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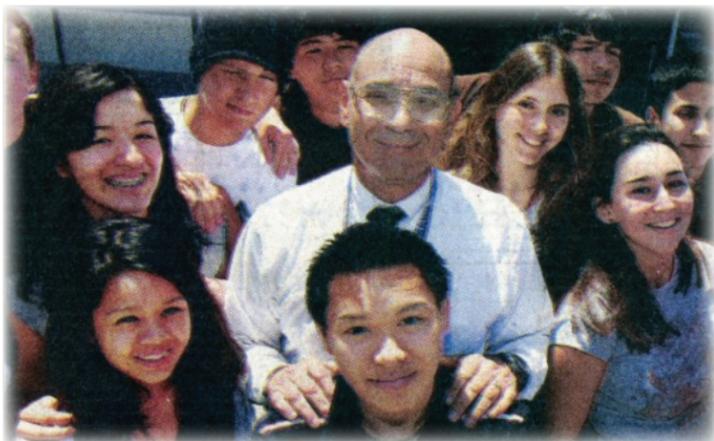
Duarte High School Named "California Distinguished"

By Dr. Dean Conklin,
Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

We have great news to announce! Earlier this week, State Superintendent of Public Instruction personally called Principal Bill Martinez to inform him that Duarte High School has been named a California Distinguished School. This comes on the heels of the announcement that Duarte High earned a Title I Academic Achievement Award.

There are only eight other high schools in California that earned both of these awards this year, and Duarte High is one of only two comprehensive high schools in Los Angeles County to have earned both of these awards this year. Duarte High School now joins Beardslee Elementary, which earned California Distinguished School status in 2004.

I would like to thank each and every employee and family in the district for your dedication to the students. The vast majority of students at Duarte High have come through our system, and without the efforts of the teachers and classified staff at all of our schools, this tremendous recognition for the high school would not be possible. I would also like to mention my appreciation for the former teachers and administrators at Duarte High, who



DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL Principal Bill Martinez surrounded by jubilant DHS students.

dedicated so much of their career to build up the high school. I personally am aware of the efforts of former principals Alan Johnson, Al Scalise, and Terry Nichols, and I know that they have given much of their heart to the school and the district. It is an honor to be a part of what we are all doing in Duarte. It is an honor to work with people like Principal Bill Martinez, who lives and breathes Duarte High School.

This achievement is a reflection of the quality of people and programs we have throughout the district, from our preschools through high school. Everyone should take pride in this accomplishment. Tell your friends

and neighbors ... share the good news!



AT THE STATE of the City/Duarte Unified School District Luncheon the Public Employee Awards were given to: (L-R – back row) Firefighter Specialist Kenneth Cate, LA County Fire Department – Station #44; Rona Lunde, chairman-of-the-board of Duarte Chamber; Mike Yelton, Assistant City Manager, City of Duarte; (L-R – bottom row) Dr. Alan Johnson, Deputy Superintendent, DUSD; and Deputy Wayne Goodrich, LA County Sheriff's Department.

State of the City / DUSD and Public Employee Awards bring great news

Duarte Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board Rona Lunde presented the Chamber's Public Employee Awards to four deserving men who have devoted their careers to making Duarte and other communities

the best they can be. The awards were presented at the State of the City and Duarte Unified School District recently held in Cooper Auditorium on the City of Hope campus.

Honored with the awards:

Mike Yelton, who has been with the City of Duarte for 15 years as the Assistant City Manager, his duties included, but not limited to, Duarte Transit System, Duarte Risk Manager, Finance Department, Duarte's annual budget process, he is a past president and treasurer of Duarte Kiwanis Club and remains an active member, and has helped with the Rebuilding Together projects Buena Vista Pavilion, Rt. 66 Parade, and City

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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.

• 1861 – Dr. Nehemiah Beardslee who purchased his land in Lower Duarte in 1861, has the distinction of being the first permanent Anglo-American settler "on the Duarte". He emigrated here from Texas in ox-drawn covered wagons. Besides his family, he brought his Indians, seeds for crops and young fruit trees.

• 1872 – Beardslee had a second story of wood from Sawpit Canyon added to his original adobe house.

• 1872 – While his house was being built, Beardslee had workmen dig a ditch, allowed under the conveyed water rights, from where Duarte's original ditch left the San Gabriel River. It angled down across intervening property to his northeast property line.

• 1873 – Dr. Beardslee donated his milk house as an interim school. Only twelve children attended that first year which was only three months long. The Beardslee family housed and paid the teacher.

• 1875 – Dr. Beardslee and the other eleven families from the tract petitioned Los Angeles County to form a school district in Duarte. In this year a one-room school house was built on what is now the northwest corner of Central and Buena Vista.

The first school house served not only as a school, but on the weekends became a Sunday School, and a church. Southern

Methodist, Baptist and Christian circuit ministers took turns preaching in it.

• 1876 – Dr. Beardslee's most important contribution was the water ditch. He persuaded the other owners in the tract to go in with him and form a company. It was called the Beardslee Water Ditch Company and issued one share of stock per owner. This water was for the Lower Duarte.

• 1882 – The Upper Duarte area also needed water and the ranchers in the area formed a second company based on Andres Duarte's original ditch. It served the foothill area, and at first not below where Huntington Drive now stands. The company was called The Duarte Mutual Irrigation and Canal Company.

• 1883 – Property was sold to an easterner from Bangor, Maine, named Lewis Leonard Bradbury. He purchased 2,750 acres, mostly the western third of the rancho, both Upper and Lower. The upper portion of this land would become the City of Bradbury in 1957.

• 1883 – Captain Williamson Ware Bacon, Sr., his wife Elizabeth, their daughter Elizabeth, and two sons. W. W., Jr. and Robert came to Duarte from Kentucky. They purchased 42 acres in the Upper Duarte, including the Andres Duarte adobe.

The Bacon's would later become an important part of Duarte. Tocino Drive is named after the Bacon family.

• 1883 – Dr. Beardslee found a buyer for his adobe and 44 acres of land, Samuel Maxwell, a lawyer from the middle west. He, his wife, Jennie, and small son, Joseph, came to Duarte by train during the great train-fare war. The Maxwell's settled in the old adobe and in time, Mrs. Maxwell bore three daughters, Rose, Marguerite and Marie. The Maxwell girls were to play a prominent part in the development of Duarte. Mrs. Maxwell was to leave her name on an elementary school.



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Nita Norgard honored for volunteer service

Longtime resident and dedicated community volunteer Nita Norgard has been selected by the City of Duarte as its honoree

for Older American Recognition Day.

She will represent Duarte at the 43rd Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Celebration sponsored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on May 30. She will also be honored by the Duarte Senior Center at the annual Volunteer Recognition dinner on Friday, June 1.



NITA NORGDARD (center right) has been selected by the City of Duarte as its honoree for the Older American Recognition Day Award. Pictured with her are husband, Bill, Senior Services Supervisor Peggy Diamond and Mayor Lois Gaston.

“Nita is an amazing person, she does so much to promote and educate the community about activities and events

happening in our town. She’s very gracious, very genuine and very humble. We are very blessed to have someone of her passion, energy and dedication committed to our community,” said Senior Center Supervisor Peggy Diamond.

At the root of most, if not all of her volunteer activities, is Nita’s passion for education and Duarte’s students.

She serves as recording secretary on the board of directors of the Duarte Education Foundation that raises funds to help support teacher and education projects and activities in the Duarte schools.

A past Golden Apple recipient for her volunteer service to Duarte schools, she always has the betterment of the community’s youth on her mind and always finds ways to encourage their involvement in activities and programs to help expand their knowledge and their horizons.

She created a writing contest for students in conjunction with the Duarte Festival of Authors, and she has made sure that children are not left out of the annual Duarte community reading project, One Town, One Book, by designating an alternate book selection for young readers.

Nita and her husband, Bill, a retired optometrist who operated his practice in Duarte for 35 years and was raised in Duarte, have been residents together of Duarte since 1962. The Norgards have a daughter, Jill, and a grandson, Collier, also of Duarte.

Hook’d ’n Book’d

On Thursday, April 5, at about 2:30 p.m., Special Assignment Deputy Brant Frederickson, was patrolling the area around Mt. Olive High School. He noticed a male adult walking near Fairlee and Central avenues. The male, later identified as Ralph Hadley, age 19, of Duarte, had an unknown large object concerned under his shirt, near his waistband.

Deputy Frederickson stopped and contacted the suspect. The suspect turned away from him and started to reach for the object. Deputy Frederickson detained the suspect for a weapons investigation, and discovered that the suspect was concealing a homemade bottle bomb.

Bottle bombs are very similar to pipe bombs, made with explosive powder and a wick. Bottle bombs are very powerful explosive device and it is a felony to make, possess, or explode them. These types of bombs have destroyed mail boxes, windows, and school lockers.

Bottle bombs are also very volatile and people who have attempted to explode these them have lost fingers and hands. The suspect was arrested for felony possession of an explosive device. A team from the Sheriff’s Arson and Explosive detail responded to the location and rendered the device safe.

This incident serves as a reminder that during the days leading up to the Forth of July, some people will be out using illegal fireworks and explosives.

