorrow is your first day of school."

I jumped up just how my dog does when he is very happy. I couldn't wait to get to school.

That day I received a letter from my teacher. It said:

Zoey,
I'm excited to have you in my class this year. I will give you two pencils this year. If you'd like to, you may bring some other pencils. You should bring a light sweater in case it gets chilly.
From your new teacher,
Ms. Ogden

I was very excited. Before I knew it, it was night. My mom went to the store. My dad and sister stayed home with me. I went in the bathroom and took a bath. After I got out, I wrapped myself in a towel. I got dressed in PJs. Five or six minutes later I brushed my teeth. After that I went to bed.

I got up in the morning, dressed myself, and

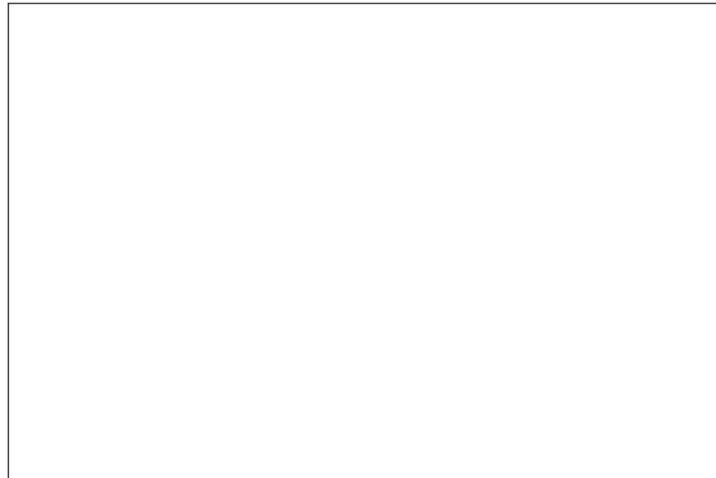
Child Development Programs

Extended Day Care is on the "Move"

By Bobbi Brzozowski, Director

Andres Duarte Extended Day Care and Adult Education ESL have happily moved into their new "home" behind the Child Development office on the Andres Duarte campus. Their new "home" is a model re-locatable building that was designed by SCE for energy efficiency and has been provided to us through the generosity of Southern California Edison. The new building is large and has plenty of room for our 30 Day Care students, staffed by Lorena Bernardelli and Jonde Britt. All staff and students are very excited about being the first class ever to use this beautiful building. Child Development Programs operated Extended day Care on each elementary campus, as well as at Northview Intermediate. For information, contact Ginny Jones at (626) 599-5121.

The Extended Day Care class will share the new building with Jan Libman, long-time Monrovia USD Adult School ESL teacher and her large class of English Language Learners. They, too



STUDENTS IN Mrs. Jan Libman's Monrovia Adult School ESL class eagerly await their new classroom that they will share with the Andres Duarte Extended Day Care students.

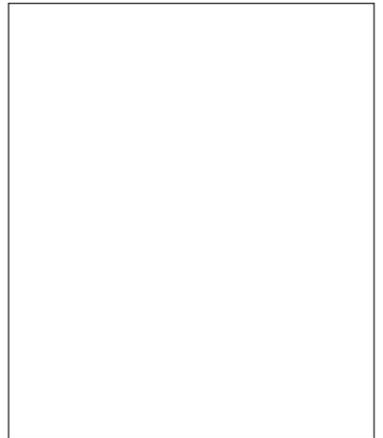
are happy with their new learning environment.

PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Head Start/State Preschool is preparing for our annual Male Role Model Day in January when fathers are invited to come to preschool for the day to learn about their important role in the education and in the lives of their

preschoolers.

Head Start and State Preschool continue to enroll eligible three and four-year-olds to prepare them for kindergarten. For enrollment information, contact Elaina Miles at 599-5123. Se hablamos espanol. Head Start/State Preschool serves children who have disabilities.



CRANES POSITION the Extended Day Care re-locatable building into its new "home" on the Andres Duarte campus.

Successful fundraising at Andres Duarte

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

The Andres Duarte PSSA has just completed another successful fundraiser. Led by President Lydia Gutierrez-Cuevas and Co-Treasurers Sulemna Arteaga and Jane Barnes, the recent In-

nisbrook Catalog sale was a great success. Parents, families and staff purchased wrapping paper, chocolates and gift items to show their support. Top sellers received prizes for their efforts. The Andres Duarte PSSA netted a profit of more than \$4,000. Profits from this sale go to support many student-centered activities including fieldtrips, assemblies, and Cougar Pride Day activities. Mrs. Janeen Lee, OutReach Consultant, provided extra support in organizing the fundraiser and helping with distribution. Thanks to all our community members who supported our fundraising efforts.

