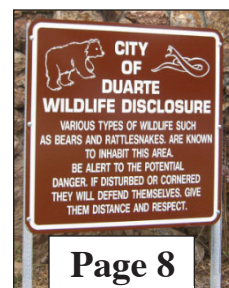




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Duarte View

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

Community invited to Andres Duarte statue unveiling Sat., March 31

Andres Avelino Duarte will soon be home on the rancho that he loved and lost more than 150 years ago, at least in spirit and in bronze. And the citizens of Duarte and the community at large have been invited to welcome him home.

On Saturday, March 31, at 1 p.m., in conjunction with the year-long celebration of the City's 50th anniversary of incorporation, the City of Duarte and Duarte Historical Society will unveil an 11 foot high, 2 1/2 ton equestrian statue honoring the city's namesake. The statue will be the focal point of the future Plaza Duarte, a half-acre site across the street from City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr.

Designed by famed western sculptor/artist Richard Myer of Glendora, the Andres Avelino Duarte statue is believed to be the first bronze statue ever to be

erected in honor of an early California land grant holder.

"Dreams really do come true," said Claudia Heller, president of the Duarte Historical Society, the organization that launched the Duarte in Bronze community fundraising campaign for the statue four years ago.

"The dream was to have something unique to our heritage. It's so much more than a statue, it's a symbol of community pride. Our only regret is that Victoria Duarte Cordova, the great-great granddaughter of Andres, did not live to see this day," she said.

Cordova served as the honorary chairman of the Duarte in Bronze committee and personally approved the statue design that depicts Andres as a rancher rather than the soldier he was when Governor Juan B. Alvarado

granted him 6,595 acres of land 1841. Although the days of the rancho had ended more than five decades before she was born, Cordova had fond memories of growing up in Duarte. Proud of her heritage, she spent most of her life chronicling the family history. After marrying and moving away for a time, she returned to Duarte in her retirement years and lived, up until the time of her death in 2005, in a senior apartment complex, just east of where the statue will stand.

Hundreds are expected to attend the statue unveiling and dedication that will include official presentations by federal, state, and county officials, light refreshments, and entertainment performed by folklorico dancers

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"A Hero's Tribute" – Musical Salute to Military Men, Women, Veterans

Four years ago, the community mourned the death of one its own, Duarte High School graduate Lance Corporal Francisco A. Martinez Flores, who died March 25, 2003 while serving his country in Iraq. Weeks later, Duarte honored the fallen young marine by dedicating the spring musical to his memory.

"He was a hero," said Martinez's young brother, Sammy.

This year's spring musical production, "A Hero's Tribute," to be presented April 26-28 at the Duarte Performing Arts Center, will salute Martinez Flores and all the men and women in the military and veterans who have served our country.

From a rousing, patriotic George M. Cohen opening med-



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ley to the music of Glenn Miller, the Beatles and Lee Greenwood's God Bless the USA, "A Hero's Tribute" will honor American service men and women from World War I to present day in song, story, and letters home. To personalize the production and really bring it home, the show's director, Duarte resident Mike Bauer, has invited Duarte families to provide the production with letters written home from loved ones in the military and photos of them in uniform. Deadline to receive photos and letters is April 1.

"The reasons for war may change, but how it affects families has never changed," said Bauer, who also wrote the book for the

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Search on for "One Book" to spark Community Reading Project

What if everyone in the Duarte community read the same book? And what if both young and old engaged in activities and discussions that explored the book's theme, characters and impact on our lives? What would the result be?

That's the idea behind the 5th annual "Duarte: One Town, One Book" celebration, a community-wide reading project sponsored by the Friends of the Duarte Library.

The public is invited to submit title recommendations for

the "one book" that will spark community interest, participation and discussion in the community reading project. Book recommendations may be submitted to Duarte Library. Submission forms are available at the Duarte Library, City Hall, the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, and the Senior Center.

Duarte's One Town, One Book selection will be officially announced by The Friends of the Duarte Library on April 24 at the Duarte City Council meeting and on the Duarte: One Town, One

Book website at www.duarteonetownonebook.org.

Hopes are that the project will once again inspire the community to embark on a unique shared reading experience. Past selections were "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (2003), "The Soloist" by Mark Salzman (2004), "The Martian Chronicles" by Ray Bradbury (2005), and "Reading Lolita in Tehran" by Azar Nafisi.

For more information, call Nita Norgard of the Friends of the Duarte Library, (626) 358-1276.

More than Fifty Years



Each issue this year we will be featuring a column of history depicting Duarte's history.

As you will see in this and future years Duarte's history started long before 1957, that is simply the incorporation of Duarte as a city.

These history moments are gathered from "On the Duarte" by Aloysia Moore and Bernice Watson, published in 1976.

- September 8, 1771 – The Franciscan Fathers founded the San Gabriel Mission in order to convert the Indians in this part of Alta California to Christianity. One of the tribes converted was the Asuksas. They lived on the piedmont of the Azusa Mountains near the streams of the Fish and San Gabriel Canyons.

- 1822 – Mexico rebelled and separated from Spain. It lasted 66 years. This missions prospered and cattle ranches reached their utmost during Mexico's reign

- May 10, 1841 – Governor Alverado granted Andres Duarte's petition for land that now covers parts of Azusa, all of Duarte, Bradbury, a portion of Baldwin Park, portions of Monrovia and Arcadia. At that time Don Andres had the Indians build a small

hut for he and his family, as well as a kitchen garden and orchards near the Indian Springs of the Asuksas in Fish Canyon.

- 1848 – After a war with the United States, Mexico ceded Alta California to the US.

- 1851 – Congress passed a bill which established a Board of Land Commissioners to investigate the validity of all Spanish and Mexican land grants in Alta California.

- 1852 - Not understanding the laws of the United States Andres Duarte did not file until 1852. The court battle ensued and went all the way to the US Supreme Court which ruled in his favor in 1878. By this time Andres had, out of necessity, sold all of his property.

- 1855 – Andres sold his first piece of land in 1855 to three men, who between them, bought 225 acres in lower Duarte. Michael Whistler, one of the three, bought out the other two and then sold the entire section to Dr. Nehemiah Beardslee of Texas.

- July 29, 1862 – By this time Andres was so disheartened that he had given up. As a result, the Sheriff of Los Angeles County put the balance of the rancho on the block. It was sold at auction on this date for \$4,000 to the highest bidder, William Wolfskill. This was the end of the Rancho Azusa de Duarte.



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State of the City is Good and Getting Better

“Life is good in Duarte and is going to get even better” proclaimed Mayor Lois Gaston in her State of the City talk to more than 100 business and community leaders on March 14 at City of Hope’s Cooper Auditorium.

“Duarte’s financial outlook is bright,” said Gaston.

- The City is projecting a surplus of \$74,200, fiscal year ending June 2007 with just under \$5.6 million in reserve rather than the deficit previously forecast.

- Higher property values have caused the City’s tax revenue increment to increase faster than was projected by the Redevelopment Agency when the Agency debt was issued in 1995. With an A- credit rating by Wall Street, the City plans to restructure \$34 million in debt at “the best interest rate possible,” use a portion to repay what the RDA owes the City, hopes to realize a balanced General Fund in June 2008, and have \$8 million of new money

from the bonds for new redevelopment projects.

- A major development project scheduled to break ground in May 2007 will bring 46,000 square foot Best Buy and a variety of other nationally recognized retail shops and eateries to a 4.7 acre site on Mountain Ave., north of the 210 Freeway. The project is expected to bring up to 200 jobs and sales tax revenues of \$500,000 a year.

Work has begun on a new housing project directly across the street from City Hall. Bowden Development will build 17 new homes on the site. The Atala Ranch home project is also underway with 15 new luxury homes scheduled to be built. Demolition of the Capri Motel is expected soon and will signal the construction of 52 single-family homes on Huntington Dr., east of Mt. Olive.

Ensuring public safety is a major priority, said the Mayor. She credited deputies and Neigh-

borhood Watch volunteers with helping to bring Part 1 crimes in Duarte to the lowest level in more than 20 years. Last August, to address a spike in gang violence, the City added an additional Sheriff’s deputy and the county provided the City with a sergeant at no cost, saving the City \$161,657. DAMAGE (Duarte and Monrovia Active Gang Enforcement), a partnership between the county, Duarte, Monrovia and other law enforcement agencies, continues to work “to rid Duarte of criminals daily and nightly,” she said.

The City currently pays \$2.5 million for contracted Los Angeles County Sheriff’s services. The City supplements its law enforcement budget with grant dollars and \$35,000 contributed by the City of Bradbury for school resource personnel.

The event at which the mayor spoke was presented by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. It also featured a positive State of the School District address by Duarte Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Dean Conklin and School Board President Pam Kawasaki. The Chamber presented four outstanding community employees with Community Employees of the Year Awards. Receiving awards for their community service were: Mike Yelton, City of Duarte Assistant City Manager; Dr. Alan Johnson, D.U.S.D. Deputy Superintendent; Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputy Wayne Goodrich; and Los Angeles County Fire Department Firefighter Specialist Kenneth Cate.

Hook’d ’n Book’d

During the first two weeks of January 2007, several of our Duarte parks including the skate park were vandalized by “taggers”. The parks were vandalized with graffiti on the walls and on the surrounding playground equipment.

It is important to understand that not all graffiti is gang related. “Taggers” (graffiti artists), begin writing their “monikers” (street names) throughout an area, such as our parks and on walls in the city. These taggers work in groups also known as “tagging crews”. Sometimes they go out and graffiti areas that local gangs consider to be their territory. This creates conflict in the community. Taggers are proud of the “art work” and “monikers”. In response to this graffiti local gangs will sometimes recruit taggers or retaliate in response to tagging in their “turf”. Most often, taggers will align themselves with a gang, but sometimes they will not. If the taggers refuse to join the gang, they can find themselves victims of gang violence.

Deputy Robert MacLean was investigating the vandalism at the Duarte parks and skate park. His investigation revealed the names of possible suspects by reviewing past graffiti, talking to his contacts in the community, and reviewing web pages at MySpace.com. Deputy Maclean conducted interviews, collected evidence, and identified two suspects who were later arrested for felony vandalism.

- Tips for Parents on Graffiti:
- Find out if your child has

a nickname (it could be a moniker)

- Notice if they write on their schoolbooks, back packs, folders, in their bedroom, and on their clothes

- Meet your child’s friends and inquire if they have monikers or graffiti on their books.

- Identify if your child has a membership to MySpace with a profile and a blog, and review the information. I’m sure you will find information about your child you did not know. This is not a violation of privacy, this a safeguarding measure.

- Ensure that your child does not put his/her personal information, name, address, school name, etc on any website.

Remember the parents of those arrested for graffiti are responsible for financial restitution to the victim in an amount to be determined by the courts.

When reporting graffiti please be ready to provide the following information:

1. Specific Address or Location. (Make sure you can identify if it is private or public property and if it is in the City of Duarte or in the LA County area.)

2. Be ready to provide a description of graffiti.

3. Please provide your name and phone number.

For Public Property Graffiti Removal in the City of Duarte, please contact Bill Moreno at (626) 836-3654.

Public Property Graffiti Removal in LA County Areas please contact LA County Graffiti Removal at (800) 675-4357. Remember Private Property Graffiti Removal is the owner’s responsibility.

For more information visit our website at: www.accessduarte.com/PublicSafety/graffitiabatement.

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The Intimate Opera Co. performs die Fledermaus

Join the Intimate Opera Company as they present Johann Strauss’ – the Viennese Waltz King’s – comic masterpiece, Die Fledermaus (The Revenge of the Bat). This lighthearted romp through mistaken identities, a lavish party thrown by a bored Russian Count, a tipsy jailor, and all the loose ends tied up in prison, will be presented in English with sets, costumes, and orchestra the last two Saturdays of March. Get our tickets early, as one performance is already sold out.

Directed by Mark Lamanna (New Jersey Opera Theater), Music Director and Conductor Kirstof Ven Gryspeer (Opera Pacific, Long Beach Opera).

Performances: Saturday, March 24, 12:30 p.m. luncheon, 2 p.m. performance, Packard Hall, Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave., Duarte. Tickets are \$40 per person with meal. This performance is sold out.

Saturday, March 13, 2 p.m. Packard Hall, Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave., Duarte. Tickets: Adults \$25, Seniors: \$23, Students: \$15, Children \$12.

To purchase tickets for above performances, call SC Tickets at (800) 888-7287.

The Intimate Opera Company is a non-profit organization founded and managed by Southern California-based professional singers and opera lovers. It seeks to inspire appreciation and preservation of the operatic art form by offering fully staged theatrical productions in affordable community settings. For more information please call Wendy Kikkert at (626) 274-7342 or email her at thewendell@sbcglobal.net.