Please report all illegal use of fireworks to the Temple Sheriff Station at (626) 448-9861 or Sgt. David Bly at the Duarte Sheriff’s Satellite Station by calling (626) 359-5671, ext. 304.

If you would like to leave an anonymous tip you may do so, simply call the Crime Tip Hotline (626) 359-5671 ext. 462.



SHOWN AT A RECENT City Council meeting where Council honored Mike Yelton on his retirement are: (L-R) Councilmember John Fasana, Councilmember Margaret Finlay, and, in front, Mike Yelton.

Yelton Retires from City

Mike Yelton, long time Assistant City Manager of Duarte, retired at the end of April. Mr. Yelton was in the position for 15 years. In remarks to Council and audience when he was honored Mr. Yelton said, “Many cities refer to themselves as a community, but in Duarte it is really true, we really are a community that cares about one another.”

Council members and members of the audience spoke of Mr. Yelton’s talent, caring manner and professionalism.

As a volunteer in Duarte Mr. Yelton is a past president and treasurer of Duarte Kiwanis, and has helped with Rebuilding Together projects, Rt. 66 Parade, Buena Vista Pavilion, and the City of Hope 5K/10K Walk/Run.

Michelle Trail Named Woman of Distinction

Michelle Trail, Career Guidance Counselor at Duarte High School, was recently honored by Congresswoman Hilda Solis as a Woman of Distinction. Michelle was honored for her work with youth both in her job on campus and as a mentor to teenagers throughout high school, college and into their chosen profession, many of whom return to see Michelle throughout the years.



MICHELLE TRAIL is being honored by Mayor Lois Gaston at a recent City Council meeting. (L-R) Agnes Trail, Michelle Trail, Jim Trail, Mayor Gaston, and Donna Urbanvage.

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2007 Summer Concert Series

“The Golden Years”

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

This summer’s concert entertainment includes: June 27 – Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Duarte Teen Center “Suave the Band”, Latin Music; July 11 – All America City Reunion “Best of Times”, Top 40 Band; July 25 – “The Rockit Scientists”, 50’s Oldies Band; and August 8 – “L.A. All Stars”, R&B and Jazz.

Concerts will be held Wednesday

nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale St. Conces-

sion stands will open at 6 p.m. The City of Duarte Transit Department will be providing free transportation.

Enjoy music from different eras! Remember to bring your lawn chair or a blanket!



THIS SUMMER the “Concerts in the Park” series celebrates the 50th anniversary of the City of Duarte.

City of Duarte Home Improvement Grant Offer

The City of Duarte is offering grants for the purpose of completing exterior improvements to your home such as windows, roof replacements, and exterior painting.

This program is open to qualifying residents within the incorporated area of the City of Duarte who qualify under the income limits.

Limited funding is available under the Community Development Block Grant program and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis for qualifying applicants. Application numbers will be distributed at 6:30 a.m., program applications will be distributed at 7 a.m., and complete applications will be accepted beginning at 7:30 a.m.

If you qualify according to the charted income limits you will need to bring copies of the following items to City Hall on July 2, 2007.

1. Copy of your Grant Deed or Property Tax Bill
2. Copies of check stubs showing your income earnings for the most recent two months (8 weeks). Income earnings include: employment check stubs, social security, pension, child support, rental income, interest earned income, etc.

Family Size	Grant Gross Yearly Income*
1	\$41,450
2	\$47,350
3	\$53,300
4	\$59,200
5	\$63,950
6	\$68,650
7	\$73,400
8	\$78,150

**Your gross yearly income (before taxes) cannot exceed the amounts shown above.*

If you have any questions, please call City Hall between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday at (626) 357-7931 and ask for Patty at extension 230 or Irma at extension 238.

Duarte Discovery Nature Camp



NATURE CAMPERS love the zoo!

This summer the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will offer its annual Discovery Nature Camp.

Nature Camp participants will explore our region’s natural environment and will participate in daily activities including games, crafts, and lessons on nature.

Campers will also participate in twice-weekly excursions to local trails, nature/science centers, beaches, museums, zoos, and other interesting locations.

The Duarte Discovery Nature Camp’s motto is: “For Duarte’s Kids, Discovering Nature Comes Naturally!”

The Discovery Nature Camp will consist of three 2-week sessions, offered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Session I: July 9 through July 20, Session II: July 23 through August 3, and Session III: August 6 through August 17.

The camp is open to children 6-11 years of age.

The fee is \$145 per child, per two-week session and includes a camp tee shirt, daily lunches, snacks, crafts, and all excursions.

Registration begins Monday, June 11. For more information please call (626) 357-7931.



Adventure Club Excursions

Looking for something adventurous to do this summer? The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring two weeklong camps for kids and teens ages 8 through 17. Camp dates for Session I are Monday, August 20, through Friday, August 24, and Session II Monday, August 27, through Friday, August 31.

Both are held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Royal

Oaks Park. The fee is \$100 per session. Each camp day will be highlighted by a daily trip to fun and exciting places, such as the beach, theme parks, water parks, or the movies.

Registration starts Monday, June 11, at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Drive. For more information on Adventure Club, please call the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

From My View . . .

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

The old bronchitis bug got me good at the end of March. I really thought I had avoided it, but one of our staff brought it in and shared, the other person caught it and I was, inevitably, the last victim.

It is hard in this job to take a week off and go home to bed. So I would work mornings and go home in the afternoon. By the time I got home I was ready to collapse and really not interested in cooking or cleaning, and as luck would have it our housekeeper was recuperating from back surgery. This was clearly not good.

My husband, Bob, is a wonderful human being, compassionate, caring and willing to do most anything for me, so he took care of enough of the housework so we were not living in filth. Cooking, well, that's another matter entirely. Bob was a bachelor until he were married when he was 37. Up to the time we were married, he lived on Big Mac's, In 'n Out, barbecue, Kraft's Macaroni and Cheese, and when I took pity on him and invited him to dinner at my home.

Bob's idea of cooking is taking this and that he finds in the refrigerator and cupboards and comes up with something usually overcooked. Recipes are not his cup of tea. One of my favorite pictures from our wedding is Bob and my son, David, making the punch in a lovely silver fountain. Dave has the recipe and a measuring cup, Bob, well, he is just dumping the booze into the fountain.

I digress. In the beginning when I was the most ill, Bob was kind of making do for himself in the kitchen. After I started feeling better he started bringing food in from some of our favorite restaurants. After a few days of this I suggested I could give him some simple recipes, he could market with my list and we could have home cooked food.

He was highly skeptical that this would be possible, but willing to give it a try, after all he goes to the market with me almost every week.

After spending two hours at the market and I lost count of the phone calls, thank goodness for cell phones, he got home, put the groceries away and sat down to relax.

That was when I questioned when he would be cooking dinner since it was now 5:45 p.m.

He told me he was tired and needed a few minutes to kick back. Forty-five minutes later he started dinner, followed a recipe and dinner was very good. The next night he tried another recipe, and to his surprise it came out just fine as well.

His favorite meal had to be when I took a frozen left over casserole out of the freezer one morning and all he had to do that evening was turn on the oven, put casserole in dish and insert dish. Actually the best part for Bob was when he asked what to fix for a veggie, and I told him the veggie was in the casserole. He thought that was super, he didn't have to make another dish to come out at the same time as the casserole.

I love my husband, especially when he is willing to try something he isn't particularly fond of ---- like cooking and following recipes. I am now almost completely well, at work everyday and, to Bob's relief, cooking dinner every night and he has been a gem about cleaning up after dinner.

By the way, Bob has okayed this column to be published.

That's the way it is from my view in the kitchen . . .



JAN WIGHT

Youth Tee Ball League

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will once again offer this fun beginner's league for boys and girls 4-7 years of age as of July 1, 2007. Registration begins Monday, June 11.

Introductory practices will be held June 26 and 27. Games will be held on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings June 30-August 4. The fee is only \$20 and this includes a tee shirt uniform. The league is limited to 90 players.

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



T-BALL is a great way to get children ages 4 - 7 outdoors this summer!



State Superintendent of Schools Visits

Duarte Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Dean Conklin and Duarte Mayor Lois Gaston welcome California State Superintendent of Schools Jack O'Connell (center) to Duarte. O'Connell was the keynote speaker at the 32nd Congressional District's Education Roundtable hosted by Congresswoman Hilda Solis at the Duarte Community Center on April 3.

Plan ahead for a safe summer vacation

As you plan your fun summer vacation, plan to keep your home and family safe by following the tips below.

Before you leave...

Make your house appear "lived in." Use timers on lamps and set radio alarms to go on at various times of the day and night. Have someone you trust pick up mail and newspapers daily. Do not leave your house key hidden under a doormat, a flower pot or on the ledge of a door.

Ensure that all doors and windows are locked. For increased protection, place additional security devices on sliding windows and glass door to prevent them from being opened. Install motion sensor lights in the front and back of your home. Don't leave valuables visible from the outside of your house. Leave your emergency contact information with whomever will be watching your property.