Outdoor Science School is high point of every sixth graders

brushed my hair and my teeth. I got my backpack on. My dad dropped me off. I saw my friends and ran to them. We walked up the ramp to school and into my classroom.

"LIANA"

By Kayla Denson, Grade Five
— First Place Winner of the Author's Festival Writing Contest

What is the happiest day in your life? Well, the happiest day of my life all started when my mom told me that my Auntie ReRe was pregnant again! You see, 2 years before that my auntie had a baby boy, Daniel. So back to what I was saying, as soon as I found out, I jumped out of my Sketchers like I just saw a ghost or

year at Andres Duarte School. Science school is run with the support of the Los Angeles County office of Education and tuition is kept to affordable level, running between \$200 and \$250 depending on the science school attended. Fundraising for this special event is a yearlong process overseen by the Andres Duarte PSSA and sixth grade teacher, Laura Thomas. One fundraiser includes a raffle for a donated electronic device. In past years, televisions, computers, and IPOds have been raffled off raising thousands of dollars toward science school tuition. Raffle items are donated so all proceeds go directly toward the tuition of the sixth grader selling the raffle tickets. An outstanding salesman can earn his entire tuition in this one fundraiser! Our student store, known as the Little Red School house because of its shape, is run by volunteer parents who can count their volunteer hours toward their child's tuition. The Store is maintained and supervised by the Andres Duarte PSSA.

The Andres Duarte PSSA plays an important role in the life of Andres Duarte School. Their fundraising supports vital enrichment programs and their volunteer hours provide support for everything from preparing Back to School parent packets to serving lunch on Cougar Pride day to decorating the cafeteria for sixth grade promotion. We simply couldn't do it without them. Special thanks to all our parents for their support over the years.

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Valley View students elect to expand their learning

By Robin Nelson, Principal

Our Valley View students had some amazing opportunities this fall. Elective classes began, some students enjoyed a field trip to the opera and the school community celebrated the holiday season.

Students and teachers had an exciting opportunity to enhance their learning through athletics, fine arts and entertainment. Teachers are offering innovative and fun learning experiences for all first through sixth grade students. Students were able to select an elective course held on Friday afternoons.

The children had quite a variety of classes to choose from: cooking, yoga, bowling, drawing, fashion and manners, folk dancing, internet, watercolor painting, drawing, printmaking, crafts, keyboarding, origami, board games, crafts, and intramurals.

Our generous PTA is helping to subsidize the cost of the elective program. There is something for every taste and interest. Electives run for 5 weeks every trimester and new classes will be offered 2nd trimester.

A new musical experience was introduced to our sixth grade students in December. They were treated to a live opera performance of "Amahl and the Night Visitor" presented by The Intimate Opera Company. This was the first opera performance most students had seen and perhaps an appreciation for live theater was sparked.

All of the students from Ms. Wilson and Ms. Valenzuela's class were so well-dressed and displayed perfect performance manners. We were all very proud!

Talent abounds at Valley View. The Winter Program was a delightful evening of entertainment from all the participating classrooms. The program featured the children in the classrooms of Ms. Small, Ms. Torio, Ms. Jackman, Ms. Olmos, Ms. Goldwhite, Mr. Matsuyama, Ms. Cutler, Mr. Fenster and Ms. Juarez. "Traditions of the Season"

featured a selection of winter and holiday songs with a snowman and snowflake theme. Coordinating this fantastic event was Ruth Munoz, Kris Sirca and Christy Jackman.

A parent workshop will be held January 25. The sixth grade class will be having a fundraiser dinner at 5 p.m. with workshops at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for dinner and the workshops.

Royal Oaks

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something! My mom had to settle me down with some tea and a hot dog.

Weeks after I found out about the whole thing, I realized I wasn't the only one who went berserk about the whole thing! Everyone was running around buying baby clothes, trying to plan a baby shower, reading baby name books, and stacking a volcano of diapers! It seemed as if she already had the baby! Alright, I had enough of this crazy communication. I mean it's really no a big deal, right? Well before I had time to think I had already blurted out, "THE BABY IS NOT HERE YET!" I sounded like a Director screaming at all my workers. Everybody stopped what they were doing to stare at me for 5 seconds.. (I think I heard a cricket in the background). When 5 seconds passed, everyone continued there communication. "I can't take this anymore," I quietly sobbed.