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DYAC baseball season opener welcomes home Duarte Youth Acres pioneers

Former directors, coaches, players and parents honored

In the early 1950's in Duarte when orange groves had been replaced by rows of G.I. tract housing and the population exploded with thousands of young families, the community gathered its resources to build a ball field and recreational facilities where children could play.

The result was Duarte Youth Agency Acres, 3 1/4 acres of land where Amberwood Homes on Huntington Dr. now sits, provided for the project by Dr. Wayland A. Morrison and his wife, Lucile, prominent citizens whose sprawling ranch included property that today is the home of the Westminster Gardens retirement community.

The tradition of organized youth sports that began with Duarte Youth Acres four years before Duarte was incorporated

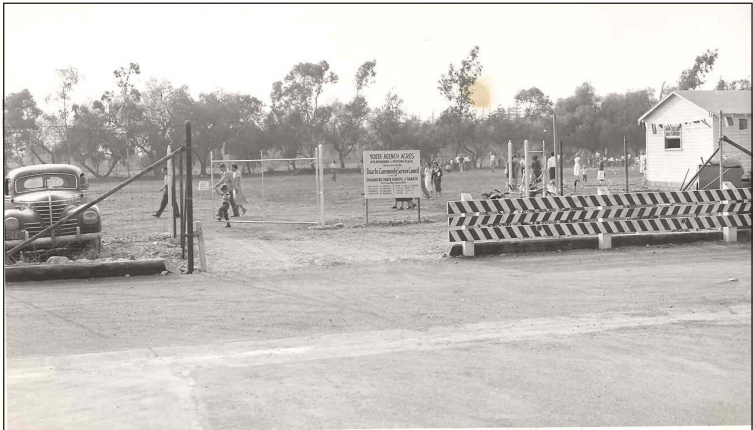
as a city continues today with the nonprofit Duarte Youth Athletic Club (DYAC).

In conjunction with the City's year-long 50th anniversary celebration, past and present came together on Saturday, March 17, the season-opener for DYAC baseball and softball and more than 300 young Duarte players. Activities began with a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. at Duarte Sports Park/Montgomery Field, located at the corner of Bloomdale St. and Brycedale Ave. Opening ceremonies took place at 11 a.m., followed by the games.

"We wanted to honor and welcome back the generations of children, parents, coaches, umpires, and community supporters who have been a part of DYAC/Duarte Youth Acres over the past more than 50 years," said



DUARTE YOUTH ACRES coach Ed Carey stands behind his 1957 Braves team. Young Bill Melton, who would go on to a big league career with the Chicago White Sox, and was nicknamed "Beltin' Bill" for his 1971 league leading homerun record, is seated second from left in the middle row.



Youth Agency Acres, Duarte, California - 10-2-50. Dedication Ceremonies.

DEDICATION CEREMONIES of Youth Agency Acres on October 2, 1950, in Duarte.

DYAC president and commissioner, Miguel Mejia.

Nita Carey, an original Duarte Youth Acres volunteer mom who helped in the snack bar and other activities in support of the organization when her two sons played in the league and her husband, Ed, served as a coach, gathered up old team photos and other memorabilia for a historical display at the homecoming. For weeks beforehand, she had been busy on the telephone contacting other parents and players who par-

ticipated in Duarte Youth Acres in the '50s and '60s.

"This has really brought back a lot of wonderful memories for me and everyone that I've had a chance to talk to about this homecoming reunion. There are still quite a few parents and former players who live in Duarte or close-by," said Carey.

Duarte resident Steve Lopez was nine years old when he started playing baseball at Duarte Youth Acres. "I had heard about it. So one day a couple of friends and I

rode there on our bikes. I thought it was the greatest thing I ever saw in my life. Looking over the left field fence and seeing the kids playing in their uniforms, I knew right then I wanted to play."

Lopez said he made many lifelong friends among his teammates, some of whom planned to travel from as far away at Washington, D.C. to attend the homecoming celebration. "It was a great atmosphere, a great foundation for my life," he said.

So much so, that it was an experience that Lopez passed down to his own children who all played in DYAC leagues. Now his grandchildren are DYAC ballplayers.

Louis and Jean Meister, who moved to Duarte in 1949, also have fond memories of Duarte Youth Acres. Louis served on the Board of Directors in the mid-'50s and early '60s and was also chief umpire. Jean joined with other team mothers in various support activities while the couple's sons and daughters played on the teams.

"Duarte Youth Acres was a very important part of the community. It brought everybody together for the kids," said Louis Meister.

To understand just how important, an article in the July 1953 issue of the Duarte Community Service Council, explained: *"In the 1930's the children of the 1500 Duarte residents knew no geographic boundaries to check their curiosity or limit their play. By the end of the Second World War, activity for most youngsters*

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DYAC Activities

This season there are a lot of things going on with DYAC. With over 250 kids playing today from ages 5-14, 20 teams in both baseball and softball will be playing other surrounding cities. Our next event will be our 4th annual Duarte baseball at Dodger Stadium, held on Sunday, April 22, at 1 p.m. against the Pittsburgh Pirates. This popular and unique event is also Autograph Day. With a minimum of 300 tickets sold, each player and coach have the opportunity to participate in a pre-game parade by walking one time around the field before the Dodgers take the field. Everyone seems to find themselves on the Dodgers Diamond vision. It's a great opportunity for family and friends to take in a game at Dodger Stadium and support their favorite Duarte player. Cameras are a must!

Dodger tickets are \$8 are on sale now until April 7 at the snack bar.

Also in April, DYAC will be hosting Pepsi and Major League Baseball PITCH, HIT, & RUN competition. This national skills program provides boys and girls, ages 7-14, the opportunity to showcase their pitching, hitting, and running abilities. There are four levels of competition, including the National Finals at the 2007 Major League All-Star Game. This event is open to the public and is free of charge.

Duarte's 50th/DYAC commemorative fleece blanket, which includes logos, costs \$25. "DUARTE" baseball jerseys are on sale as well.

DYAC is located at 1500 Bloomdale St. and is always looking for volunteers, coaches, board members, and team sponsors. Also, we are looking for someone to donate or video tape our ball games so it will show on Duarte cable DCTV.

For further information, visit our website at www.leaguelineup.com/dyac. Please sign our guest book and tell us what you think. Or you can contact DYAC Commissioner Miguel Mejia at (626) 676-8737.

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From My View . . .

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

Several people recently celebrated my 16 3/4 birthday with me. Remember I am a Leap Year baby, and at my real age I prefer to use my leap year birthdays.

It is hard for me to believe I am nearly 70 years old, most days – not all, I feel much younger.

Age and years seem to be important in Duarte at this time. Duarte is celebrating the 50th anniversary of incorporation as a city. I graduated from Monrovia-Duarte High School 50 years ago this June. My brain has a hard time absorbing that as well.

1957 was a very good year for me – graduation from high school and entering college. Actually the 1950’s are looked upon by nearly all of us that participated in that era with great fondness. A time when you did not lock your doors; women were home raising their children, keeping the house tidy, cooking a good dinner that everyone sat down at one time to eat, and volunteered at PTA, etc.; we had cool diners with milk shakes and rock ’n roll; people wore clothes that left some imagination; nearly everyone went to church on Sunday; and parents and teachers were united to help each student. Ahhhh, the good ol’ days. I sound nearly 70 now, don’t I?

Rock ’n roll, I feel lucky to have been a teenager when this form of music went main stream. I remember 1955 when Elvis hit the scene and the girls screamed, just like their mothers did for Sinatra in the 1930’s and ’40’s. Elvis’ music, and others that followed, was so liberating. You have to remember the #1 song in my seventh grade was “Shrimp Boats” by “Tennessee” Ernie Ford and the #1 song in my eighth grade was “I Believe” by Frankie Laine. To go from that music to Elvis was mind blowing!

Anyway, 2007 will be a year that Duarteans can kick up their heels and celebrate, as well as participate in forums learning about historical events about our fair city.

All of the events can be found on the city website – www.accessduarte.com – take a look and find some special occasions you and your family will enjoy. Maybe Elvis will visit us and we can rock ’n roll.

That’s the way it is from my view



JAN WIGHT



JOIN US AS WE VISIT KNOTTS BERRY FARM!

Youth Spring Break activities

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

On Saturday, April 7, the Duarte Rotary Club will host its annual Breakfast With the Easter Bunny. The event will be held at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr. from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Duarte City Hall, and cost \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 10 and under. All proceeds will benefit Rotary’s local service projects.

Those in attendance will be treated to a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast cooked by Rotary Club members. The Easter Bunny will be available to visit and for pictures. All children with a ticket will receive a free book. For ticket information for this fun filled morning, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will conduct the annual Duarte Easter

Egg Hunts Celebrating Duarte’s 50th Anniversary. Egg Hunts will be held at Royal Oaks and Beardslee Parks on Saturday, April 7, beginning at 10 a.m. SHARP! The event is open to three divisions 3-4 years, 5-7 years and 8-10 years old. There is no charge for this event. Parents are asked to stay out of the hunting grounds and no baskets or bags will be allowed. For more information call (626) 357-7931.

SPRING CRAFT DAY

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will conduct a Spring Crafts Day at Beardslee, Encanto and Royal Oaks Parks on Monday, April 9 at 3 p.m. There is no charge for this activity. Sign up at your local playground. For more information call (626) 357-7931.

KNOTT’S BERRY FARM YOUTH EXCURSION

An excursion to Knott’s Berry Farm will be held on Thursday, April 12. Register now at Duarte City Hall or at local supervised playgrounds. Ride on Xcelerator, Supreme Scream, Montezuma’s Revenge, Ghost Rider Roller Coaster and many more thrilling rides and attractions. The fee is \$22 for 8-11 year olds and \$25 for 12-17 year olds. Limited space available. For more information call (626) 357-7931.

Fitness Center Membership Sale & Aquatics

It is time to get into shape. Save 20% during the Spring Sale at the City of Duarte Fitness Center. The sale prices are available March 23 through April 1. During the sale Duarte residents can enjoy one full year of aquatics, exercise, and aerobics for only \$100. Non-resident rates start as low as \$140, and there are no monthly fees or dues. The Fitness Center is located at 1600 Huntington Dr., next to City Hall.

At the Fitness Center you can choose from a wide variety of activities including strength training equipment, Stairmasters, treadmills, bikes, and Elliptical Trainers. The Center also has two courts available for either racquetball or wallyball. Aerobic classes are offered at various times daily.

The spring aquatics program will run from April 7-June 24. The pool will be available Mon.-Fri. for lap swimming from 6:30-8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mon. through Thurs. from 6-8 p.m., and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on weekends. Recreational swim will be held during spring break and on weekends.

Two sessions of swim lessons will be offered this spring. Session 1 will run from May 7-May 17, with registration beginning April 30. Session 2 will run from May 21-June 1, and registration begins May 14. Priority registration will be available to Duarte residents with valid ID from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. the first day of registration. All non-residents may register beginning at 8 a.m.

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

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musical. He said, of all the shows that he has directed, it is this one that has affected him most personally. Bauer’s own two sons, Joshua, 20, an alumnus of former Duarte musical productions, and Jeremy, 23, are currently serving in the military.

“It’s important that we as a community and we as a nation say thank you for your courage to these men and women who are serving our country and to those who have served in the past,” said Bauer.

Before the start of each performance, Bauer will ask military or veterans in the audience to please stand so that the rest of audience can acknowledge them and thank them for their service.

“As I have been working on this show,” said Bauer, “it occurred to me that our heroes are all around us. We pass them in the streets every day and they look no different that anyone else, but they are because they sacrificed in World War II or Korea or Vietnam, or in Iraq or Afghanistan so that we can live in freedom. They deserve our thanks.”

Bauer and assistant director/production assistant Terri Lujan, a teacher at Duarte High School, have assembled a cast of more than 30, comprised of both students and adults from Duarte and surrounding communities.

“We’re continuing to build a tradition of musical theater in Duarte and with this latest production, we are expanding our vision to create a true community theater with opportunities to perform for talented people of all ages,” said Bauer.

The Duarte High School Jazz Band, under the direction

Century 21 Adams & Barnes achieves ‘Hall of Fame’

Tom Kunz, President of

of Sam Gibson, will perform a Glenn Miller medley as part of the tribute WWII veterans in the show. The high school Chamber Choir will sing with the cast in the second act.

Performing in lead roles will be Brittany Hurlbut, who is also serving as the show’s choreographer, Jason Wilde, Jennie Campbell, Alexandra Imm, Denise Giram, Gina Arreola, Jason Evans, Matt Sanchez, Christine Jimenez, Victor Amaya, Joshua Evans, and Von Matias. Kyrsti Chavez, a 7-year-old vocal phenomenon, will open the show.