Engrave your valuables with your drivers license number (preceded by "CA") and post Operation Identification stickers in your front window. These stickers are available at the Public Safety Office free of charge.

Consider a home security system that includes an audible alarm, detectors at all exterior entries and motion sensors in main living areas.

Request a vacation patrol check by calling the Duarte Public Safety Office at (626) 357-7938 to have a law enforcement officer periodically perform a visual check of your property.

While on vacation...

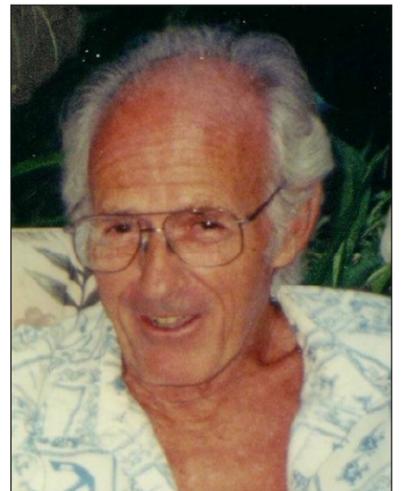
Check maps before you go out so you can tour confidently. Stick to well-lit, well-traveled streets at all times. Don't advertise that you're a tourist by leaving maps and guidebooks on the seat or dashboard – keep them in the glove compartment.

Keep valuables out of sight, preferably locked in the trunk.

Don't display expensive jewelry, cameras, bags and other items that might draw attention.

Review the emergency exit route of your hotel to expedite your evacuation in the event of an emergency.

Program your cell phone with the phone number of the local law enforcement agency.



Jim Bowers

James ("Jim") Mack Bowers, described as a "gentle giant" by his colleagues, died peacefully at the age of 77 on May 9 surrounded by family. Born in Queens, New York, he moved to South Pasadena as a teenager and to Duarte in 1977. Jim was a professor of computer aided drafting and design at Pasadena City College from 1961 to 1993. He was a member of the Duarte School Board, serving as its president in 1988.

"He was a gentle giant, a man with strong family values who served as an advocate for Duarte students," says current Board Member Ken Bell.

Jim is survived by his wife of 30 years, Yolanda, his children Brent Jay Bowers, Teri Lynn Lain, Gerald Matt Bowers, Roxanna Lee Gutierrez, his stepdaughter Christa Lee Montes, 8 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, one brother and three sisters.

What do you need to know about celebrating the Fourth of July in Duarte?

• Using illegal fireworks can result in a fine of \$1000 and up to 6 months in jail. These include cherry bombs, sky rockets, m-80s and firecrackers which can cause injuries, fires and thousands of dollars in property damage!

• Legal "Safe and Sane" fireworks can be purchased from fundraising booths located within the major shopping centers throughout the city.

If you suspect a location to be involved in the sale of illegal fireworks or in the constant discharge of illegal fireworks, call the Duarte Public Safety Office at (626) 357-7938.

• **Fireworks can only be used south of Royal Oaks Drive**, with the only exception being Royal Oaks Park where fireworks are permitted.

Fireworks are NOT permitted on the bike trail along the Royal Oaks Drive. Violators should be reported to Temple Station by calling (626) 448-9861.

• Fireworks often cause many pets to

panic, destroy property and/or run away. Keep your pets safe and secure throughout the holiday.

Be sure to have your dogs properly licensed to help animal control officers return your lost pet.

• Note that fireworks can only be used in Duarte on July 3rd, 4th and 5th

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO TO ENJOY A SAFE FOURTH OF JULY?

• Keep a water hose readily accessible and wet used fireworks before disposing them in a trashcan.

• Light fireworks only on flat surfaces away from dry brush, houses and flammable materials.

• Have an adult present at all times when lighting fireworks.

• Never make your own fireworks or re-light a "dud" firework. For "duds" wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.

• Never throw or point fireworks at other people.

DEPUTY SPOTLIGHT

Deputy David Kearney

As Duarte's relief car, Deputy David Kearney works both the daytime traffic car and crime car. Kearney has responded to many traffic collisions that range from minor fender benders to serious collisions that could have been prevented. In an effort to improve the safety of Duarte streets; Kearney maintains a constant presence along the city's high collision areas in an effort to slow down speeding motorists. Kearney reports that as a father of three his favorite location to patrol is the schools, "I like to make the schools as safe an environment as possible."

Deputy David Kearney requested his transfer to the City of Duarte August 2006. As a resident of a foothill community himself, he is familiar with the Duarte and surrounding areas. He attended Citrus College and studied Administration of Justice. Early in his career he worked mainly at the Superior Court and his duties ranged from court bailiff to jail lock up.

He then moved to the Transportation Bureau Department, he was then in charge of inmate transport to and from court.

Prior to him working in Duarte, he worked in Temple City and South El Monte. He requested his transfer to Duarte as a relief car because he is able to work in both traffic and crime capacity. Although he prefers working traffic, he commented he has gained valuable experience working the crime car. He finds he gets to know people in a personal level, while working the crime car and enjoys his two assignments in Duarte. He feels that Duarte's small size and close-knit community works to Deputies advantage.

Kearney would like to remind residents to, "Please be aware of speed limits around the City, especially around our schools. School Safety is important and everyone needs to contribute," said the family man father of three. Since his assignment to the City of Duarte last year, Deputy Kearney is becoming more familiar with the community. He has indicated that he enjoys the small town feeling of Duarte and the citizens he comes in contact with.



DEPUTY DAVID KEARNEY

Rabies Clinic June 28

The City of Duarte in cooperation with Dr. Zabihi of the Duarte Azusa Animal Hospital and the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association have scheduled the annual vaccination clinic for Thursday, June 28, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The clinic will be held at the Duarte Park Sports field located at the corner of Bloomdale St. and Brycedale Ave. Rabies vaccinations will be available for \$6 each. Duarte dog licenses will also be available for purchase at the clinic.

It is important for all dogs over the age of four months to be vaccinated for rabies to comply with state law. With the foothills in our back yard, the chance of your dog having contact with local wildlife is great. Don't hesitate... Vaccinate!

For questions concerning this or any other Animal Control matter please contact the Public Safety Office at (626) 357-7938.



Congratulations, Duarte,
on your 50th Anniversary!

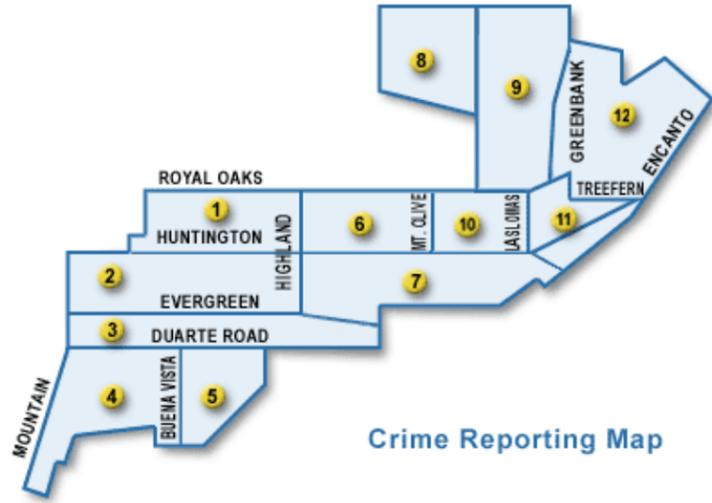
Helping Duarte Conserve Water

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.

We also take pride in serving the community. It's part of our heritage and part of our history with Duarte. We work hard to ensure that your water meets or exceeds all federal and local quality standards.

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.





Crime Reporting Map

Reported home burglaries

JANUARY 2007

200 Block of Spinks Rd. – Area 8

On Monday, January 1, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked door and stole \$3,000 in currency and a digital video player.

2000 Block of Broach Ave. – Area 4

On Thursday, January 25, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured home after picking a lock and stole a DVD player.

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2000 Block of Huntington Drive – Area 7

On Monday, February 5, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked small bathroom window and stole \$600 in currency and men's apparel.

2000 Block of Starcrest Ave. – Area 9

On Thursday, February 8, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured home after forcibly gaining entry to the garage and stole two television sets.

300 Block of Spinks Rd. – Area 8

On Friday, February 16, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured home after breaking in a window and stole a \$800 in currency, a handgun, and a Rolex watch.

2000 Block of Bernwood St. – Area 9

On Thursday, February 22, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked door and stole \$500 in currency, an electronic coin sorter and blank personal checks.

2000 Block of Rim Rd. – Area 8

On Monday, February 26, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured home after prying open the garage door and garage



RESIDENTS LEARNING HOW to put out a fire with a fire extinguisher.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES			
January to March Statistics			
Area	2007	2006	2005
1	0	0	2
2	0	1	1
3	0	0	0
4	1	2	2
5	0	0	0
6	0	1	1
7	2	0	1
8	4	0	0
9	5	0	0
10	0	1	2
11	0	1	0
12	1	1	0
Jan. - March Totals	13	7	9
Year End Totals	Unk.	25	47

Statistician Sonja Tanner

VEHICLE BURGLARIES & THEFTS			
January to March Statistics			
	2007	2006	2005
Vehicle Burglaries	10	36	11
Vehicle Thefts	17	30	31
Jan-March Totals	27	66	42
Year End Total	Unk.	210	185

Statistician Sonja Tanner

Emergency Preparedness Fair 2007 was a Success!