Nine communication filled months passed by. While I was just packing up to leave school on May 10, 2004, I saw my mom running up the hall like a mad woman. When she finally got to me, her face was beat red and she was panting like a dog. She was babbling something to me, but all I could make out was the word baby, and I assumed she meant the baby was born. So I grabbed my stuff and ran like the wind all the way to the car. My mom quickly drove me to the hospital. As soon as I got to the room, I slammed open the door and right there in the sunlight was a beautiful little baby girl name Liana, and right then and there I realized it was a big... it was a very big deal.

Duarte Teen Center

All Duarte teens can take advantage of the great programs available at the Duarte Teen Center in the new year!

The Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista St. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

All teens grades 9 through 12 with school ID are welcome. Participation is free but Teen Center registration packets need to be filled out.

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

COMPUTER LAB

The Computer Lab at the Duarte Teen Center is open Monday through Friday, 3 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m. through 2 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.

ACTIVITIES

High school students can get involved in a variety of activities at the Duarte Teen Center! Come watch a movie on our big screen TV!

Movie Mondays are January 8, January 22, February 12 and February 26. Movies will begin at 3:30 p.m. and there is no charge for viewing. Refreshments will be sold.

On the first Tuesday of the month, join the Teen Center for a birthday celebration with cake and gifts for those born in that month. Drop-in tutoring for all teens in grades 9 through 12 is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. These activities are all free!

YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM

This is an excellent program to help boys and girls ages 8-17, develop their self-esteem and self-discipline. Our knowledgeable instructors 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 Mondays through Friday. There is a \$10 monthly fee for Duarte students and a \$20 monthly fee

for non-residents.

EXCURSIONS

Cheer on purple and gold at the Laker Game Friday, January 26 from 5:30-10:30 p.m. The Cost is \$40 and space is limited.

The Teen Center is planning a trip to Big Bear on Monday, February 19 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. for only \$15. Spend your day off from school in the snow at Alpine Slide in Big Bear. Play in the snow, make a snowman, or go tubing down Mountain Magic. Lunch on your own.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Teen Center will be offering an air hockey tournament on Thursday, January 11, a foosball tournament Wednesday, January 17, and an X-Box tournament, Tuesday, January 23. Sign up in advance. A Ping Pong tournament will be held Thursday, February 8, a pool tournament Wednesday, February 14, and Playstation 2 tournament will be held Tuesday,

February 20. All tournaments are free and begin at 3:30 p.m.; awards will be given to the winners!

Don't miss out on an exciting game of crab soccer on Thursday, January 18 at 2 p.m. (early release day). The Teen Center will also be hosting a dodgeball game Thursday, February 15 at 3:30 p.m.

Don't miss out on the first ever poker night on Friday, January 12 from 4-6 p.m. Learn how to play poker or improve your game strategies.

If you have a job or any income, don't miss out on our free tax return workshop. Teens and parents are welcome. It will be held Tuesdays, February 13 and 27. Appointments are preferred (by calling the Teen Center) but walk-ins are accepted.

Northview students can come to the Teen Center for games, tournaments, snacks and music. Take a tour of the Center and hang out with your friends on Friday, February 23, from 3 to 6 p.m. Snacks will be sold.



ERIC MARTINEZ, Alex Galves, Robert Martinez, and Jorge Gonzalez enjoying a BBQ day in the patio.

A Teen's View

Are you getting enough calcium?

By Melissa Chacon

As a Teen Nutrition Council member, I decided to write about a certain nutrient that teens do not get enough of.

Teens do not get enough calcium today because dairy products and green vegetables (which are high in calcium) are replaced by less nutritious foods such as soda and candy.

Here is a little information on why it is important to get your daily intake of calcium. One of the best sources of calcium—milk—is not consumed enough by teens.

In fact studies show that eight out of ten teens do not get enough calcium in their diets.

Calcium is a mineral that strengthens your bones as you grow older.

If your bones do not get the calcium they need it could lead to brittle and broken bones later in life, and even worse the brittle bone disease osteoporosis.

This disease develops slowly over time, which is why teens are not concerned about it now.

However, the teen years are the most important time to build strong bones.

It is also needed for many of your body's functions such as blood clotting and the proper function of nerves and muscles.