The production is being presented by Duarte Education Foundation and Duarte Unified School District through the major support of sponsors Burrtec Waste Services, City of Duarte, and City of Bradbury.

“A Hero’s Tribute” will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28. There will also be a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Saturday.

Tickets for the show are \$20 for reserved center section seating; \$15 general admission. Students and senior citizens will receive a \$5 ticket discount. Tickets can be purchased by mail, telephone, or in person at the Duarte Public Safety Office in the Target Center, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the door one hour before each performance.

For telephone orders or more information, call (626) 256-0155.

CENTURY 21 LLC, recently announced that Century 21 Adams & Barnes was inducted into the newly created “President’s Hall of Fame” at the brands International Convention in Las Vegas.

The Hall of Fame was created to honor those offices that have received the highly coveted “President’s Award” for at least 10 of the last 12 years. Two offices in the nation met the criteria and were inducted in its inaugural year. Century 21 Adams & Barnes

Beautification awards

Duarte residents are encouraged to begin preparing their homes and businesses for the 28th Annual Beautification Awards.

is one of those two offices, out of almost 5,000 offices in the nation. Tom Adams, broker of Century 21 Adams & Barnes, will be accepting the award on behalf of the team of agents and staff. “I couldn’t be happier,” said Adams. “Our teams of agents and staff have worked for years to achieve this, not because of the honor but because our clients deserve the best service possible.”

Judging will be held in the month of April and the awards ceremony to honor the winners will be conducted at the May 22 Duarte City Council meeting. All homes and businesses within the City of Duarte will be judged by local service organizations. For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931 ext. 203.

Statue

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and mariachis. Historical societies from the cities of Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Irwindale, and Monrovia — portions of which were once were part of the original rancho — and local parlors of the Native Sons of the Golden West have also been invited to attend the ceremony.

The Duarte in Bronze committee, chaired by former Duarte Mayor Jim Kirchner, succeeded in raising nearly \$26,000 in community donations toward the statue project. Major donations were made by IHOP-Duarte, Affiliated Jacobson Holdings, and the Hardiman Cureton Family. But the amount fell far short of what was required. The Duarte Redevelopment Agency allocated \$109,500 of Community Redevelopment Funds to close the gap. The statue was completed in late July 2006 at a foundry in Dalian, China and shipped to Los Angeles in a container that could barely confine the massive piece. It has been in storage since its arrival last August awaiting preparation of the site.

The community did have a brief opportunity to get a sneak-peek at the statue last summer when the well-traveled bronze made a surprise appearance in Duarte’s Route 66 Parade, tethered down on a flat-bed truck.

Andres Duarte was born at Mission San Juan Capistrano in Alta California in November 1805. He joined the Mexican army at age 16, and was eventually assigned to Mission San Gabriel responsible for monitoring the outer lands of the Mission. In his early thirties he was transferred to the Mission San Gabriel garrison and assigned to protect the Mission property from San Gabriel to San Bernardino. It was then that he grew fond of the area adjacent to the Rio Azusa, now known as the San Gabriel River, along the foothills of the mountains.

Upon retirement from military service he petitioned Governor Juan Alvarado to grant him a vacant portion of the Rancho Azusa. Within two weeks he was granted the land.

He erected an adobe in the area of the Duarte foothills that is today Tocino Dr., above Royal Oaks Dr. There he lived with his wife, Gertrudis, and their son, Felipe, raising cattle and horses. In the mid 1800’s, much of the Rancho was divided into 40 acre plots and sold to Duarte’s earliest pioneer families who came to the area for their health, the pleasant climate and the fertile soil. Andres Duarte died in 1863. He and his wife are buried at Mission San Gabriel.

For more information about the statue dedication ceremony, call the City at (626) 357-7931, ext. 220. To learn more about the history of Duarte, visit the Duarte Historical Museum, located in Encanto Park at 777 Encanto Parkway. The museum is open on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Jr. Olympics Track and Field Meet

Duarte Parks and Recreation is hosting the annual Junior Olympics Track and Field Meet on Saturday, March 24, at the Duarte Sports Park. Entries for boys and girls born 1992-2000 will be taken from Andres Duarte, Beardslee, Maxwell, Royal Oaks, Valley View, Anita Oaks and Northview Schools. Last year's school champion, Andres Duarte School will try to win its 3rd straight Junior Olympics School Champion title. A large trophy is awarded to the winning elementary school team. All registration for the meet will be taken at the schools. Participants will have a wide choice of events to choose from, including 50m, 100m & 200m dashes, 400m, 800m & 1600m runs, and long jump & softball throw. Medals will be awarded to 1st place finishers, and ribbons for 2nd place through 5th place in each event. This meet will act as a qualifying meet for the SCMAF San Gabriel Valley Track and Field Championships that will be held in May. Children who win at the SGV meet will go on to participate in

the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Track Meet. Children wishing to participate should contact their school for what will be a fun and exciting event. For more information call (626) 357-7931 or call your school.



COMPETITORS go for the gold at the Jr. Olympics.

DEPUTY SPOTLIGHT

Special Assignment Deputy Brant Frederickson

Deputy Frederickson transferred from Temple Station and has been working at the Duarte Public Safety/ Satellite Station for five months in his current assignment as, Duarte's newest Special Assignment Deputy.

The City of Duarte is fortunate to have a deputy with his gang expertise and experience; this will assist in gathering intelligence and awareness in the community. Frederickson's law enforcement career began when he decided to join the Los Angeles Sheriff Department in 1998. This decision came after working for two years as a Community Service Officer in the City of Duarte and attending Mount San Antonio College. Like most Sheriff Deputies he worked at Twin Towers in downtown Los Angeles where he worked custody with some of Los Angeles most dangerous felons for three years. He then transferred to Lakewood where for almost 5 years he was the helicopter observer for their SKY NIGHT helicopter. He explains that his tasks were mainly to coordinate ground units and conduct surveillance.

In 2005 he decided to transfer to Temple Station and learn about gang intelligence to help in combating the growing gang problem in the City of So. El Monte and worked on patrol for over a year. He learned about the position in Duarte and immediately requested to come back to Duarte and serve the residents once again and this time in a position where he can offer more help. His current duties include the gang enforcement and intelligence as well as identifying and targeting specific crime patterns, like narcotics and burglaries.

He explains he loves the small city atmosphere and working with the residents who are very informed of the City's happenings. He recommends that Duarte residents continue to share information with the local authorities, because it is instrumental in combating crime. Remember the community should not be intimidated by criminals; the citizens of Duarte are our eyes and ears. Frederickson stressed, "Neighborhood Watch is very important if you think you should call, CALL."



DEPUTY BRANT FREDERICKSON





Congratulations, Duarte, on your 50th Anniversary!

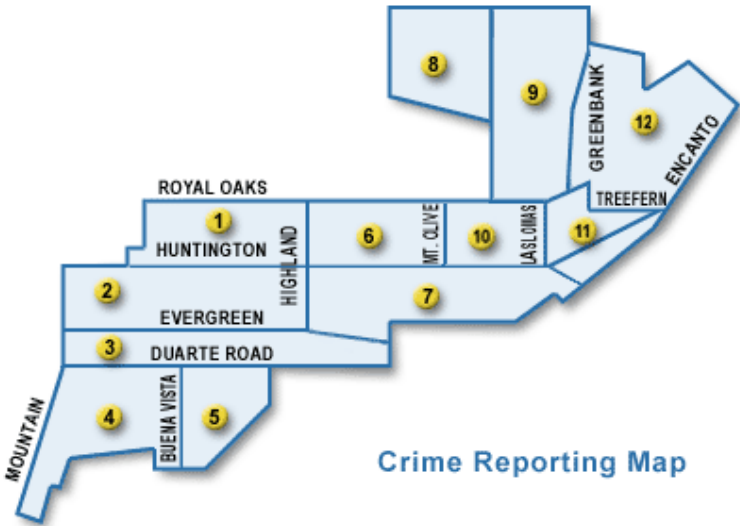
Helping Duarte Conserve Water

At California American Water, we take pride in helping you conserve water while serving the community. We're committed to saving water in our daily operations, and also through customer programs such as water-saving tips and free low-flow showerheads and hose nozzles.

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To learn more about how California American Water works for Duarte, and ways to reduce your water bill, call us at 1-888-237-1333 or visit our website at www.calamwater.com.





RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES			
2006			
Area	2006	2005	2004
1	2	5	2
2	2	3	3
3	1	2	5
4	4	5	10
5	1	5	1
6	2	3	5
7	3	9	10
8	0	0	1
9	1	4	0
10	3	6	6
11	1	1	3
12	5	4	7
Total Estimated Loss	\$63,857	\$131,205	\$71,442
Year End Totals	25	47	53

Statistician Sonja Tanner

* No Residential Burglaries were reported in December 2006

VEHICLE BURGLARIES & THEFTS			
	2006	2005	2004
Vehicle Burglaries	119	72	123
Vehicle Thefts	91	113	130
Year End Total	210	185	253

Statistician Sonja Tanner

Public Safety, 2006 in review

By Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Coordination

During 2006, Residential burglaries were down 47%, the lowest number ever recorded in the City of Duarte. No Residential Burglaries occurred during the month of December 2006.

This statistical information is a first since we began keeping statistics in 1980. Only ten years ago in 1996 residential burglaries totaled 95.

Auto theft is also down 19% and other burglaries (like shoplifting or thefts from containers) are down 16 %. For the first time since 1997 there were no arson cases reported in Duarte.

Although we have seen an increase in auto burglaries, this is not a unique phenomenon to Duarte and has been on an increase along foothill cities in the San Gabriel Valley. The Public Safety Department has concentrated its efforts with LASD, and other specialized units in an effort to find and arrest those responsible for these crimes. Although not uncommon to see an increase in auto burglaries, law enforcement will do anything within its power to insure the citizens of Duarte and the community remain safe and that this problem is remedied.

Residential Burglaries are down approximately 47% compared to last year (2005).

Auto thefts are down approximately 19% compared to last year (2005)

Other burglaries are down approximately 16% compared to last year (2005).

Vehicle burglaries are up approximately 65% compared to last year (2005).

Grand Theft is up approximately 19% compared to last year (2005).

Stay informed or keep us informed! E-mail us your crime tips or receive our neighborhood watch alerts. To subscribe e-mail us your name, home address, phone number, and e-mail address to the Duarte Public Safety Office at DuarteCrimeTips@lasd.org.

Are you prepared for a natural disaster?

Following a catastrophic disaster, you and your family may be on your own for a period of time before local assistance may be rendered to you. For the initial period following a disaster, individuals, households and neighborhoods may need to rely on their own for resources such as, food, water, shelter and first aid for at least seven to ten days.

Create a disaster plan and put it into action with your family, identify a meeting location outside of your home, choose an out-of-state relative to serve as a “check-in contact”. Assemble a disaster supply kit with enough supplies to last seven days.

The kit should include the following items: non-perishable food, foods for infants, elderly persons, and or persons with special diets. Be sure to store canned foods in a dry place where temperature is cool. Boxed food should be stored in a tightly closed plastic or metal container. Kitchen accessories should also be included along with cooking utensils, matches and a can opener. One gallon of water per person, per day. It is recommended that you purchase commercially bottled water for safest and more reliable use. Portable battery operated radio or television, flashlight and extra batteries. First Aid kit and manual, sanitation and hygiene items, extra clothing and sturdy shoes. Special needs items, such as prescription medications and eyeglasses. Be sure to re-think your family needs every year and update your kit as needed.

Secure your home, evaluate any potential structural hazards, repair damaged property, and locate where to turn off your utilities if it is safe to do so. Install smoke alarms near bedrooms and remember to test them monthly and change the batteries two times a year.

Being prepared for a natural disaster can reduce fear, anxiety and monetary losses.

Take your first step in preparing for a disaster; reduce your risk of injury or death by taking the necessary precautions to ensure your safety.

Join Duarte Public Safety at its Second Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair on April 14 at the Duarte IHOP parking lot from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The event features a variety of booths that focus on different ways for families to be prepared and keep their homes and families safe. Be Prepared!

For more information contact Bertha Marquez at Duarte Public Safety, (626) 359-5671 ext. 301.

Free training opportunities for Duarte residents

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

The C.E.R.T. program will be offered at Westminster homes 1420 Santo Domingo Ave. during three consecutive Saturdays in April 14, 21, and 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The curriculum is designed to help you protect yourself, your family, your neighbors and your neighborhood in an emergency situation. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens may initially be on their own and their actions can make a difference. While people will respond to others in need without the training, one goal of the CERT program is to help them do so effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger. In the CERT training, citizens learn to: manage utilities and put out small fires, treat the three medical killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock, provide basic medical aid, search for and rescue victims safely, organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective, collect disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts Register via phone by contacting Aida Torres at the Public Safety Office at (626) 359-5671 ext. 316, via e-mail a2torres@lasd.org. Training is sponsored by the LA County Fire Dept. For more information on upcoming classes visit www.lacofd.org.