The Duarte Public Safety Department hosted their Second Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday, April 14, at the Duarte IHOP parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Over 200 people visited the informational booths where they were able to familiarize themselves with ways to keep their home and families safe during a disaster.

Residents learned how to use a fire extinguisher to put out a fire. They also, participated in a Child Car Seat Safety Class,

which educated parents in the correct way to use car seats and booster seats; participants received a free car seat. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Explorers took "KidPrints" of children, which are kept by parents in case of an emergency.

The Duarte Public Safety Department sold low-cost bicycle helmets for Duarte youth. All this while having a taste of IHOP's famous Chocolate Chip pancakes. The event was graciously sponsored by Duarte IHOP.



BICYCLE Raffle Winner.

door into the home open. Suspect(s) stole \$100 in currency and 50 DVD's.

2000 Block of Rim Rd. – Area 8

On Monday, February 26, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured home after breaking in a window victim did not report any items to be taken.

2000 Block of Markwood St. – Area 9

On Monday, February 26, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured home after breaking in a window victim did not report any items to be taken.

2000 Block of Markwood St. – Area 9

On Monday, February 26,



DUARTE AREA Resource Team member face painting.

the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured home after breaking in a window and stole three bottles of rum.

MARCH 2007

2000 Block of Bernwood St. – Area 9

On Monday, March 5, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home after breaking in a window and stole a personal gun.

1300 Block of Huntington Dr. – Area 7

On Thursday, March 15, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked door and stole two lap top computers and a diamond ring.

3000 Block of Deerland Dr. – Area 12

On Wednesday, March 21, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home after breaking the sliding glass door and stole four credit cards and a key.

Citrus Com. College

By Michael J. Viera, Ph.D.

Superintendent/President of Citrus College

Citrus College is currently experiencing an era of change, in which the manner of our students are served will be forever transformed.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM

For nearly two years now, our faculty and staff have worked diligently to replace the college's computer system. Summer 2007 will serve as the first class session in which this new system, entitled WingSpan, will be implemented. With this implementation, Citrus College will gain an online environment that brings information, services and communities together on a single network. This will enable us to provide our students with personalized, high-quality educational experiences.

WingSpan will make the college experience more convenient for students. It will serve as a



DR. MICHAEL VIERA

one-stop resource for online admission, registration, and much more. It will also save students time, the hassle of waiting in lines, and allows them to accomplish their educational objectives online when their schedule permits.

PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF REGISTERED NURSES

Another significant development taking place this summer is the introduction of the new Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program – Advanced Placement Option, a one year program. Citrus College has earned “initial approval” status from the Board of Registered Nursing and new program approval from the California Community College Chancellor's Office. This summer will mark the very first course offering for students interested in the program.

Information and Application Packets for the program are available online at www.citruscollege.edu/ADN. In addition, the public is invited to attend an informational session for licensed vocational nurses interested in pursuing an associate degree in nursing at Citrus College. Two sessions will be held; one on May 16 from 3 to 4 p.m. and one on May 22 from 7 to 8 p.m. They will both take place in the Citrus College Haugh Performing Arts Center.

Citrus College is also planning a Registered Nursing Program – Generic Option (two year program). An Information and Application Package specific to that program option will be released in Spring 2008 for Fall 2008 enrollment. It is anticipated that the Advanced Placement Option will be repeated in

Summer 2008

Graduates of Citrus College's ADN-Advanced Placement Option will be eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Those who successfully pass this examination are eligible to apply for licensure to practice as a registered nurse in any of the 50 states or U.S. territories.

COMING THIS FALL: SHORTER SEMESTERS, MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Even more changes are in store for the fall 2007 semester, when the campus will transition to a compressed calendar. Semester length will shorten from 18 to 16 weeks. In addition, a 6-week winter inter-session and two summer sessions will be made available. By offering five different class sessions during the academic year, we hope to provide a schedule that

is both flexible and convenient.

Fall semester classes are scheduled to begin Tues., Sept. 4. Registration for the fall will begin July 30. The fall class schedule will be mailed to all residents in the Citrus Community College District.

English statesman Winston Churchill once said, “To improve is to change.” The many improvements taking place on our campus will change the manner in which we serve our students, and the community as a whole, for many years to come. Our goal is to operate more efficiently and effectively, providing you with the information and tools needed to achieve academic and professional success.

I personally invite the citizens of Duarte to visit our campus and witness these changes first hand. As your community college, we are here to serve you.

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Senior Center Activities

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

HOT LUNCHES

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

MEALS ON WHEELS

Eligible seniors can receive seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers

to help with food preparation, serving, table setups, craft projects, decorating, the front desk, updating newspaper articles, etc. If you would like to give back to the community, please consider being a volunteer and contact Kelly at (626) 357-3513.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

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

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

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

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

The Commodity Supplemen-

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

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

If you are providing care to an adult (age 60+) or a child (18 or younger) then you are a caregiver! Feeling stressed, tired, running out of time? Join a support group at the Senior Center and talk with other caregivers. This class is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. and it is free of charge. Please call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 to register for this program.

EXTENDED EXCURSION - ALASKA CRUISE TOUR

Alaska Cruise Tour - 12-Day Extended Excursion September 3, 2007. Fee: \$2,999 - \$3,699 per person double occupancy

For more information please contact Pat Fuqua at the Duarte Senior Center (626) 357-3513.

TRIPS AND TOURS

Duarte Recreation is currently taking registrations for the following trip. You can pick up a brochure at City Hall or the Senior Center for in-depth information about the following trips:

"Hello Dolly" at the Glendale Centre Theatre and Damons Restaurant, Wed., May 23, 4:45 p.m.-10:30 p.m. \$57

The Parks and Recreation Department will begin taking registration for the following excursions on June 11.

The Colorful Songs of Broadway-Patriotic Music Celebration at Via Verde Country Club, Wed., July 11, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$50, lunch included; Lake Arrowhead Cruise and Woody's Restaurant, Wed., July 25, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., \$47-lunch included; Hollywood Bowl - South Pacific with Reba McEntire and Brian Stoked Mitchell, Sat., August 4, 6 p.m.-11:30 p.m., \$52, dinner on your own; Newport Beach Harbor Cruise and Doheny Beach BBQ, Wed., August 15, 12:30 p.m.-9 p.m., \$49, BBQ included; Pala Casino, Wed., Sept. 19, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., \$12, lunch on your own, \$5 cash back upon arrival; San Diego Natural History Museum of Art, Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibition and Lunch on the Roof Top Terrace at Museum, Thurs., Sept. 27, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$55, lunch included.

NO RE-FUNDS: In the event of a participant cancellation, an attempt will be made to fill the spot from the waiting list. If successful, the participant will receive a gift certificate equal to the amount of the trip minus a \$10 service

charge. For any further questions please call (626) 357-3513.

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING CLASS

55 Alive Driver Safety Program will be held on Tues., July 24, and Thurs., July 26, from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. The fee is \$10 per person, payable to AARP. The program is conducted by A.A.R.P. at the Duarte Senior Center. Auto insurance companies are required by law to offer discounts to course graduates age 55 and older. Attendance required at both sessions. Reservations are required, for more information contact the Center at (626) 357-3513.

COED SOFTBALL TEAM

If you are interested in joining a coed softball team, please contact the Center. Practices are on every Tuesday at 9 a.m., and games are on Thursdays at 9 a.m. The team is already practicing, so come and be a part of the team. For any further questions call Peggy at the Center at (626) 357-3513.

Will my child's helmet protect them in a fall?

No parent wants to see their child injured when riding their skateboard, scooter or bike, so to maximize their safety, parents need to be aware that a helmet worn incorrectly can be just as dangerous as riding without one.

"One of the most common problems among children that wear helmets is that the helmet is not fitted properly. Parents should ensure that their child's helmet fits properly in order to protect as intended," states Special Assignment Deputy Brian Villalobos.

To ensure that your child's helmet will be effective in a fall, follow these steps:

- Place your child's helmet on their head and attach chinstrap.
- The adjustable buckles found on the left and right side of their face should be adjusted to be directly below their ears forming a "V".
- The strap underneath their chin should be adjusted to allow room for only two fingers to fit between their chin and the strap. If this is too loose, the helmet can slide out of place during a fall.
- Lastly, place your hand on top of the helmet and gently move it back and forth. If the helmet seems to slide atop your child's head, the helmet may be too large and should be replaced for a smaller size or padding should be attached inside the helmet. A well-fitted helmet will fit snugly.

For more information on helmet safety or to purchase a low cost helmet call the Public Safety Office at (626) 359-5671. Residents interested in purchasing a helmet should go the Public Safety Office on Wednesdays between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Helmets are \$5 and the youth must be present when purchased.