To prevent calcium deficiency, most teens should be consuming four servings of dairy a day and be physically active for 60 minutes a day.

If you need more information on getting enough calcium in your diet visit the website www.mypyramid.com.

New Building

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name to the beam.

"It is the responsibility of our committee to oversee how things are developing with this and many other projects that are being funded by Measure G," she said. "It is exciting to see the progress that has been made. This will be a very special building for students, faculty and staff."

The Center for Innovation will house 87 faculty offices, a number of adjunct faculty offices, the Citrus College Foundation office, the Office of External Relations, the Study Abroad program, and the Distance Education program.

"This is a very exciting building," said Dr. Edward Ortell, member of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "We had to put off building the Center for Innovation for several years because funding was tight. The bond measure, which was supported by the community, helped make this possible."

Joanne Montgomery, current vice president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees, says she is pleased to see the building take shape.

"Wonderful progress has been made", she said. "This building will be extremely beneficial for the faculty, staff and students of the college, which is great because it is important that they are taken care of."

Roberta Eisel, language arts instructor and president of the Academic Senate, said that faculty members are very excited about the building.

"It promises to be a very welcoming place for students to meet with faculty," she said. "It will provide a professional environment for faculty and students alike."

Sandra Saco, president of the Associated Students of Citrus College, says that she is happy to see the building's progress and was delighted to take part in the ceremony.

"I am very happy and touched that the college administration and board of trustees reached out to the students and invited them to join in today's ceremony," she said. "We have all enjoyed signing the beam because we have now become a part of Citrus College history."

The purpose of the Center for innovation, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2007, is to provide a better environment for the student body.

"The reason we are doing all of this is for our students," he said. "Our goal is to keep Citrus College on the leading edge of what is good for community colleges."



City of Hope community highlighted events

City of Hope is a leading research and treatment center for cancer, diabetes, and other life threatening diseases. Designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center, the highest honor bestowed by the National Cancer Institute and a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, City of Hope's research and treatment protocols impact care thought the nation.

Founded in 1913, City of Hope is a pioneer in the fields of bone marrow transplantation and genetics and shares its scientific knowledge with medical centers locally and globally, helping patients battling serious diseases.

City of Hope is in need of blood and platelet donors. City of Hope is recruiting blood and platelet donors to help patients with cancer and other life threatening diseases.

For information, eligibility requirements or to schedule an appointment, please call the City of Hope Blood donor Center at 626-256-HOPE ext. 68386.

I Can Cope Nutrition Program for Cancer Patients and Survivors will be taking place on January 30, 2007. City of Hope and the American Cancer Society will offer a class for cancer patients, survivors, family and friends on healthy eating and managing nutrition problems during cancer treatment and recovery.

The program will feature presentations by clinical dietitian Peggy Mancini, M.S., R.D., as well as samples of high protein nutritious drinks, light refreshments and door prizes. The program will take place from 2:30-4 p.m. in the City of Hope's Support Group Room Y9, 1500 E. Duarte Rd., Duarte, CA. For more information please call (626) 256-HOPE, ext. 64053.

Join the City of Hope Singers on January 8, 15, 22, and 29. The City of Hope singers welcome people from all over Los Angeles to come and join the fun. Co sponsored by Citrus College, the vocal group practices on most Monday nights from 5:45 to 9 p.m. at City of Hope's Comedy Theater in Hope Village, 1500 E. Duarte Rd., Duarte CA. The group performs for patients and at area events. All skill levels welcome. For more information please call (714) 562-0860.

Thursday, January 11 – Brain Tumor Support Group for English speaking Patients and Families. City of Hope's Department of Clinical Social Work and the Brain Tumor Program offer a support group for adult patients with primary and metastatic brain tumors. Families of adult and pediatric patients are welcome. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. in City of Hope's Support Group Room Y9, 1500 E. Duarte Rd., Duarte, CA. For more information please call (626) 256-HOPE, ext 62504.

Thursday, January 18 – Post bone marrow Transplant Support group at City of Hope. City of Hope has a support group for adult patients who have undergone a bone marrow transplant and are at least four months out of treatment. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month

City of Hope names Alexandra M. Levine, M.D., Chief Medical Officer

Alexandra M. Levine, M.D., has been named chief medical officer CMO of City of Hope. An internationally known expert in lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and AIDS related malignancies, Levine will be the organization's chief clinician and will oversee all clinical and hospital care programs at City of Hope. Levine was most recently Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Chair of the Division of Hematology at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California (USC), and medical director of

USC/Norris Cancer Hospital.