PARENT EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

Parents will have an opportunity to learn on how they can become more involved in the School District this spring. Maldef trained and certified 21 parents as trainers in February. These parents will be offering parents an opportunity to participate in a 6 week Parent Educational Workshop. Workshop curriculum will include, how to work with the school district, how to become advocates for their children, and how to become more involved with their child’s school. Participants will also tour UCLA as part of the course. The workshop will be offered at Maxwell beginning Tues., April 17; at Andres Duarte beginning Wed., April 18; at Beardslee Thurs., April 19; and Duarte High School beginning Sat., April 21. The classes are open to parents at all school sites. Flyers will be distributed at each school site for reservations.

For more information contact Tom Reyes at (626) 305-0574 or Liz Reilly (626) 357-0708.

New helmets for kids for \$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.

Citrus Com. College

By Dr. Edward Ortell, President, Citrus Community College District Board of Directors

I was first elected to serve as the Duarte representative on the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees in 1969. At that time, the college was entering an era of significant change.

The campus was expanding, the student demographic was transforming, and curriculum was involving. It was an age of excitement and promise, not unlike today.

Now well into my tenth term as a board member, I have the privilege of being part of one of the most dynamic periods in Citrus College history. Great strides are being made in the area of technology, facility construction, community outreach, and government relations. Perhaps the most significant developments are those occurring in the area of curriculum.

This summer, the first of a unique series of classes will be introduced on campus. These classes are part of a new program that will enable students to earn a bachelor's degree from California State University, Long Beach without leaving the San Gabriel Valley.

Citrus College will soon offer five 400-level undergraduate classes from California State University, Long Beach on our college campus. These classes will assist students in earning a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Studies from CSULB, without having to commute over 30 miles.

The courses that Citrus College will offer are in the discipline of Professional Studies and will include PROF 410, Curriculum Development or Designated Subjects; PROF 411, Instruction and Evaluation for Designated Subjects; PROF 412, Advanced Program Development and Instruction; Prof 413, Foundations of Designated Subjects Credential Programs; and PROF 435, Principals of Adult Education. The remaining required courses can be taken at CSULB via distance education.

To become involved in this new program, students can either register solely for the CSULB courses or become co-enrolled at both Citrus College and the four year university. Those interested in learned about this special educational opportunity can call (626) 914-8700 for more information.

The CSULB baccalaureate program is only one of the many new developments taking place at Citrus College. From curriculum and construction to programs and services, the campus is ever changing. I would like to invite everyone to visit Citrus College and witness the progress being made first hand.

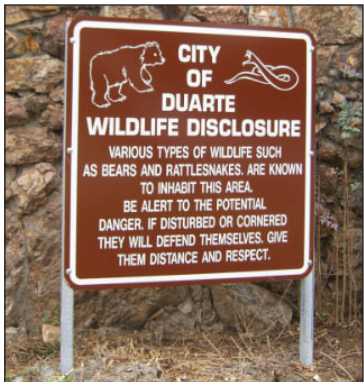
It has been an honor to represent you for the past 38 years, Duarte. Citrus College is your community college and I thank you for allowing me to be involved as we plan for its future.



DR. EDWARD ORTELL

Beware...

The City of Duarte recently installed several of these signs in the Duarte foothills to warn the public to beware of bears and other wildlife in the area.



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Senior Center Activities

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

HOT LUNCHES

The Duarte Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over age 60 or the spouse of someone over age 60. You must call 48 hours in advance to reserve space for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling (626) 357-3513. Check in for lunch must be conducted by 11:45 a.m. or the lunch will be given to someone on the waiting list. The suggested donation is \$2.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday by the American Red Cross or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information on either of these programs, please contact the Senior Center at (626)

357-3513 or the Red Cross at (626) 966-9526.

AMERICAN RED CROSS MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

If you possess a current CA driver’s license, have access to a personal vehicle, and proof of insurance, you are eligible to volunteer to pick up meals from a local retirement home and deliver to homebound seniors. (Meals are delivered M-F between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.) No special training is required, just a compassionate individual who will brighten the days of the recipient. To become a volunteer please contact the American Red Cross at (626) 966-9526.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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

TAX ASSISTANCE OFFERED
The Duarte Senior Center has trained counselors to help seniors with tackling tax forms. The counselors are available every Tuesday until tax day, so call the Center at (626) 357-3513 for an appointment. It’s important to come prepared with copies of last year’s tax forms, all forms that show income received, and all records of deductions including charitable contributions. Appointments are required.

55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING PROGRAM
The Duarte Senior Center, in cooperation with AARP, will be offering a 55 Alive Mature Driving class for persons 55 and older on Tuesday April 17 and Thursday, April 19 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This eight-hour class, split up in two four-hour sessions, is a comprehensive classroom driver re-training course geared to the specific needs of older motorists. Auto insurance companies are required by law to offer discounts to course graduates age 55 and

older. Attendance is required at both sessions. The cost is \$10 and reservations are required. For more information, please call the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

THE MONTHLY GOURMET
The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department partners with many local restaurants to provide an evening meal at the Duarte Senior Center. Participants have an opportunity to experiment with different restaurant menus while dining at the Center. The cost is \$5 per person. Senior citizens and their adult family members are welcome to participate. For more information, call the Center at (626) 357-3513.

CLASSES
The Duarte Senior Center will begin taking registration for the spring session of classes beginning on March 12, and classes will begin the week of March 26. Registration hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Classes are for 10 weeks unless otherwise noted. All classes are for adults 55 years and older. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS. Classes offered this spring will be: Art Appreciation, Arthritis Exercise, Ceramics, Crochet and Knitting, English as a Second Language, Exercise with Shelly, Guitar, Low Impact Aerobics, Piano/Keyboard, Piano private lessons, Spanish, Strength Training, Tai Chi, and Yoga with light weights.

EXCURSIONS
The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registration for Senior and Adult Excursions. Registration for all excursions is held at Duarte City Hall, on March 12 beginning at 7:30 a.m. for Duarte residents with proof of

residency. A driver’s license, California ID, or utility bills will be accepted as proof of residency. All others may begin registering at 9 a.m. All participants must provide proof of residency. No more than 4 participants can be registered at one time. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over \$30.

Senior trips include: The Flower Fields with Wagon Ride, Karl Strauss Brewery for Lunch and The Carlsbad Premium Outlets, Wednesday, April 11, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$49; Griffith Park Observatory, Thursday, April 26, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., \$21 (Plus \$5 cash due day of event.); Tour of Gardens at UC Riverside and Lunch, Thursday, May 3, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., \$53; “Hello Dolly” at the Glendale Center Theatre and Damons Restaurant for Dinner, Wednesday, May 23, 4:45 p.m.-10:30 p.m., \$57; Las Brisas and Sea Lion Marine Mammal Center, Thursday, June 7, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., \$36; and Fantasy Springs Casino, Wednesday, June 27, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., \$25.

MOTHER’S DAY TEA AND FASHION SHOW
On Wednesday, May 2 from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. the Duarte Senior Center will host a Mother’s Day Tea and Fashion Show. The beautiful day will start off with a fashion show given by Draper and Damon, and will be followed by a Tea. Family members are welcome to attend this event. The fee will be \$10 per person. Reservations must be made in person at the Senior Center.

SENIOR COED SOFTBALL TEAM
If you are interested in joining a coed softball team, please contact the Duarte Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 for more information. Practices will begin the end of March.

OPEN HOUSE

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) invites you to join the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project Team at an open house in your community.

Purpose: The purpose of the open house is to provide information and answer any questions that you may have about our upcoming Project. The Project Team will have maps and other material available for viewing. Please plan on attending one of the open houses listed below.

DATE: **Tuesday, April 25, 2007** TIME: **4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**
PLACE: **Duarte Community Center**
1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010

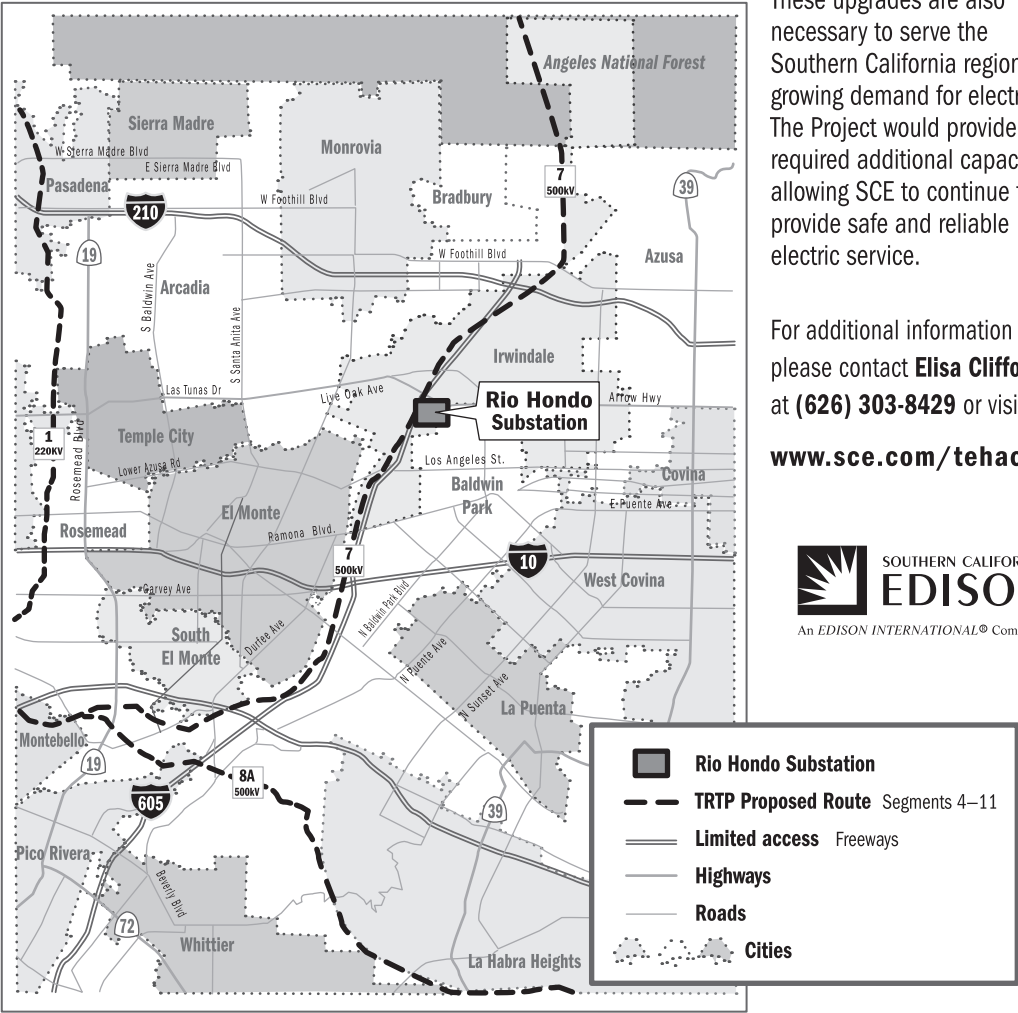
About the Project: The Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), which will interconnect renewable wind energy to the existing electric system, will help meet important state requirements concerning renewable resources. State law requires that at least 20% of the electricity SCE delivers to customers be produced by renewable sources by 2010. New and modified transmission facilities are needed to help the state meet the target.

In order to increase its ability to deliver this renewable wind energy to customers, SCE must upgrade its transmission lines and substations south of the Tehachapi Wind Resource Area by constructing the TRTP.

These upgrades are also necessary to serve the Southern California region’s growing demand for electricity. The Project would provide required additional capacity, allowing SCE to continue to provide safe and reliable electric service.

For additional information please contact **Elisa Clifford** at **(626) 303-8429** or visit:

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DUARTE YOUTH ACRES directors, parents, coaches and umpires in a photo taken between 1958 and 1959. Back Row, left to right: Louis Meister, J. A. (Monty) Montgomery, Elwood (Andy Anderson), Carlyle (Carl) Falkenberg, Donald Kehler, Tom Densham, John Lee, Bob Grush. Front Row, left to right: Mary Falkenberg, George (Jerry) Burrows, Nancy Burrows, Tom Clark, Dorothy Montgomery, Mike Michaels, Charles Green, Louise Hewitt, Mrs. Charles Green.