Free Summer Lunch Program

The USDA, the Duarte Unified School District (DUSD), and Duarte Recreation are sponsoring a free summer lunch program for children ages 18 years and under beginning June 25, Mon.-Fri. There are no limits for the number of participants served. Lunches are offered at Beardslee School, Andres Duarte School and at the Duarte Teen Center. For more information please call (626) 357-7931 or the DUSD at (626) 599-5000.

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Duarte Youth Acres Reunion

A reunion of moms, dads and their “kids” who grew up playing baseball in the '50s and '60s on the field of dreams that was Duarte Youth Acres, enjoyed some reminiscing, looking at old photos, and catching up with friends at the Duarte Youth Acres reunion and DYAC baseball season opener on March 17. The DYAC reunion was held in conjunction with the City's yearlong 50th anniversary celebration.



FORMER DUARTE YOUTH ACRES board members, coaches and players assemble on home plate to be honored.



NITA CAREY, DYAC pioneer who helped coordinate the reunion, with Ed Houlemaarde of DYAC.



DYAC DADS and board members Louis Meister and Monty Montgomery with Councilman John Fasana.



FORMER DYAC SLUGGERS and Falcon footballers continued the reunion at the Rancho Duarte Golf Course watching DVDs of old high school football games. Back row, from left: Tim Somerville, Artie Dodge, Mike (Wino) Weinkauf, Danny Zendejas, Jerry Meister, Tom (Shinola) Shine. Front row, from left: Robert (Bobby) Owens, Louis Escobedo, Richard Escobedo, Richard (Thumper) Thome, Bernardino (Bino) Herrera, Steve (Lopes) Lopez.

Letters Remembering Duarte Youth Acres

The Duarte Youth Acres celebration was a wonderful event and brought back good memories.

My husband and I with our family moved to Duarte in 1948. Our tract was almost entirely composed of ex-GI's buying their first homes. It was a close knit neighborhood. The houses were small but there were back yards where children played and neighbors got together for barbecues. Our two children attended newly opened Northview, Maxwell and Beardslee schools and our daughter was in the second class to graduate from Duarte High School. I worked for the Duarte Unified School District for nine years, so we have many ties to the community.

Nothing brings back fonder memories than DYAC. Our son played for the Yankees beginning in 1957 and our summers were given over to this activity. On warm summer nights DYAC was the place to be. The Yankees coach, Tom Densham, was a dedicated leader who not only spent many hours teaching the boys the game of baseball but quite often drove them to the ball park as well. Each night when my husband returned from his daily commute we headed to the park for an exciting ball game. These were well attended by enthusiastic fans who became good friends over the years. It was great fun seeing many of the ball players and fans at the reunion. It was just a wonderful day and I thank you for your part in planning it.

Sincerely, Sara Shine

My mother, Tedi Grush, recently sent me clippings of an article from your publication highlighting the DYAC pioneers. What a sentimental joy it was to read. As an alumnus of the DYAC Cubs during the 1958-1960 seasons, the memories of the ballpark at Westminster Gardens came rushing back.

Seeing the photo of my dad, Bob, along with all of his old DYAC cronies was a kick. Man, they were young then. Weren't we all? Countless Saturdays and Sundays my dad and those pictured with him spent at the ballpark, hacking weeds, mowing lawns, building the snack bar, grooming the field and generally, making DYAC the greatest sports venue in the surrounding area. Of course, I tagged along with my dad just so I could be at the ballpark whether I was playing or not. I always sensed a strong camaraderie amongst those parents involved as if the central goal of providing a safe haven for their children was paramount and transcended any political or other differences that might normally interfere with persons of varying backgrounds. Even after we were too old to play at DYAC, the parents seemed to carry on their friendships. A lasting remembrance of Louis (Mr.) Meister was when he was plastering our add-on family room on 2nd Street just before

I left for Vietnam, several years after my “retirement” from DYAC.

The sensory recollections of summers spent at DYAC are so overwhelming: The sight of driving into the dirt parking lot, glimpsing the overhead lights illuminating the diamond, pre-dating “Field of Dreams” by 50-odd years. The sound of the crowd in the stands murmuring, poised to explode into cheers at the crack of the bat. The smell of new-mown grass and linseed-splattered gloves filled the air. The taste of a hot dog smeared in mustard soon to be washed down with an R-C Cola. The touch of a grass-stained Official Little League baseball when you pluck it out of your mitt after catching the last out of the inning.

In Duarte, baseball was a way of life back in those days, with DYAC giving every kid from every walk of life a chance to display his wares. To paraphrase Steve Lopez's comments from the article, you knew you wanted to play the moment you set eyes on the place. But to be honest, my most vivid memory of Steve was not related to baseball but rather of him, in the Duarte H.S. boy's locker room, sitting on a bench, pounding out “Wipeout” on his football helmet.

For those who played ball at that time, how could one

not become nostalgic when seeing the photo of the 1957 Braves? Your description of Bill Melton as “Belkin' Bill” was a moniker well deserved as evidence by his Major League Baseball career but another nickname comes to mind that came from his days at DYAC. Melton was a good Little League pitcher with a heck of a fastball. He won more games than he lost. But in those rare moments when his control went south, his temper ventured north, right out his baseball cap. As the walks and hits would pile up, Melton would get madder and madder, and eventually, tears would start to flow down his cheeks. If you were on the opposing team, once you saw Melton's tear ducts start to fill, you knew you had him. Thus, the nickname “Cry Baby Melton” was born. I'm sure he's glad his teammates on the Chicago White Sox never got wind of this.

Back in the late '50's, DYAC sat on the edge of a pretty rough neighborhood. But it was nothing for a 10-year old kid, much like myself, to venture out of his house on Brycedale Avenue (soon to be engulfed by the 210 Freeway), garbed in a woolen uniform with bat and glove slung over his shoulder and set out on foot for the ballpark at DYAC. Turning right on Central, crossing over Highland and making

one's way to the diamond was as safe of walk as trekking to the Handy Dandy Market. You see, as I mentioned before, baseball was a way of life in Duarte back then and baseball was the common thread that seemed to weave the community together, no matter who you were. Imagine, letting your child or grandchild walk that distance today...alone... after dark?

It was an idyllic time to grow up albeit not without its foibles. For the most part, Duarte was not an affluent post-war city but rather, one founded and nurtured by returning veterans from WWII and the Korean War. Our parents, all extremely hard-working and patriotic sorts, did the best they could, providing us with sound life fundamentals which certainly extended to the establishment of DYAC. As corny as it sounds, rarely a week goes by, especially during baseball season, where I don't have some distant thought about my days playing Little League and Pony League baseball at DYAC. For this, I'd like to extend my thanks, not only to those individuals pictured in your article, but also to the continuing generations of parents and former players who have kept the original spirit of DYAC alive and well to this present day.

John R. Grush



DYA MOMS Dorothy Montgomery, Jean Meister and Charlyss Clark.



DUARTE YOUTH ACRES players Dan Dollins, Steve Carey, Jim Meister, Larry Carey.



RECALLING FUN TIMES, Carol Densham looks over DYA historical photos with son Mike.

Duarte descendants witness dedication of statue honoring city's namesake

A crowd of some 500 turned out on March 31 to witness the unveiling and dedication of an 11 foot, 2 1/2 ton bronze equestrian statue honoring the City's namesake, Andres Avelino Duarte.

More than 20 direct descendants of Andres Duarte were among those who attended the ceremonies on the site of the future Plaza Duarte, across the street from City Hall.

"It's a proud day," said Phyllis Ramos, the family matriarch and great-great-great granddaughter of the man whose Rancho Azusa de Duarte Mexican land grant of nearly 7,000 acres once encompassed portions of what are now the cities of Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Duarte, Irwindale and Monrovia. Ramos was joined by six generations of family members who came from as far away as Hawaii and Oregon for the statue dedication and a family reunion that ensued.

Duarte Mayor Lois Gaston led the ceremonies that included congratulatory

speeches from dignitaries including U.S. Congresswoman Hilda Solis; State Senator Gloria Romero; Assemblyman Anthony Portantino; Araceli Gonzalez, district community liaison for California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger; and Jay Gomez, representative for Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

Assemblyman Ed Hernandez, whose 57th District includes Azusa, Irwindale and Baldwin Park, and many elected officials from surrounding cities, including Irwindale, Monrovia, Arcadia, Baldwin Park, El Monte, and Covina also attended the event.

The statue dedication was the joyous culmination of a 7-year community effort, spearheaded by the Duarte in Bronze Committee of the Duarte Historical Society and completed with the help of funds from the City's Redevelopment Agency, to erect a monument to the one time Mexican soldier whose long service and loyalty earned him the land grant in 1841 by Juan B. Alvarado, Governor of Alta California.



MORE THAN 20 direct descendants of the City's namesake, Andres Avelino Duarte, attended the statue unveiling and dedication.



MAX, the youngest Andres Duarte descendant at the unveiling, poses next to the statue of his 8x great grandfather.



SCULPTOR RICHARD MYER stands next to original model that he created for the final statue design.



AMONG THE DIGNITARIES in attendance were, from left: Mayor Pro Tem Phil Reyes, Araceli Gonzalez, community liaison for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Assemblyman Anthony Portantino, Mayor Lois Gaston, Councilwoman Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Congresswoman Hilda Solis, Councilman/Redevelopment Chairman John Fasana, Councilwoman Margaret Finlay and City Manager Darrell George.