As City of Hope's CMO, Levine will develop and implement the institution's clinical strategy and program development. She will serve as the primary liaison with the City of Hope Medical Group and its physician members to promote collaboration across disciplines and ensure effective staff recruitment and retention.

Levine will co-lead programs aimed at continually improving the standard of care at City of Hope, including quality of care, patient safety, clinical research, clinical information management and professional education. As chief clinician she will serve as a role model and facilitator for all clinical staff.

"We are thrilled to have Alexandra Levine City of Hope. She brings both her vast scientific expertise in hematology, and HIV and also her limitless compassion for patients facing cancer," says Michael Freedman M.D., president and chief executive officer, City of Hope.

Dr. Levine is a noted advocate of bringing more humanism into medicine and can address quality patient care from all angles, managing the needs of patients while also providing guidance for the physicians who treat them.

Levine is a distinguished professor at Keck School of Medicine, and holds the Ronald H. Bloom Family Chair in Lymphoma. Her research interest includes lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and treating and preventing HIV/AIDS among women.

She worked for eighth years with Jonas Salk, M.D., on the development and testing of an AIDS vaccine. Levine has served as principal investigator or co-investigator on more than 20 major research grants, most funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Levine's scientific and clinical contributions have received national and international recognition. In 1995, President Clinton

appointed her to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. She also chaired the council's research committee.

Levine has served as a member of the board of councilors of the National Cancer Institute and is currently a member of the Oncology Drug Advisory Board of the Food and Drug Administration. In addition, she served as HIV/AIDS consultant to health departments of Chile, Russia, India and China.

"I am delighted and honored to be given the opportunity to work with the City of Hope family. This institution has always distinguished itself by its commitment to quality in terms of patient care and research, and by the kindness and caring that has always been integral to its mission," said Levine. "City of Hope is now poised to move to the next levels of expertise and national, and I am most thankful to be given the chance to participate in this very exciting future."

Levine is a member of the American Society of Hematology, the American Society of Clinical oncology, the American college of Physicians and the International AIDS Society. She has published more than 300 articles and book chapters in noted medical journals such as the New England Journal of Medicine, Blood and the Memorial Award in recognition for her achievements in lymphoma research and patient care.

Levine received her medical degree

for USC in 1971 and completed fellowships and Emory University and Los Angeles Count USC Medical Center.

City of hope is the leading research and treatment center for cancer, diabetes and other life threatening diseases.

Designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center, the highest honor bestowed by the National Cancer Institute and a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, City of Hope's research and treatment protocols impact care throughout the nation.

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City of Hope unveils new plan to guide institution's future growth

City of Hope leaders recently unveiled a new strategic plan designed to take the renowned biomedical research and treatment center to new heights.

The plan details City of Hope's future goals, prioritizes program initiatives and provides metrics to evaluate progress. A separate master plan of the City of Hope campus outlines the facilities and technologies needed to achieve the institution's strategic goals.

"I am extremely optimistic about our future," said Philip Engel, chairman of the City of Hope Board of Directors. "We aspire to become the leading cancer center in Southern California and a top tier cancer center nationally by

2013."

City of hope president and chief executive officer Michael A. Friedman, M.D., expressed confidence in the plan's goals and City of Hope's ability to achieve them. "We have been fortunate to enjoy the success and growth we've experienced over the past few years. We must continue to be good stewards and manage our future growth strategically," Friedman said.

Under the plan, City of Hope will work to develop leading research programs in the emerging field of Immunotherapeutics and immunology, which seeks to use the body's own immune system to fight cancer; stem cell research and developmental biology, experimental therapeutics, cancer biology, and population sciences, which combines cancer prevention and control research with outreach activities.

The organization will strengthen its clinical areas of excellence in leukemia/lymphoma, breast cancer, gynecologic cancer, musculoskeletal cancer, brain cancer and diabetes. City of Hope will also bolster its Graduate School of Biological Sciences.

To support the growth in programs, City of Hope will upgrade its technology and facilities. Prominent projects include the new 108,000 – square foot Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center for Cancer Immunotherapeutics and Tumor Immunology, a Population Sciences

building, an upgraded Radiation Oncology facility, the new 3-story Michael Amini Transfusion Medicine Center and the installation of a clinical information system. Friedman noted that the new strategic plan dovetails with City of Hope's recent direction.