Youth Acres

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was confined to the boundaries of a 50-foot lot and paved streets without sidewalks."

Despite lobbying by the community for the County to build a park, by 1948, it was evident that whatever was to be done would have to be done by the community itself. It took five years of community fundraising and volunteer labor for Duarte Youth Acres to become fully functional. By then, the population has swelled to more than 10,500. The same Duarte newsletter article, stated: "There are more children in Duarte elementary this year than the official population of Duarte in 1940."

An old real estate building was purchased for \$200 and moved on to the property. Duarte dads pitched into wire, plaster and paint the structure. Once completed, it became a meeting hall for organizations in service to the community's youth including the YMCA, Scouts and the Duarte Community Service Council, the latter, the major force behind the establishment of Duarte Youth Acres and its objective to be of "available to groups under adult leadership from all areas of the community, regardless of race, creed, or color."

Energized by what they had accomplished, Duarte Youth Acres parents continued their volunteering efforts on behalf of Duarte Youth Acres while also immersing themselves in additional activities to help improve community life.

"The original idea for incorporation came out of community discussions at Duarte Youth Acres," said Meister. "Walter Hendricks, who was chairman of Duarte Youth Acres became the City's first mayor. After that, a number of people got involved in politics," he said.

Donald Kehler, a Duarte Youth Acres coach, ran for City Council in the first election and lost. But when one of the victors, Robert Swain, resigned the same night that he was sworn in, Kehler, as the next highest vote getter was appointed to the job and served on the Council until 1968. Other Duarte Youth Acres dads who served on the City Council were Elwood (Andy) Anderson, Carlyle Falkenberg, J. A. (Monty) Montgomery and William "Bill" Lancaster. Lancaster, whose son was in the league, "got his start as one of our umpires," said Meister. He was elected to the City Council in 1958 and served three terms as mayor. In 1972, he was elected to the State Assembly where over

a 20-year career he worked to protect local government finances and fought for the extension of the 210 Foothill Freeway. A portion of the 210 Freeway from Duarte to the I-15 is named after him.

Displaying a photo that he had recently discovered after long ago tucking it away with other mementos of the past, Meister pointed out and named the people in the picture taken "around '58-'59" of a group of Duarte Youth Acres parents – coaches, umpires, directors and moms. Young and smiling, the group included Kehler, Falkenberg, Montgomery, Anderson, and another well-known Duarte name, Louise Hewitt, who went on to serve the community's needy families for more than 50 years as a volunteer member and, for many years, president of the Duarte Community Service Council.

Another photo unearthed shows the late Hardie Lee, a longtime resident of the Davis Addition and a member of the YMCA's "Y's Men" group standing alongside a team of boys. Lee, an athlete in his own right as a youth, was very instrumental in the building of the ball field, as a coach and adviser to Duarte Youth Acres and in helping to bring children from the Davis Addition into the league. His own son, Hardie Lee, Jr. advanced through the teams and grew up to be a star athlete at Duarte High School.

Another star Duarte Youth Acres alumnus was young Bill Melton who played Little League on the Duarte Braves team and carried his love for baseball into the big leagues. A big hitter, "Beltin' Bill," spent most of his career as a third baseman for the Chicago White Sox, and spent the last two years with the California Angels and Cleveland Indians. In 1971, he led the American League with 33 home runs. He is now a commentator for Comcast Sports White Sox broadcasts.

Whether any of today's DYAC players will realize big league dreams is anyone's guess, but the dreams and hard work, volunteerism and support of parents, civic and community leaders, continues to ensure that Duarte children have safe places to play and opportunity to learn teamwork and good sportsmanship.

The City has grown quite a bit in the past 50 years. Today, Duarte's population of more than 22,000, can enjoy 12 parks and sports fields, a bike and equestrian trail, community pool, fitness center, Teen Center and dozens of sports and recreation activities for children of all ages available throughout the year. But it's important to remember, how it all started not that long ago.

Recreation Spring Classes

The Duarte Recreation Department offers classes to adults, teens, children and families.

Spring recreation classes to be offered will include Arts & Crafts, Amazing Arts, Babysitter Training, Ballet, Belly Dancing, Cha Cha Dance, Cheer & Dance, Cooking the Fun & Healthy Way, Dog Obedience, Folklorico, Guitar, Hip Hop Dance, Homework Helper, Kids Love Soccer, Let's Get Movin', Mini Picassos, Polynesian Dance, Racquetball, Salsa Dance, Skateboarding, Tennis, Theater Workshop and Tumbling.

Registration for the spring session of classes begins March 12 and is on a first come, first served basis.

Mail-in registration is available. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over \$30. Classes will begin the week of March 26.

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

FOLKLORICO dancers have fun wearing traditional costumes and make-up during performances.

Duarte Woman's Club Woman of the Year



JEAN GLASS, left, accepts the traditional Duarte Woman's Club Woman of the Year bracelet from last year's recipient **Marion Stone**. Glass, who taught at Light & Life School for 34 years, joined the Woman's Club in 2001 and has been an active member since. The presentation was made at the Club's 58th Anniversary Dinner held at Duarte Denny's. Past Women of the Year and Past Presidents were also honored.

Photo by Claudia Heller



The Gas Company says SCAQMD proposal to change Natural Gas Quality Standards would hurt the economy

If the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) implements a draft proposal to obtain emissions reductions by regulating natural gas quality specifications – a regulatory responsibility of the California Public Utility Commission – the region could lose 20 percent of its current natural gas supplies, according to Southern California Gas Co. (The Gas Company).

This would cause the region's natural gas cost to increase an estimated \$215 million a year and, with the loss of potential future natural gas supplies, increase this cost to \$450 million a year, the utility said.

In April, the SCAQMD board is expected to vote on the draft Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP), which includes two proposed control measures that clearly are intended to establish a different natural gas fuel specification within the South Coast Air District. The Gas Company agrees with the SCAQMD that air quality in southern California must be improved and believes that developing additional supplies of natural gas is essential to im-

proving the air quality, a position the SCAQMD has supported.

The loss of Rocky Mountain and local California natural gas supplies to meet the specifications will cost southern California consumers millions of dollars. Because the SCAQMD's proposed standard would reduce the sources of supply available to meet customer needs, it also could affect the reliability of natural gas service through southern California.

The Gas Company urges its business customers to contact the SCAQMD Governing Board members and let them know how increased natural gas cost will affect their businesses specifically,

and the community in general.

Rather than continuing to pursue these very costly and speculative control measures, businesses should urge the Board to take the proposed control measures related to natural gas specifications out of the draft Air Quality Control Management.

Plan and direct staff to work with The Gas Company to find a more appropriate and cost effective plan to address any problems that many arise.

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

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Fee schedule on request.

Duarte Rotary victory 20 years ago opened doors to women in service clubs

Women who today enjoy membership in community service clubs and the organizations fortunate enough to have them as members can thank the Duarte Rotary Club for making it possible.

Before 20 years ago women were barred from membership in service clubs such as the Rotary,

Kiwanis, Lions and others. But that changed on May 4, 1987 when the tiny Duarte Rotary Club that had been stripped of its charter by Rotary International for daring to admit three women to membership 10 years earlier, won a landmark victory in the United States Supreme Court that ended gender discrimination in

service clubs.

On Friday, May 4, in conjunction with the City's 50th anniversary celebration, the Duarte Rotary will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision. At 4 p.m., a forum will be held at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr., featuring some of the key participants in the court battle who will discuss the landmark case. Historic video clips of the national news coverage of the Supreme Court decision will also be shown. The public is invited to attend. Admission is free.

For information about Duarte Rotary, call club president Cecilia Arnerich, (626) 599-5055.

Pre-Licensing School opens its doors

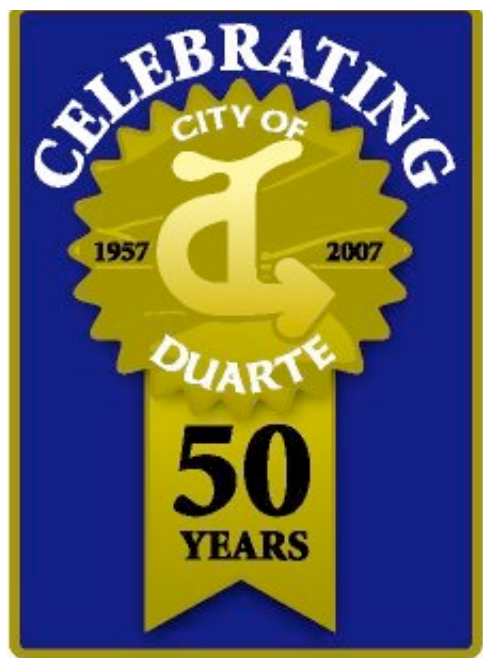
Aware of the need for a structured and comprehensive real estate licensing program, Century 21 Adams & Barnes announces the integration of a pre-licensing and career development school to their Monrovia office. The course is designed for those wishing to obtain a Real Estate license and successfully achieve a career in the any fields offered within the Real Estate industry.

Why the program? According to General Manager and instructor Hugo Torres, "We receive many calls at our office about the upcoming licensing changes the state will enact. Many people, including past clients, have inquired about achieving their real

estate license and we are happy to answer our community's needs by creating and implementing this program. For approximately 6 to 8 weeks, students will be immersed in the field of Real Estate and get a taste for the daily lives and activities of Realtors®, property managers and loan officers."

Live instruction is held on Thursday evenings (7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) at Century 21 Adams and Barnes Monrovia facility located at 433 W. Foothill Blvd. (corner of Foothill and Mayflower).

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MOUNTAIN VISTA PLAZA

Bibb Deployed to Afghanistan

Kevin M. Bibb, a member of the Arizona National Guard, was recently deployed to Afghanistan where he will spend a year flying armed aerial support to ground troops.

CW3 Bibb, a Longbow Apache helicopter instructor pilot, was born and raised in Duarte and graduated from Duarte High

School in 1983. He completed his bachelor's degree at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and his Master Degree in Project Management from Keller Graduate School of Management. His family including his wife, Robin and three children, Amanda, Lauren and Andrew, live in the Phoenix area.



CW3 KEVIN BIBB

Campbell-Meyer Engagement Announced



MATTHEW SCOTT MEYER and GENELLE ERAINA CAMPBELL

Genelle Eraina Campbell and Matthew Scott Meyer recently announced their engagement.

Ms. Campbell graduated from Cal-Poly Pomona in June 2006 with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration with a focus in Finance and Real Estate and Business Law. She is currently employed by Caltech

in Pasadena in the Contracts and Procurement Department.

Mr. Meyer graduated from the Fire Department Academy in 2006 and is employed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory Fire Department.

The couple will be married on June 2, 2007 at Sierra LaVerne Country Club.

YMCA Kicks Off Annual Support Campaign

Santa Anita Family YMCA board members and local business leaders Diane Balsamo and Janet Cerswell have teamed to co-chair the nonprofit organization's 2007 Support Campaign, themed Shaping the Generations.

Balsamo is a home loan consultant with Countrywide in Pasadena. Cerswell is an escrow officer with Monrovia Escrows in Monrovia.

The campaign goal is to raise \$120,000 to support the Monrovia-based SAFYMCA's Financial Assistance Program. The program helps ensure that anyone in need of YMCA programs or services can receive them regardless of their ability to pay full fee. Last year, the SAFYMCA raised \$100,000 in the annual support campaign and provided more than \$101,000 in scholarship assistance to help deserving kids and families within its service area communities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte, and Monrovia utilize the SAFYMCA's programs and services. Such services include the licensed after-school child care program, swimming, sports programs, camps and exercise programs.

"The SAFYMA plays an important role in the lifeblood of the communities we serve," said Damon Colaluca, SAFYMCA chief executive officer. "Each year the number of kids and families who need YMCA financial assistance increases. The generous support of those who are able, helps ensure that every kid has an opportunity to grow up healthy and that families thrive in our community," he said.

The SAFYMCA is located at 501 S. Mountain Ave. The facility is open 7 days a week, 96 hours a week and offers dozens of sports programs, exercise classes and activities on a member and non-member basis for children, teens, adults, seniors and people with special needs. It also offers free on-site supervised child-care while members use the facility.

For more information about contributing to the Santa Anita Family YMCA Support Campaign, or to learn more about any of the programs or services offered by the SAFYMCA, call (626) 359-9244, or visit the Santa Anita Family YMCA web site at www.safymca.org.