CARMELITE SISTERS from Santa Teresita delight in the equestrian statue.



MAYOR PRO TEM PHIL REYES poses with his grandchildren as others enjoy their first look at the bronze statue of the City's namesake.



CLAUDIA HELLER, president of the Duarte Historical Society, and Jim Kirchner, chairman of the Duarte in Bronze Committee, are interviewed at statue unveiling.



ANDRES DUARTE look-alike Leandro Orozco strikes a pose.

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Duarte High School receives Distinguished School and Title 1 Academic Achievement Awards

By Bill Martinez, Principal

On April 16, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell via a telephone call awarded Duarte High School the coveted and elusive title of California Distinguished School. The formal presentation of the award will take place at a special reception/dinner at the Disneyland Hotel on May 18.

Mr. O'Connell also awarded Duarte High School the Title 1 Academic Achievement Award at an elegant dinner at the Hilton Costa Mesa Hotel on April 17. Both awards recognize the progress our students have achieved in the past four years. My thanks go to all the students. They have worked so hard to achieve our goals.

My appreciation goes to our parents for trusting us with their students and for their support over the years. My admiration goes to the Duarte High School staff for all their hard work and dedication.

I want to particularly thank Dr. KB Brown and Chrissy Yochum for writing and editing the single spaced 32 page Distinguished School document, to Aaron Dover for researching the Distinguished School application, coordinating the teacher, student and parent groups and writing the Title 1 Academic Achievement application, to Terri Jenkins for compiling the technical information we needed and for coordinating the parent groups, special thanks to Marilyn, Chris, Paola, Misi, Michelle, Maria and Janice for pulling together the visit and creating a memorable event, to our counselors Renee, Peter and Norm for the data they provided, to our parents again, to ROP and all the community groups for their support. It is a super time to be principal of my favorite high school.

Many faculty members and students have been recognized for a variety of achievements since

my last newsletter.

Michelle Trail, our ROP everything, received the Distinguished Woman of the Year Award from the Honorable Hilda Solis.

Elisha John was selected to represent Duarte High School at Boys State 2007.

Randall Moss received a silver medal from the Los Angeles County Regional Occupation Program for his work on graphic communications. He competed against high school students in the Los Angeles County area.

In girls' soccer, Shadi Moghadam was selected to the Tribune's All Girls Soccer Team as well as being selected by the league's coaches as the MVP of the Montview League.

Rebecca Bibb made the Tribune's second team All Valley (as a freshman!).

Other girls earning Montview first team honors were: Anne Densteadt, Fernanda Morales, Brittney Hawthorne, Juliann Chavez and Allison McMahon. Selected to the second team and Honorable Mention were: Rachel Near, Karla Salas, Jeanette Serano and Brooke Dismore.

In girls basketball, Zequoia Williams was selected Co-Player of the Year in Division IVA. She was also selected as the MVP of the Montview League by the coaches. Alexis Fox and Beth Amstone were selected to the all league first team, while Lindsay Sandoval made the Montview League's second team.

In soccer, Luis Ruiz made the second team all league soccer team, while in wrestling, these students were ranked at the top or near the top of their weight divisions: James Renalla, Andrew Sanchez, David Sosa, Juventino Langarcia, Ceasar Hernandez, Myles Ysassi, Christian Butler, Joseph Jimenez, Moses Orizabao, John Tannous and Oscar Ramos.

Lastly, Anne Densteadt, Fernanda Morales, Francisco Hurtado, Steve Venegas, Janelle Sales and Jeremy Winstanley were recognized by the Montview

League as Scholar Athletes.

It is a super time to be principal of Duarte High School.

CALENDAR

May –

7-18 – Advanced Placement Exams

9, 7 p.m. – PTSA/Booster Club meetings, Main Office

10, 7 p.m. – Board of Education meeting, Community Center

17, 1:20 p.m. – Early Release Day

18 – Distinguished School Celebration

21-31 – State Testing (CST), all 9th, 10th and 11th graders

24 – Senior Activity Day

25, 12:15 p.m. – Minimum Day, school ends; Citrus College applications due; Senior BBQ

28 – Memorial Day Holiday, no school

31, 6:30 p.m. – Academic Awards Night, PAC Center

June –

1, 8 a.m. – SAT Exam at DHS

6, 7 p.m. – PTSA meeting, Main Office

7, 1:20 p.m. – Early Release Day, school ends

8, 8 a.m. – Manpower Day; 9 a.m. – Senior meeting #1, PAC, end of year activities

9 – ACT Test

11-13 – Senior Finals

13 – Seniors Check out

14, 8 a.m. – Senior Breakfast, Capistranos; 7 p.m. – Board of Education meeting, Community Center

15, 9 a.m. – Senior meeting #2, PAC, caps and gowns

16, 11 a.m. – Baccalaureate, PAC

18-20 – Minimum Day Finals

20, 8:30 a.m. – Graduation practice; Last day of school; 6 p.m. – Graduation, football field

21, 9:30 p.m. – Grad Night

July 2-August 3 –

Summer School

Thank you. It is a GREAT time to be principal of Duarte High School. What a ride!!!!

Child Development Programs – Spring 2007

By Bobbi Brzozowski, Director

EXTENDED DAY CARE STAFF HONORED

Extended Day Care staff working on the Royal Oaks campus were recognized by Principal Mrs. Reed as part of the annual Royal Oaks presentation to the Board of Education. Our proud Day Care specialists and workers gratefully accepted this honor.

Before School and After School Extended Day Care is operated on Duarte USD elementary school campuses. For information or to enroll, contact Ginny Jones at (626) 599-5137.

PRESCHOOL FAMILIES CELEBRATE THE DAY OF THE CHILD

April 28 was the Day of the Child. Duarte USD Head Start/State Preschool families celebrated in style with a day in the park, planned and carried out by parents. Activities included face painting, games, food and fun for all.

HEAD START VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED

Parents of Head Start children were recognized for their valuable participation as parent volunteers in their children's classrooms. The

following parents were recognized: Maxwell – Mrs. Maricela Carlos; Mrs. Maria Ramos; Mrs. Rosibel Juarez; Mrs. Norma Velarde

Beardslee – Mrs. Joanna Velasquez; Mrs. Yolanda Hernandez; Ms. Lilia Martinez; Mrs. Rosa Morones; Mrs. Sonia Reynoso; Mrs. Anahy Cabanas; Mrs. Ana Valenzuela

Andres Duarte – Mrs. Elizabeth Singer; Mrs. Maribel Cervantes; Mrs. Yessenia Lopez; Mrs. Emy Lou (43 hours!); Mrs. Vilma de los Santos; Mrs. Araceli Vazquez

State Preschool parents also provide invaluable assistance by volunteering in their children's classrooms. We look forward to recognizing them as well.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLING FOR 2007-2008

It's not too early to start to plan for your preschooler's fall enrollment. Eligible families of three and four-year-old children are invited to stop by the Child Development office on the Andres Duarte campus to pick up their preschool application now. Se habla español. Head Start serves children who have disabilities. For information and to apply please call (626) 599-5120.

Valley View celebrates reading, running and recognition

By Robin Nelson, Principal

Valley View celebrated literacy, our track stars and our award-winning students.

All of the children celebrated their love of reading and Dr. Seuss's birthday for an entire week. The fun-filled celebration was kicked off with all of the classrooms reading a Dr. Seuss book at the same time.



VALLEY VIEW Gold Medalist Fabiana Rosas.

Throughout the week, teachers exchanged classes to share a favorite book, students traded rooms to read to other children, and we had members of the community show their enthusiasm for literacy. One of the highlights of the week was a picnic featuring prize winners and "green egg" cookies in Dr. Seuss lunch bags lovingly prepared by our own Bernice Ledesma and Azmik Yaghjian.

The culminating event was Family Literacy Night where students shared "Books Too Good Too Miss", we had David Bruce, author of Manners I. Care, share his book with us and our Duarte Librarian Kay Pearlman. All of these amazing activities were planned by our Literacy Committee: Char Wilson, Stan Matsuyama, Irene Olmos, Christy Jackman and Chona Torio.

The Valley View Track Team had fantastic results at the District Meet. We took home ELEVEN gold medals.

Congratulations to the following athletes: Davion Rutherford, Kevin Karagozian, Ken Fadem,



MS. JANEL GRAY sharing a book with students.

Christian Carter, Etienne Vincent, Cameron Lewis, Isaac Lin, Fabiana Rosas and TWO for Rachel Chavous.

Thanks to fabulous staff that worked and supported our team at the meet: Harvey Fenster, Garry Prado, Ralph McCravey, Mara Goldwhite, Carrie Brakebush, Janel Gray, Tricia Franklin, Stan Matsuyama, Meredith Clark, Carole Baroni, Bernice

Andres Duarte School

By Joilyn Campitello, Principal

As the 2006-2007 school year comes to the final stretch, the Andres Duarte family is as busy as ever. Sixth graders have returned from Outdoor Science camp and are preparing for seventh grade with visits to Northview and attendance at parent Orientation Night here at Andres Duarte.