"Over the last year, we made significant contributions to science and medicine and developed new programs such as the Division of Population Sciences," he explained. "We have laid the groundwork for the next steps in our evolution."

The plans build on the growing momentum and prowess of City of Hope's basic and translational research efforts. Earlier this year, Beckman Research Institute Director Arthur Riggs, Ph.D., was elected to the National Academy of Science, reflecting the influential and creative research has conducted on the City of Hope campus, and newly recruited scientists, such as Hua Yu, Ph.D., professor in the Division of Cancer Immunotherapeutic and Tumor Immunology, have strengthened research programs.

The strategic planning process began last year. City of Hope leaders conducted many months of fact-finding sessions in which program leaders presented input on their programs' strengths and future growth.

"The possibilities presented by our staff, couples with discussions over City of Hope's central vision, culminated in the strategic and master plans," said Theodore Krontiris M.D., Ph.D., executive vice president of medical and scientific affairs and director of City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The strategic and master plans target 2013 because that is the institution's 100th anniversary, Friedman explained.

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Duarte Family Wilderness Day April 22 Youth workers hit the trail

Duarte families are invited to experience one of the most beautiful, local, natural waterfalls in the Angeles National Forest. On Saturday, April 22, the Vulcan Rock Quarry will open their gates and allow access to the original Fish Canyon Trail.

The Fish Canyon Trail will

lead you through the site of what was one of the premier outdoor recreation destinations in the San Gabriel Valley. During the early 1900's there were over 50 cabins in the canyon and even a dance hall at the mouth of the canyon. Most of the cabins were destroyed in the 1958 fire and flooding the

next year. Remnants of the cabins can be found along the trail. At the end of the trail is Fish Canyon Falls. When the water runs high, the falls are a spectacular delight plunging 80 feet in three stages into an emerald pool.

The 3.2-mile hike through the wilderness requires sturdy hiking boots and hikers must carry their own water. Hearty hikers can hike the expanded 9-mile version if desired. City of Duarte-sponsored activities at Encanto Park will include a hands-on nature experiences, barbecue lunch, and fun for everyone.

Check-in will begin at 7 a.m. at Encanto Park. Hikers will be transported to the trailhead by shuttle. The fee is \$12 for adults, \$9 for child ages 3-11, and children under 3 are free. Registration is limited to the first 300 hikers. There will be an additional \$2 late fee for registrations postmarked after April 17.

Flyers and registration will be available in February at Duarte City Hall. For more information, please call (626) 357-7931.



TRAIL CREW MAINTENANCE

By Aida Torres

The first rain of winter this past December marked the start of a new season for the Duarte Trail Crew. A dozen young men

began maintaining the nine-mile Fish Canyon Hiking Trail, and are getting the trail ready for you and your family to enjoy the upcoming Family Wilderness Day on Sat., April 21.

Youth from our community will be out in the Los Angeles National Forest rain or shine this season equipped with picks, shovels, and plenty of water. The team is supervised by Duarte's "Facilities Maintenance Supervisor" Steve Maroste.

The teenagers, most of whom have worked with probation, were selected as a result of their good work habits, maturity, and their motivation to serve the community of Duarte. Public Safety has worked with these youth through the Youthworks Program to refer outstanding candidates to Duarte Trail Crew.

The trail program was developed by the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department and designed to redirect the energy of troubled youth toward positive experiences that generate self-esteem, teamwork and ownership for the community.

Trail Crew members get the opportunity to give back to the community. Deputy Probation Officer Jeffrey Schweizer commented, "This is a great opportunity for the kids who have worked with probation in the past to gain vital work experience and a paid part-time job. This goes to show that hard work and dedication can turn out to be a positive experience as demonstrated by the Trail crew program."

Past members of the trail crew have left their impression on the Fish Canyon trail. In addition to making repairs and clearing the overgrown brush that allows this trail to be open for public use. The young men have installed wooden steps, added informational signs to alert the public along the trails, and in one instance, the crew was responsible for rerouting the trail and making it safer for public use.

The Trail Crew works in conjunction with members of the Youthworks program who are still in the process of completing their community service hours. These Youthworkers will be exposed to the strong work habits of the trail crew members and see the results that are accomplished on the trail. This has had a positive effect on many community service workers, some of whom will later be hired as actual Duarte Trail Crew members.

For more information about the Fish Canyon Hiking Trail or the Trail Crew, call Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931.



FAMILY WILDERNESS DAY participants enjoying the hike.

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