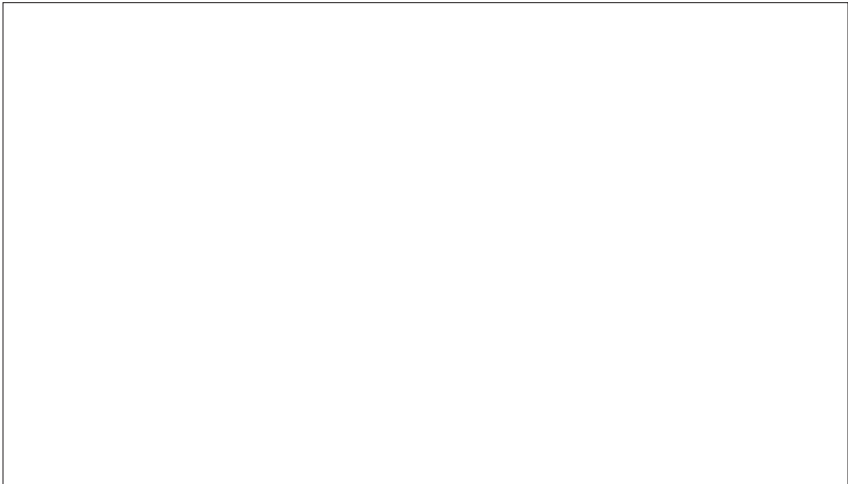


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From the desk
of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

DUARTE SCHOOLS ARE RACING TO THE FRONT!

Too often, magazines and newspapers are quick to write about what they see as wrong with schools today. I would like to thank the Duarte View for the opportunity to talk about what is right with our schools. Please indulge me while I describe my top five right things in the Duarte Unified School District.

Number 5 – Five outstanding community members serve as our School Board. They oversee a budget of over 30 million dollars, for our 4,378 students. These Board members evaluate our progress, boldly face current issues, and support creative solutions.

Number 4 – School administrators lead the eight schools in the district, overseeing the instructional practices and the curriculum, as well as coordinating meetings and making sure that all students feel connected.

Number 3 – Our classified staff members are wonderful. This team, consisting of administrative assistants, food service workers, aides, custodians and many others work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure all of the students in Duarte are served.

Number 2 – Duarte teachers are some of the finest professionals in any school district, period. You will often find them working late into the evening, or on weekends, thinking of the very best way to teach your children.

Number 1 – Our students! Every month there are examples of outstanding work by our students, but this month is special. You have probably already heard about the Duarte High School League Champion football team and volleyball team. Did you know that our girls' soccer team made it to CIF? And, in case you haven't heard, our Academic Decathlon Team finished 5th in the Los Angeles County area, competing against much larger schools.

I am very impressed with the effort of our students, and the support from some great teachers, coaches and parents!

Here are some of the upcoming events in the district:

Our annual Spelling Bee will be on March 1 at the Performing Arts Center.

Believe or not, Open Houses are coming up. Mark your calendars for:

- April 3, Duarte High School and Mt. Olive High School
- April 4, Northview Intermediate
- April 25, Andres Duarte, Beardslee, Maxwell, Valley View elementaries
- May 1, Royal Oaks – Kindergarten
- May 31, Royal Oaks – Elementary



DR. DEAN CONKLIN

Beardslee's
Big Heart

By Wendy Wright, Principal

When it comes to giving, the Beardslee community is really incredible!

Whether it is donating of their time or generously giving to a cause; they do what is needed to get the job done. Recent events are prime examples of "Beardslee generosity".

During December, our Student Council decided to have a toy drive. It was announced at one of our Friday morning assemblies and before long we were deluged with new toys for the less fortunate.

Mr. Erich Trapp, advisor, and Divine D'Ambrosia, President, led the efforts to collect so many gifts that we needed to divide the donation sites.

Bags of toys didn't fill a sleigh but more than filled Mr. Scott Moses' car as he delivered them to the Foster Care Project, Spark of Love (LA County Fire Dept) and finally an organization that donated toys to military families with significant ones overseas.

In January, we received a call from a parent of a former Beardslee student. Kari Thomas, now serving in Iraq spends her



TALENT SHOW participants Alynna Mendoza, Alyssa Driggers, Michelle Esquivel, Reyna Alvarado, Adrienne Guerra, and Jennifer Colin finish up their dance with a flair.



JUST A FEW OF THE 634 pairs of shoes are ready to be sent to the children orphanage in Iraq.

free time working with orphans. Noting that shoes were a desperate need for the children, she asked mom if we could help.

We began a campaign, "Operation Care Bear" collecting footwear for the Iraqi children. Beardslee families stepped up and donated 632 pairs of shoes to Mary Thomas to send off to Iraq for the children.

A recent email from Kari says it all, "I just wanted to let you know how deeply thankful I am that your staff, children and parents of Beardslee are so helpful in the mission of helping the Iraqi people. I never thought the outcome could be this great. If you were only here to see the children's faces when they receive the gifts. They are truly thankful for everything."

February marked our second Parent Potluck and Workshop for the school year.

Our Beardslee Parent Staff Association sponsored the event that welcomed families for an evening to dine and learn together.

We had some delicious food and were able to raise a great deal of money for class field trips through our silent

auction. Teachers created themed baskets from student donations that were on the auction block. Parent volunteers, Kathy Jones, Maria Romo, Ana Urias spent several mornings decoratively packaging the exquisite baskets. Examples of baskets auctions were Family Fun Night, A Night at the Movies and "Disneyland for 4". A good time was had by all and, in addition, we learned about Internet Safety from Del Harvey.

Further evidence of the giving ways of the Beardslee community is the countless hours is a parent volunteer, Mrs. Suzette D'Ambrosia gave to ensure our site was well represented in the district-wide Talent Show. Students participants Arie yana Moore, Ana Marie Anton, Amanda Sanchez, Angela Gregory, Kimberly Oivarez, Devine D'Ambrosia, Dominique D'Ambrosia, Janisha Martin, Stephanie Esquivel, Gabriela Acosta, Alyssa Driggers, Alynna Mendoza, Jennifer Colin, Amanda Garcia, Autumn Bias, Karissa Galves, and Angelica Valdez spent many afternoons until 5:00 practicing for our site Talent Show.

It is inspiring to see how much charity one school can generate! Because of our community, our school and the world is a little better place to live. We are so appreciative of everything that everyone gives to make Beardslee a place where greatness begins.

After school fun, exercise and
learning at Andres Duarte

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

Andres Duarte is pleased to welcome a new member into our family. Anu Atluri has joined us as full time coordinator for our new after school program. Ms. Atluri is a graduate of Claremont College Graduate University and plans to be an elementary teacher.

In partnership with the non-profit organization, THINK Together, supported by Proposition 49 funds, Andres Duarte is now providing an exciting after school program for students that includes homework and academic assistance, recreation, and arts and crafts, in addition to fun programs in Math and Reading. Ms. Atluri comes to us from the THINK Together Foundation and will coordinate all aspects of the program including student recruitment, supervising Program Leaders and planning activities.

In addition to our new THINK Together program students at Andres Duarte are gearing up for the city track meet with after school practice provided by volunteer teachers. Andres Duarte has won first place in the city track meet for the last two years and the students and staff are confident we

will bring home the trophy once again. After school track practice is also an excellent opportunity for our students to receive additional exercise and learn skills they can some day use on the track team in high school or just to maintain lifelong fitness.

Duarte Parks and Recreation also provide after schools sports opportunities at Andres Duarte and have just begun their basketball season for both girls and boys.

The Andres Duarte Advanced kids have been meeting after school with our Literacy Coach and have just completed a school newspaper complete with news articles, an advice column, comics section and book reviews. Students went on a field trip to the San Gabriel Valley Tribune offices to see how a real newspaper is prepared and printed. Students enjoyed the experience and we are confident there are a few budding journalist in the group.



SECOND GRADERS AT Andres Duarte win ribbons at school track meet. Left to right, Bryan Corea, Leslie Abad, and Chelsea Rios.



BPSA PRESIDENT Kathy Jones explains our first annual silent auction.

Dental examinations
for new students

By Bill Johnson, RN, MSN, Coordinator, Health Services

All new school students in California are now required to have a dental evaluation done by a dentist or other licensed or registered dental health provider.

This new law (AB 1433) was passed last year and took effect on January 1, 2007.

It applies to all Kindergarten students and First Grade students

who never attended Kindergarten.

Parents must get this evaluation done, and give a copy of the report to their child's school, by May 31 2007 for all newly enrolled students.

If a child has a regular dentist, evaluations or examinations done

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Child Development Programs

Male Role Model Day 2007
Another Success

By Bobbi Brzozowski, Director

A total of 90 dads, grandpas and uncles participated in our Third Annual Male Role Model Day January 26.

Dads spent the day with their preschoolers at school helping with everything from the reading circle to crafts to soccer to lessons in food preparation.

The preschoolers were wide-eyed with wonder at seeing their dads at school. Our thanks to Maria Valdez, Elizabeth Delgado, each of our classroom teachers and aides, and to our wonderful Head Start and State Preschool families for making Male Role Model Day 2007 a success.

DUARTE USD HEAD
START PARTICIPATES IN
NATIONAL HEAD START
DIRECTORS VISIT

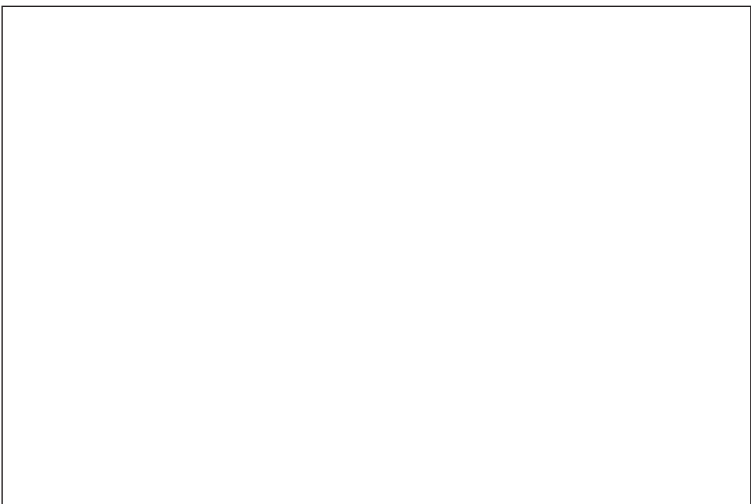
National Office of Head Start Director, Mr. Channell Wilkins paid a visit to the Los Angeles County Office of Educations Head Start Grantee February 2.

During his visit he had an opportunity to view informational boards from the Duarte USD Head Start Program. Student artwork by Duarte preschoolers adorned the walls at the County Office to honor Mr. Wilkins.

A professional video production about Head Start in Los Angeles County featured Duarte Head Start Policy Committee chairperson Emy Lou as one of three current Head Start parents from throughout Los Angeles County speaking on behalf of Head Start for Mr. Wilkins.

He met Duarte USD Head Start parents and staff and learned of the involvement of the Duarte USD Board of Education, Head Start Policy Committee and the DUSD administrative staff in our Head Start program.

What a proud day for Duarte



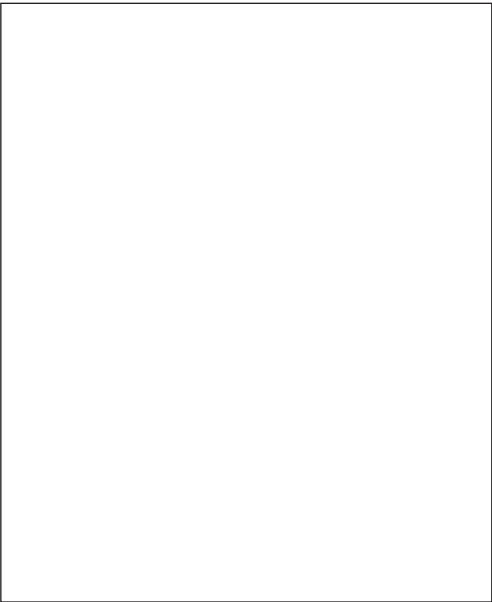
PRESCHOOL FATHER Jose Ramirez of Mrs. Viden’s classroom works with students during Head Start/State Preschool Male Role Model Day.

USD Head Start!

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PLANNING

Interested State Preschool and Head Start parents have formed task forces to review, discuss and provide input to the curriculum used in our State Preschool and Head Start programs.

Parents are encouraged to take a look at the curriculum used in their preschooler’s classrooms to understand what their children are learning, to provide input to areas they feel are important, and to know how they can support their



CARLOS SANCHEZ, father from Mrs. Castro’s State Preschool classroom at Andres Duarte, helps students peel and paste stickers to take home.

child’s progress through the curriculum.

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Duarte USD Head Start and State Preschool serves three and four-year-old children from low income families.

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Head Start students must be Duarte residents. Head Start provides services to children who have disabilities.