All classes have begun preparations for our annual Cinco de

Ledesma, and Grace Reyes.

We celebrated success with over 575 awards at our student recognition assemblies. Children were acknowledged for achievement and improvement in reading, writing and mathematics.

Awards were given to students for perfect attendance, bringing up grades, positive spirit, extra effort, citizenship and student of the month. Beautiful certificates were made with care by Meredith Clark, our outreach consultant, who spent many hours on the awards.

We are very proud of all of our high achieving, hard working and fast running Valley View Dolphins.

Mayo Celebration of dance held on May 4. Students perform traditional dances from all over Mexico.

Our track team made an excellent showing at the annual district track meet and bringing home many ribbons, medals and second place overall. Our school mascot, Andy Cougar, was there to cheer on the athletes and even posed for pictures with students from many different schools.

Hundreds of families and community members attended Open House on April 25, enjoying a family meal together prior to attending a Cougar PSSA meeting and voting in a new board.

Students in grades 2-6 participate in STAR testing during mid May. Andres Duarte students have made impressive gains in their API score every year and we expect great things again this year.

Seven is our lucky number this year. Students and staff are gearing up for success during our "Lucky Seven" campaign to reach toward an API of 777 over the next few years. We can do it!

Reading has gone to the dogs at Beardslee!

By Wendy Wright, Principal

How does reading lead to hot dogs? If you are a student at Beardslee School you may know the answer is easy! Reading. Students are encouraged to read, read, read! Reading extends far beyond the classroom and touches the lives of all. Student participation in the Safari Reading Club and the school wide fervor during Literacy Week are just two examples of how the Beardslee makes reading come alive for every student!

The Safari Reading Club is one in which all can belong. Students need only to read for thirty minutes every night and for their hard work, they are honored! All who complete the task of reading for six straight weeks are celebrated. We have held a pizza party provided by Mrs. Socorro Garcia, Cafeteria Manager and staff. In December, a holiday cookie decorating party followed a fabulous luncheon. Most recently, we held a barbeque in the park with hamburgers and hot dogs grilled by our own custodian, Mr. Rodney Boniface. Our final event will be a DJ party so we can rock on about reading. In addition to being a part of the festivities, students receive a reading prize of books and school supplies for each six week period. Each event has had more than 350 students in attendance and is hosted by the Safari Reading Committee: Mr. Scott Moses, Miss Abby Cano, Mr. Micah Green, Miss Jennifer Brown, Mrs. Angie Salas, Mrs. Bobbie Wenrick, Mrs. Rene Mata, and Mrs. Maria Martinez. In order to make all this happen, fundraisers and contributions are welcomed so that students have a great time reading and reaping the rewards!

"Leaders of Readers", our literacy celebration, was held in April. Beardslee celebrated their reading heroes in a different event each day. Our own Literacy Coach, Mrs. Angie Salas coordinated these fabulous weeklong activities with the help of committee members: Mr. Erich Trapp, Mrs. Annette Bossi-Solorzano, Mr. Santiago Quintana, Mrs. Bobbie

Wenrick, Mr. Scott Moses, Miss Jennifer Brown, and Miss Abby Cano. Monday brought a Kick Off assembly with a performance by staff members, student posters on their favorite author/hero and writing about reading. Tuesday we hosted author, Jody Jill who shared information about her website: *Quit Whining and Read!* Wednesday everyone wore a hat so they could take their Hats Off to Reading! Thursday was our Comic Book Day, everyone was invited to wear comic hero t-shirts and students were able to read the comic book of their choice during recess. That evening we hosted a Family Literacy Night and Potluck. Not only did we share dinner, we shared great books. Students performed commercials for the "Books you just HAVE to read!", the staff reader's theater was reprised, and finally families were given books to read together! We closed the week with a skit performed by our Student Council and hosting our Leaders of Readers Celebrity Read-In. We were grateful to members of law enforcement, emergency service providers, city officials, school leaders and others who shared their love of reading in each classroom.

There are many schools that reading happens between 8:30 and 11 a.m. However, at Beardslee School it is truly a lifelong event that is celebrated, honored and revered. Reading may have gone to the dogs but it is something that we foster in as many ways possible!

Parents contribute to the



WENDY WRIGHT, principal, and Rodney Boniface, custodian, share in the barbeque fun celebrating student Safari Reading achievements.

Royal Oaks School

By Deitra Reed, Principal

Royal Oaks School is a place of learning! The efforts of the staff to create a climate for learning are reflected in the accomplishments and achievements of our students.

Our goal is to make learning so interesting that students will experience the joy of discovering new ideas and building new skills, and develop a love of learning that will create life-long learners. PTA supports this by funding field trips to exciting places and guest expert presenters. Mr. Magic fascinates us with the magic of math and science. We learn about exotic wild animals from Working Wildlife assemblies. Captain Carl turned the Royal Oaks Library into a sea creature habitat with sea slugs, starfish, hermit crabs and sand dollars. Students were excited to pet a real shark! Paleontologists brought fossils, including a Tyrannosaurus Rex claw, for students to examine. Second graders became paleontologist for the day, finding fossils in the sand.

Other hands-on opportunities include use of technology. Mind Institute affords students the opportunity to reinforce reasoning in math using computers and music keyboards. Mathematical thinkers with 100% completion are: Joshua Cruz, Juan Carlos Amistoso, Justin Huynh, Jade

Marie Trazo, Davonte Vendange and Jobie Wu.

Reading Counts helps students build comprehension skills in their recreational reading by taking computerized tests. Reading Counts leaders at Royal Oaks are: 1st grade – Ashley McDonald, Ame Hossen and David Moses, 2nd grade – Kate Richards, Abi Mukandan, 3rd grade – Rohini Vyas, Yasmeen Shindy, 4th grade – Leo Zhao, Juan Nunez, 5th grade – Anh-Thuat Nguyen and Gabriela Luna, 6th grade – Wednesday Lopez and Joshua Desta.

Excellence requires determination and dedication, even if the learning is not 'fun'. Mileage Club participants build stamina in running. This paid big dividends for students in the Royal Oaks Track Meet and Duarte Junior Olympics Track Meet. We are proud to display the winning trophy in the Royal Oaks Library! Mileage Club leaders are: Silvia Perez, Reyes Lorrea, Annie Chen, Wednesday Lopez, Annie Lewis, Jeremy Acuna and Mahsood Ebrahim. Congratulations to our 50-mile runners!

Student work and projects are proudly displayed throughout the school. You are welcome to Kindergarten Open House on May 3 and Grade 1-6 Open House on May 31.

STUDENTS ARE EXCITED to learn about sea animals with Captain Carl.



Girls: (from left) Skylar Clark, Katie Richards, and Christina Montano.



Boys: (from left) Isaiah Rees and Alex Garcia.

Ready for an emergency? Maxwell Elementary is!

By Mary Gonzales, Principal

Maxwell Elementary School participated in a district-wide emergency preparedness drill. Each school knew to expect a call informing us of an emergency or crisis. When we received the call we were given our individual scenarios. In addition district personnel arrived at each school and acted out specific roles. The purpose was to check our effectiveness in maintaining a safe and orderly environment, evaluate our ability to find and rescue any "injured" individuals through our search and rescue teams as well as our ability to dismiss students to the parent or designee. Communication between our school and the district went smoothly.

The Maxwell Elementary School staff is proud in the way we handled our simulated crisis. We found the pretend fires and floods. We rescued the actor who pretended to have a back injury and could not move. We were even able to help, a well acted out, distraught parent locate her child at another school. Our staff and students knew exactly what to do and did it well.

Our school has plans for the different emergency possibilities. We have emergency supplies that include various tools and hardware. Our students have sufficient water and necessary food in case of a long stay. Communication systems are in place.

success of our plan: Response to an emergency or crisis can only be as good as our advance preparation. Our School Site Council recognized possible ways to enhance our school plan. Parents wanted to see uniformity in the way we kept our class emergency materials. They collected funds to provide red emergency bags. Instead of purchasing pre-made bags, Mrs. Lozano, a Maxwell parent volunteered to make the emergency bags, resulting in considerable savings. Mr. Dimas Ramirez, the father of Maxwell students, donated hand held radios when he learned of our plans to purchase them. The radios make communication more efficient between the various site teams.

Before a Natural Crisis or Disaster: Parents should update their child's enrollment card with correct and current information about individuals (designees) who are allowed to pick up your children. No child will be dismissed from school unless a parent or approved designee comes for him or her. All parents or approved designees who come for their children must show picture identification before signing the student out. Do not depend on a school employee to recognize you.

In the event of a crisis or natural disaster: Please do not call the school. Phone lines, if working, will be used for emergency communication. Staff members will remain with the children until

"Think Together"

By Miriam Fox, Principal

We here at Northview Intermediate School were thrilled to learn that as a result of Proposition 49 we would benefit from additional funding designated for after school programs.

In order to help us implement a successful program we contracted with a non-profit organization called "Think Together". I must admit that after meeting with them I felt a bit skeptical when they described the parameters of their program.