For more information, or to apply, call (626) 599-5120. Hablamos espanol. Call soon!



STATE PRESCHOOL DADS from Mrs. Martinez’ classroom at Beardslee come to school with their preschoolers for Male Role Model Day.



MS. ALICIA FIELDS, Northview Counselor

Hurray! Northview
has a counselor!

By Miriam Fox, Principal

Thanks to recent state legislation (Assembly Bill 1802), Northview School now has an academic counselor. For the six years that I have served as Northview principal, I have wanted to find some way to fund a counseling position, but personnel costs are expensive and financial resources are scarce. So when AB 1802 provided supplemental counseling support for districts, Duarte was one of the first to get on board. The primary legislative purpose of this program is to ensure that all students have academic counseling support that will enable them to promote to the next grade, pass the high school exit exam and graduate from high school. At our school, this counselor is charged with the responsibility of holding individual conferences with parents and students at risk of not promoting and/or who are scoring Far Below Basic in either English language arts or mathematics on the California Standards Test. During these meetings a plan will be developed to ensure the student is provided with every opportunity and resource necessary to meet promotion criteria. This task alone will provide a very valuable service to our students, however our counselor will also be involved in a variety of other student support activities including but certainly not limited to: participation in Student Success Team meetings, providing crisis intervention for students, helping to coordinate school wide intervention activities such as Saturday School, staff development, parent education and providing counseling support to middle school students attending Mt. Olive Continuation School. It is important to remember that regardless of the availability of funding and program guidelines, what will make this position invaluable to students will be the quality of service provided by the individual selected for the position. I am pleased to say that our selection is a guaranteed winner! The new counselor is Ms. Alicia Fields, who although new to the position is not new to our school. For the past five years Ms. Fields has served at Northview as a long-term substitute teacher, special education teacher, special education department chairperson, summer school principal and administrative designee. Alicia feels a strong connection to our community especially since she is a former resident of Duarte and her mother is a teacher at Maxwell Elementary. If you were to ask her former students to describe her no doubt some of the adjectives they would use are: caring, strict, fun,

motivating, “on top of it”. Well-educated at one of the west coast “Ivy League” universities, UCLA, she holds a B.A. degree, teaching credential, counseling credential and masters of arts degree. All of which is irrelevant unless she is also highly competent which she is! This highly enthusiastic educator is always willing to go the extra mile to assist one of her young charges. She, like all of us at Northview, is here to serve you and your children. If you have any questions about this new position or simply would like to get to know Ms. Fields please give her a call at (626) 599-5600.

Valley View

By Robin Nelson, Principal

Spring is the beginning of some new and traditional programs at Valley View. Attendance is important to student success, we want to improve attendance and reward students for the extra effort they display. A generous spirit is displayed by the Valley View student commitment to helping the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society annual fundraising efforts.

We have started a new Attendance Incentive program to encourage students to come to school every day and to help reduce the number of tardies and absences. Each classroom will work towards spelling “800 is for Valley View” and “799 just won’t do!” These phrases tie into our goal to reach an API score of 800 on the California Standards Tests this spring. Each day the classroom has perfect attendance (no absences/no tardies), they will receive one letter/number of the phrase to be posted in the classroom. When they have spelled the entire first phrase, they will be rewarded with either an ice cream party or a free dress day. The classrooms may earn as many ice cream parties and/or free dress days as possible through the end of the year. Thank you to our faithful parents for continued support in getting children to school every day and on time.

Our school is participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Pasta for Pennies program. The students will bring in pennies (or any other monetary value) to help raise funds for blood cancer research and patient services. The top fundraising classrooms, based on the amount donated, can win an ice cream party, pizza lunch or classroom luncheon provided by Olive Garden. If our school is the top fundraising school we may be in a Radio Disney Rally. Thank you all for the support in this worthy cause.

Dental

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up to one year before enrollment are acceptable.

Children and parents need to pay attention to their dental health at an early age.

Even though the baby teeth will soon fall out, cavities and other dental problems can still cause life long problems if not treated. The California Dental Association states that tooth decay is the number 1 chronic health problem of children.

Even children who do not complain of pain may have dental problems that need treatment. Children suffering from

dental pain have trouble learning in school and may develop other more serious medical conditions.

Here in Duarte we have always considered dental health to be important.

Each year dentists from our community volunteer their time to screen students at our elementary schools. They willingly donate their time because they recognize the importance of starting life with good dental health.

For many years Duarte School District has set an example for other school districts in promoting dental health.

Starting in 2007, all school districts must now pay attention to the dental health of their

students.

This year the school screenings took place in February and did meet the requirements of the new law.

Children who missed the school screenings will have to get their dental evaluation done elsewhere.

For families without insurance several of our local dentists have offered low cost school dental screenings in their offices. Other sources of dental care are also available.

If you need assistance you can contact your child’s school health office for assistance. You can also contact your local dentist or the school district Health Services Center for more information.

Duarte High School AcaDeca team takes fifth place trophy in county competition

By Dr. William Martinez, Principal

We are very proud to announce that the Duarte High School Academic Decathlon Team placed fifth in the 2006-2007 Los Angeles County Competition. The award was presented to the team and the advisor, Mr. Robert Grebel, by Dr. Darline Robles, Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools at the annual awards banquet at the Quiet Canyon Country Club in Montebello on February 8. The team brought home the fifth place trophy. It is its best showing ever. The team also brought home a second trophy. They finished third in the tough Super Quiz Competition. Alberto Herrera led the team with four individual medals; Amber Nicholson and Hayden McFarlane collected two individual medals each, while Amy Morano and Anooj Patel each received one medal. Individual medals are given to students who receive the top three scores in anyone of ten academic areas. Other members of the team are: Evan Finlay, Pam Vila, Daniel Colin, Amber Nicholson, Ryan Marapao, Talin Darkjian, Hayden McFarlane, Michael Manahan, Rowena Vides, Lindsay Sandoval, Alberto Herrera, Nadia Lie, Amy Morano, Anooj Patel, Victor Moreno and Lucas Biondi. Congratulations!!!! You make us proud.

In my last article, I led you to believe that Duarte High School was waiting to find the results of whether we would receive one major award this year or not-“The Distinguished School Award.” We are still waiting for the result. It may take a couple of more months for us to receive the news. You know I am not that young!!! This is heart wrenching!!!! Well, shortly after I wrote this column several months ago, we received a letter from the California Department of Education informing us, requesting us, to apply for another major state award. The award is the Title I Academic Achievement Award. We completed the application and the narrative. The time line to complete the application and narrative was two days. We received the application on a Wednesday, and it was due in Sacramento on the Friday of the same week (by 5 p.m.) We are also waiting for the results of that competition. The state promised me that we would know the results in March. I am so proud of our students, parents and staff members for a job well done.

We are also very proud to have UCLA play a prominent role on our campus. Dr. Robert Cooper, a Duarte High School alumni and UCLA professor, will be working with our students. Our common goal is to increase the number of students attending four-year colleges. Mrs. Terri Jenkins, Assistant Principal, is the lead staff person on the staff.

OTHER STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Mr. Robert Grebel, of math and AcaDeca fame, was elected to the National Honor Roll Outstanding American Teachers. Mr. Joe Kenney was recognized for his recycling efforts at the

Business Recycling Awards luncheon in Pomona. Mr. Joe Kenney and senior Victoria Jacobs Robles, on behalf of all the students at Duarte High School, were recognized by the Board of Education for the generous donation of \$1,600 to Habitat for Humanity. Mike Harris and Jermaine Thomas signed letters of intent. Mike signed with UCLA. Jermaine signed with Fresno State. Mike will remain local so that we can continue to enjoy his talents. Good luck, Mike. Beat that other school (USC) next year. Again!!!!!! Good luck Jermaine! Beat SC!

The Montview League announced its All League Athletic selections for the fall sports. In volleyball, Justine Goldsmith was selected the Montview League’s Most Valuable Player. The fabulous twins Ashley and Allison Cucuiat made the All League first team, while the Amanda’s Carta and Leonard made Honorable Mention. In football, Brandon Lee and Mike Harris were selected co-MVP’s of the league. Falcons on the All League first team were: Mario Ortega, Aaron Funez, Jermaine Thomas, Mashad Miller, Sean Gatlin, Austin Goldsmith and Andrew Vasquez. Alex Palacios, Andrew Viotti, Justin Lozano and Darius Reese made the second team All League. Congratulations to all for a job well done.

The Montview League also recognized the league’s scholar athletes. The league recognized 13 Falcons. They were Emily Still, Herman Gutierrez, Francisco Hurtado, Janelle Sales, Maral Darkjian, Talian Darkjian, Amber Nicholson, Yogini Patee, Allison Cucuiat, Fernanda Morales, Steve Venegas, John Ongchangco and Marion Ortega. Congratulations!

The school calendar for this quarter:

- March –
- 20, Tues. – California High School Exit Exam
- 21, Wed. – California High School Exit Exam
- 22, Thurs., 7 p.m. – DHS Presentation to Board of Education, Community Center
- 27, Tues., 3 p.m. – School Site Council, Main Office
- 30, Fri. – 3rd Quarter ends
- April –
- 3, Tues., 5 p.m. – Parents AP/Honors meeting, Library; 6:30 p.m. – Open House
- 4, Wed., 7 p.m. – PTSA meeting, Main Office
- 5, Thurs., 8:30 a.m. – Exito Latino meets, Main Office; Grades mailed home; Early Release Day
- 9-13 – Spring Break
- 19, Thurs. – Early Release Day
- 24, Tues., 3 p.m. – School Site Council meeting, Main Office
- May –
- 2, 7 p.m. – PTSA meeting, Main Office
- 3, Thurs., 8:30 a.m. – Exito Latino meets, Main Office; Early Release Day
- 4, Fri. – Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- Until next time, only the best,
- Dr. M

Mount Olive is the place to be

By Kevin Morris, Principal

That’s right! Mount Olive is the place to be. We are Duarte’s own WASC accredited, California Model Continuation High School.

Our goal is to provide all students with a quality education, help them earn their high school diploma, enroll into a post secondary or vocational school, gain meaningful employment, and equip them with the tools to take on life’s many challenges.

Here are just a few of the wonderful activities and programs going on this year at Mount Olive.

One of the first things you will notice when driving by Mount Olive is the school’s makeover. The front entrance has been newly landscaped and a 7 ft. high, powdered- blue, rod-iron gate has replaced the old chain link fence.

We also planted grass, shrubs, and bushes in front of the new gate to give Mount Olive a new look.

Velma Pratt, Mount Olive’s office manager, has begun her ROP computer class which started February 13 and runs through June. The class is held every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Mount Olive computer lab.

Learn the skills you need to get that new job or just improve on your computer skills. Learn Microsoft Office Windows, Word, Publisher, Power Point, & Excel.

For more details, call Velma Pratt (626) 599-5902 about Fall 2007 registration.

Outreach Consultant, Marge Bloom, in collaboration with Citrus College, has developed a program, which recruits and

enrolls Mt. Olive students into Citrus College.

Guidance counselors from Citrus College give a presentation on the various academic courses offered and opportunities present for Mount Olive students. They help students complete the application process then return to Mount Olive to administer the Citrus College Online Placement Test. We currently have 6 students who have qualified for spring attendance at Citrus while concurrently enrolled at Mount Olive.

Citrus College is returning in April to enroll more students for the 2007 summer session.

Our most popular activity on campus is our “Mount Olive Job Club”. Supervised by social science teacher Lawrence Risley, the job club is held on Thursday’s during lunch and was created to help students learn how to gain employment, dress for interviews, write resumes, properly fill out applications, or just how to prepare for an interview. There are many issues students can discuss and the Mount Olive Job Club gives them the platform to do so.

Our goal at Mount Olive is to find employment for every student eligible to work.

If anyone in the community is interested in helping in anyway, please contact Lawrence Risley at (626) 599-5902.

Mount Olive English teacher Melinda Branch is in charge of Women’s Month activities during March. One of the more prestigious events on campus is the “Women’s Tea”. The event will be held on March 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and features guest speakers Lois Gaston, Duarte

Mayor; Pam Kawasaki, School Board President; Reyna Diaz, School Board member, and many other notable female community members.

These prominent leaders speak to our young ladies about etiquette, dressing for success, experiences as successful female leaders, and the many opportunities that exist for all women. If you are interested in supporting this event you can contact Melinda Branch at (626) 599-5902 for more information.

Teacher Fred Hawthorne and several Mount Olive students will be competing in the LA Marathon’s 26-mile bike tour sponsored by Acura on March 4. Mr. Hawthorne and his students will be participating to raise money for various notable charities and local city organizations like Duarte’s City of Hope Hospital. If you are interested in supporting this event as well, you can contact Fred Hawthorne at (626) 599-5902 for more information.

In our efforts to increase student recognition at Mt. Olive, several Duarte and Monrovia fast-food restaurants have pledged to donate gift cards to reward Mount Olive students at our monthly awards assemblies in the areas of academic achievement, citizenship, attendance and overall achievement. Mt. Olive would like to say thanks again for your support.

Great things are happening at Mt. Olive and we are slowly changing the culture of the alternative school into one with higher academic rigor, more community outreach, and student involvement. Mount Olive is the future of Alternative Education.



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Parents take an active interest in their children’s school at Maxwell

By Mary Gonzalez, Principal

Maxwell Elementary School has wonderful parents and in turn great parent involvement. Even before the school year began we had parents showing their support toward their children’s education.

Many parents attended our parent orientation in August. In October our School Sight Council president Elizabeth Cornejo coordinated our Chucky Cheese night. This great event served as a fundraiser but also gave parents and teachers a great opportunity to get to meet each other and renew old friendships.

Parents have shown their support and belief in the importance of their children’s education in several ways. Parent attendance at Back to School Night was outstanding. Parents showed their support by attending the district parent institute in November.

In December Maxwell students performed for their parents at the Performing Arts Center. They performed to a standing room only audience.

School Site Council meetings

have been especially interesting this year. We invited the parents of the second and third grade students to one of our School Site Council meetings to experience the Mind Institute.

Students played computer math games with their parents and then demonstrated what they have learned on the keyboards.

Parents are getting actively involved in the decision making process at our school. They make suggestions as to the types of activities they want to see for their children as well as ways to improve our school.

Currently they are involved in getting backpacks for every classroom. These backpacks will be used to carry our essential supplies in case of an emergency.

Parents are also given opportunities to talk to the staff and ask questions about anything at our informal brunches. These began in January and our first one was well attended.

Parents met Deputy Sheriff Art Valenzuela, who serves as a liaison between the school and Pamela Park. Future brunches

have been scheduled for once a month.

ESL adult classes began at Maxwell and have continued to be one of our most important programs. Mr. Jesus Gil, a Maxwell teacher, teaches English to more than 40 parents every week.

Computer classes are also being offered in response to the request of Maxwell parents. These classes began in January and are offered both in the morning and the evening.

Parents are learning to keyboard, navigate the internet, and explore educational web sites to help their children with their classes. They also are able to come in when children are not in the lab and practice their keyboarding skills.

Because parents asked for ideas as to how to discipline in positive ways we will begin in March a series of six workshops titled “Positive Discipline in The Home.”

Teachers and parents, together, ensure that a child succeeds in school. Maxwell students experiences great success.

Sixth grade students value commitment, dedication

By Deitra Reed, Principal

Sixth grade at Royal Oaks offers many opportunities for learning.

Outdoor Science School is a four-day experience of hands-on science study conducted in a living classroom.

Theories come to life with personal student observations and participation.

Months of preparation by the sixth grade teachers add meaningful experiences to textbook learning.

The excited discussions with students illustrate how much learning occurs during their time in the scenic hills of Malibu.

Sixth grade students enjoy Electives on Friday afternoon. College Bound students learn exactly what it takes to get into the college of their choice.

Mrs. White, Royal Oaks Outreach Consultant, motivates learning and stimulates futures with her informative discussions. Students set high academic goal for themselves and visualize how college life will be in just a few years.

Small group electives classes have guest speakers and hands-on experiences on the following topics: Technology, Finance, Music, Etiquette, Art Appreciation, Cooking, Jewelry Making and Volleyball.

Additionally, sixth graders are role models as they perform at PTA Founder’s Day, Talent Shows, Spirit Rallies and Track Meet events. They inspire our younger students on paired activities during Aparicio Field Day.

Peer Mediators help others on the playground with peaceful problem solving techniques. They learn the value of commitment, dedication and consistent effort.

With integrity and perseverance, we build a foundation for a bright future.

Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center has a lot of great activities happening this spring!

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

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

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

COMPUTER LAB

The Computer Lab located in the Duarte Teen Center is open Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 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 to play various games. There is also a scanner and printer available for use.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Students can always get involved in a variety of activities at the Duarte Teen Center!

Come watch a movie on our big screen TV! Movie days are held two Mondays a month.

On the first Tuesday of the month, join the Teen Center for a birthday celebration with cake for all and gifts for those born in that month.

Drop-in tutoring for all teens grades 9-12 is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m.-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 participants gain physical flexibility, stamina, and coordination. Classes are scheduled Monday through Friday.

There is a \$10 monthly fee for Duarte residents and a \$20 monthly fee for non-residents.

Registration is held at the Duarte Teen Center.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A free Air Hockey Tournament will be conducted Thursday, March 8, at 3:30 p.m. and a free Foosball Tournament will be conducted Wednesday, March 14, at 3:30 p.m.

On Friday, March 16, the Teen Center will host a St. Patrick's Day BBQ at 3:30 p.m. with cheeseburgers, chips, fresh fruit, and drinks for only \$1.

Join the Teen Center for Karaoke Day on Thursday, March 22, at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be sold. Get your game on for a free X-Box tournament on Tuesday, March 20, at 3:30 p.m.

A free Pool Tournament will be held on Wednesday, April 18, at 3:30 p.m. and a free Playstation 2 Tournament on Tuesday, April 24, at 3:30 p.m.

On Thursday, April 26, at 3:30 p.m. come join the Teen Center for a challenging game of



THE TEENS ENJOYING an exciting game of tug-o-war!

Crab Soccer. There is no cost to participate.

There is a Northview Game Day scheduled for Friday, April 20, from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Northview students can come to the Teen Center for games, tournaments, and food. Take a tour of the Center and hang out with your friends.

Attention all Duarte High School seniors! Do you want to increase your chances of getting a scholarship for college? Pick up a DHS Local Scholarship application from the high school office and attend this workshop. The Teen Center will conduct the Scholarship Workshop on Wednesday, April 25, at 5 p.m. This workshop will assist you in filling out the application and give you tips on how to enhance your application.

The annual National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

takes place on Wednesday, May 2. Join the Teen Center on this day to focus the attention of teens on the importance of avoiding too-early pregnancy and parenthood.

The Teen Center will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Friday, May 4, at 3 p.m. There will be music and dancing. Food will also be available for a nominal fee.

SPRING BREAK

A Spring Break BBQ will be held Friday, April 6, at 3:30 p.m.

with exciting games and prizes for \$1.

The Duarte Teen Center's annual spring break trip will be to Magic Mountain on Wednesday, April 11, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The price for the excursion is \$25 and includes ticket and transportation.

Spring break is a great time to seek excitement at Six Flags Magic Mountain. Pre-registration with payment is required.

Youth Mini-Soccer

Duarte Recreation is now conducting registration at Duarte City Hall and at all local supervised playgrounds for youth mini soccer leagues. The fee is \$20 per child and practices will begin the week of April 2. Boys and girls born in 1994-1998 (in a grade no higher than 6th) will play in separate boys and girls leagues. Practices and games will be conducted during the week, after school, and will be held at local supervised parks. The field size for league games is about half the size of a normal field and the goals are also smaller. This fun and exciting 6 on 6-player league is perfect for all skill levels. For more information call (626) 357-7931.

Neighborhood Watch Assists the Community in Many Ways

Teens work to improve their community

In December 2006 during the busy holiday season, three-dozen Neighborhood Watch Blocks joined the Duarte Public Safety Team to support the Community Service Council through an impressive toy drive.

Over 700 new toys were donated and collected by residents throughout the City of Duarte.

The spirit of generosity was certainly strong among many streets that helped make the Holidays a little brighter, by donating to the less fortunate.

Donations ranged from bikes

to stereo systems and included toys like Barbies, Legos and even clothes for the older children. Neighbors of our community helped ensure that children of all ages received a gift.

The Duarte Public Safety Department would like to thank all Block Captains and all residents that participated in making this powerful difference in the community.

Not only did the toy drive help those in need, but this generous act helped foster a united and safer community.



THANKS TO THE EFFORTS of 25 Neighborhood Watch Blocks throughout Duarte, the Public Safety Department proudly delivered a mountain of toys to the Duarte Community Service Council. Shown from the left are Student Intern Janelle Sales, Code Enforcement Officer Steve Majors and Duarte Community Service Council President Dorothy Smith.

By Aida Torres

On Monday, January 15, the Duarte Area Resource Team (D.A.R.T.) in conjunction with the Duarte Public Safety Department (Duarte Satellite to the Los Angeles Sheriff Station) commemorated the Martin Luther King Holiday by holding the first annual Graffiti Removal and Litter Abatement Activity. Nine Duarte High School teenagers worked throughout the City of Duarte in an effort to remove graffiti in identified problematic areas.

The young men and women met at the Department of Public Safety at 10 a.m. Monday morning (their scheduled day off from school) to participate in this event.

Shortly thereafter, all participants met near the railroad tracks south of Duarte Road and began painting walls and removing graffiti from the City.

Some participants had never painted before, and were eager to learn and assist with this new activity.

All the participants are students at Duarte High School. The



THE DART CREW after painting over unsightly graffiti.

students' advisors are Los Angeles County Sheriff School Resource Deputy Robert MacLean and Public Safety Coordinator Aida Torres.

The event was sponsored by The Home Depot and the City of Duarte's graffiti removal contractor Bill Moreno.

Members of this group have also participated in other events around the city. For four days

during December, 2006 members actively participated in assisting public safety at the Rose Float Pavilion.

The teenagers provided security and assisted Deputies with crowd control at The Buena Vista Pavilion and while the Rose Floats were moved from Duarte to Pasadena for the Rose Parade on New Year's Day.

Brian Villalobos The City of Duarte's Public Safety Director commented that, "keeping the community free from graffiti and keeping the youth of the city involved is instrumental in creating a safe city and demonstrating civic pride."

Other activities that D.A.R.T. has recently participated in include Lazer Tag, a snowboarding trip to Mountain High, and a visit to the Museum of Tolerance.

For more information on how to join, call (626) 359-5671 ext. 319.

Volunteer guest speakers are always welcomed.

Fifth Annual Solar Cup Race

The Fifth Annual Solar Cup Race, sponsored by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, will take place on Lake Skinner on May 18-20. This race will be of particular interest to many Duarte youth participating for the first time.

Irving Montenegro, Pamela Park Supervisor, is heading this project with assistance from Duarte High School Physics teacher Arron Dover. Students participating are: Michael Manahan, Alberto Herrera, Amber Nicholson, Ryan Marapao, Cesar Hernandez, Oliver Solorzano, Bryan Hernandez, Miguel Hernandez, Charles Gallardo, Fabian Chacon, Johnny Guerrero, Oscar Magana, Jose Valladares, Miguel Magana, Bradley Candray, Armando Martinez and Jose Reyes.

These young people have been working since November 2006 to have the best solar boat.

It is their responsibility to design a boat that runs on solar power and then compete in two races, a sprint competition and an endurance event. The different competitions test teams' ability to design their solar boats for maximum energy efficiency as well as



speed. This year's event will take place at Lake Skinner near Temecula May 18-20.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California will serve as the lead sponsor for the event. Participating member agencies' financial sponsorships provide funds for all basic boat materials to their local team (\$3,000 per team). MWD will offer boat building and technical assistance to the student teams to ensure they create and operate a safe, solar-powered boat. The Pamela Park, Duarte team is sponsored by the Upperts San Gabriel Valley MWD.



THE DART CREW learning to snowboard at Mountain High.

Wilderness Day Saturday, April 21

Duarte families are invited to experience one of the most beautiful, local, natural waterfalls. On Saturday, April 21, the Vulcan Rock Quarry will open its gates and allow access to the original Fish Canyon Trail.

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. Activities at Encanto Park will include a 24-foot climbing wall, hands-on nature experiences, barbecue lunch, and fun for everyone. The event is sponsored by the City of Duarte, Vulcan Materials Company and REI.

Hikers may check in at Encanto Park beginning at 7 a.m. Hikers must be transported to trailhead by City of Duarte 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 and all participants will receive a free souvenir. T-shirts will be available for \$10. There will be an additional \$2 late fee for registrations received after April 16. Flyers are available at Duarte City Hall, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

HONORING OUR PAST

The City of Duarte and the Duarte Historical Society in honor of the City's 50th Anniversary of Incorporation, cordially invite you to attend the grand unveiling and dedication of a bronze statue commemorating the City's namesake.

Andres Avelino Duarte



Saturday, March 31, 2007
1:00 p.m.
On the site of the future Plaza Duarte
across the street from
Duarte City Hall
1600 Huntington Dr., Duarte

Entertainment

Light Refreshments