Did they really believe that they could convince 75 middle school students to attend after school classes, five days per week, three hours a day?

Clearly these individuals did not understand the "mind set" of pre-adolescents.

I am pleased to admit that I was completely wrong. Although 12 through 14 year olds would not normally relish the thought of staying at school an extra three hours every day I had not considered the high caliber of the program that would entice them to participate.

Not only did the first invited group of 20 come to the program enthusiastically, but they told their friends and the second group was quickly formed and a waiting list developed. Students are attending regularly, participating actively and excitedly recruiting even more of their friends. The content of the program is the hook that has allowed us to "reel them in."

During the first hour to hour and a half students receive targeted tutorial assistance with their homework. They then participate in a physical fitness component that is called "Catch" which involves an array of physical activities which range from simulated basketball and soccer to unique games developed by Think Together staff.

The third component is an academic enrichment curriculum that includes interactive discussions revolving around current events and modern issues such as pollution, gang violence and immigration.

Part of this curriculum is a "Kids' Lit" program that provides high interest stories for this age level while promoting reading comprehension. A writing component is also integrated through the use of journals. We are currently also developing based on student interests a variety of clubs whose meetings will be held during the after school class time, some of the ideas students have shared for clubs include: music, leadership, and cars. Another strong element of this program is research on college and career preparation.

I recently attended a Think Together parent meeting and the comments were positive and powerful. Parents expressed apprecia-

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all have been reunited with their parents or approved designees.

A crisis is an event over which we have very little control. But we do have control over how well we respond to the crisis. Our response depends on how well we have prepared in advance. At Maxwell, to ensure that our response and behavior is appropriate for each situation, we take time to plan and practice. Together with our school district, Maxwell shares the goal to ensure the safety of all our students and staff.

Mount Olive High continues to shine

By Kevin Morris, Principal

FINISHING THE YEAR STRONG

It's hard to believe that the 2006-2007 school year is almost over, but let me say, we are not finished just quite yet. This has been a fun and exciting year for the staff and students at Mt. Olive and we finish the year strong right into the Summer. Here are just a few of the activities going on during the months of May and June as we finish the year.

First, we kicked off May with our Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, May 5. The concert featured recording artist John West, poet Gabriella Medina-Garca, comedian Chorizo King, The Latin Jazz Band, and Brazilian Guitarist Fabiano.

June begins the month with a Mt. Olive original stage play entitled "The Pact". It will be held at the Performing Arts Center on Friday, June 1, with performances at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. But, let's not forget about Man Power Day on Friday, June 8. This event features Duarte business and community leaders as guest speakers who share their messages about success. For more information about any of these events please call (626) 599-5902.

A MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIP

Duarte Unified School District has been providing a successful program in partnership with Citrus Community College to help its students at Mt. Olive pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) since February 2007. Students who attend our program regularly have shown a great improvement in both English and Math proficiency. A diagnostic test is given to each student to assess their strengths and weaknesses. Then Citrus College tutors, Francesca Cordova and Sami Hakimeh, work one on one with students. It is not only their job to tutor them, but to motivate them and enable them to become self-learners by motivating themselves. In addition, this program offers our students many other helpful and free programs at Citrus College such as Test Anxiety, Time Management, and Power Math Workshops, just to name a few. "Working with students to pass the CAHSEE is our mission," says Sami. Francesca truly believes that it is not impossible to attain such goals when we have great and helpful people working with us from Duarte Unified School District and the Mt. Olive Adult Education Program.

Ella Hudson who has been working with us since day one has contributed a lot in creating the perfect team in order to accomplish our mission.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

There is still time to sign-up for Mt. Olive's ROP computer class which started on

February 13 and runs through June 14. Learn Microsoft Office Windows, Word, Publisher, Power Point, Excel, and there's no cost for the class. The class is held every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. in the Mount Olive computer lab. For more details, call Velma Pratt at (626) 599-5902.

Yes, Mount Olive continues to shine! Duarte Unified School District has a star and it is Mt. Olive, the California Model Continuation High School. So, join us at our May and June events and enjoy the experience!

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tion of the homework component, which allows them to focus on family time without the arguments and trauma sometimes associated with the completion of homework, according to them the homework is completed by the time the student gets home.

Additionally, they expressed gratitude for the opportunity to have their youngsters safely taken care of in an environment that they, the students enjoy. Also pleasing for the parents was the academic enrichment program inclusive of the focus on college and careers. Needless to say my "skepticism" is gone and my enthusiasm for the program has grown tremendously especially as I get to know the program staff and see the results of their efforts.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at (626) 599-5600.

Awards

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of Hope 5K/10K Run/Walk;

Dr. Alan Johnson, Deputy Superintendent of Duarte Unified School District, he has been with the District 22 years and started as the high school principal.

He is a past president of the Duarte Kiwanis Club, and remains active in professional organizations.

His nominator said, "Always with a calm demeanor and sharp wit, Dr. Johnson is able to provide a calming influence, and his guidance is greatly valued";

Deputy Wayne Goodrich, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department has been with the City of Duarte since 2003 as one of our Special Assignment Deputy's and since then "has become the foundation of the sub-station, he is a tireless worker who epitomizes team work and dedication";

Firefighter Specialist Kenneth "Ken" Cate has worked at Fire Station #44 in the City of Duarte for 12 years, "his dedication and commitment to the citizens of Duarte is unyielding and worthy."

Among his duties at Station #44 are fire fighting, paramedic services, public assistance, traffic collisions, fire prevention business inspections, assisting Air Squads to transport patients, floodings, and even getting a small bear cub out of a tree.

He is involved with Toys for Tots, and picks a needy Duarte family at holiday time and with his own money purchases a full turkey dinner with all the fixin's, and he gives blood and platelets regularly at the City of Hope.

The event was sponsored by Bob Cruz, The Gas Company, a *Sempre Energy Utility*.

Neighborhood Watch Alert!

Home Burglar on the Loose!

Between January and March 2007, 13 home burglaries have been recorded in Duarte, 10 of them in Areas 8, 9, and 12. A common suspect description has been that of a male White or Hispanic, 20-25 years old, 5'10". The suspect will use any available object found to break a rear window and gain entry.

Please help us find this suspect! If you spot any suspicious vehicle or person in your neighborhood call Temple Station at (626) 448-9861. If you witness a crime in progress call 911 from a landline, call Temple Station at (626) 448-9861 from your cell phone.

If you have any information about the crime please contact Sgt. David Bly at the Duarte Sheriff's Satellite Station at (626) 359-5671, ext. 304 during business hours. If you would like to leave an anonymous tip you may do so, simply call the Sheriff Satellite Station Crime Tip Hotline (626) 359-5671 ext. 462. Make the call!

To receive these alerts in the form of e-mail, please subscribe to the Neighborhood Watch E-mail Alert System by e-mailing us your name, home address, phone number, and e-mail address to the Duarte Public Safety Office at Duarte-CrimeTips@lasd.org.

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Duarte High School students spend spring break in Berkeley

By Janelle Sales

This spring break nine hard-working Duarte High School students got the privilege to

travel to Berkeley to tour the campus and stay for 3 days and 2 nights, April 9-11. Participants were Duarte Area Resource Team

(D.A.R.T) members and had to meet several requirements to attend the trip, such as having at least 45 volunteer hours. We were chaperoned by our club advisor Public Safety Coordinator Aida Torres, Sheriff Deputy Robert MacLean, and Mrs. Iris Silveira.

Mr. Y, DCTV Director, was so gracious to allow us to borrow his video camera for the trip so we could videotape our

experience and bring it back to share with others.

We met at Public Safety at 4 a.m. on Monday, April 9. A seven-hour drive to campus allowed us time to rest. Our tour guide was a current student at UC Berkeley and was very informative and knowledgeable about the academics and atmosphere of the campus. We walked through the Biology Department, one of the several libraries on campus, viewed the football field and basketball gym, rode to the top of the clock tower (The Campanile), and got to buy food at the student store near Sproul Plaza. It was a very interactive tour and really gave a precise sense of how life on campus is, at such a large and competitive school.

We also had the opportunity to tour one



THE DART STUDENTS at Alcatraz Island.

of the off-campus co-op living houses, Casa Joaquin. We were provided with a great dinner, dessert and a tour! I really appreciated the opportunity to visit the campus because I will be a student there this coming fall.

The next day, we traveled across the Bay Bridge into San Francisco to take a ferry to the infamous Alcatraz Penitentiary. The water and city were beautiful and the tour was one-of-a-kind. You could walk through the prison and tour each sector at your own pace with personal recorded tours on a soundtrack. Although it no longer operates, and is now a National Park, the facility was well preserved and allowed you to feel as if you really spent time in the cells. Afterwards, we went to have dinner in Chinatown and also walked around in Little Italy. Before returning to the hotel, we drove over the Golden Gate Bridge to take pictures.

This spring break was the most productive and most fun I think most of us have ever had for spring break. We saw both ends of our futures: going to a prestigious college like Berkeley, or ending up in a prison like Alcatraz. DART thanks Aida and LULAC our sponsor who allowed us the chance to make this trip unforgettable. Hopefully we can do something similar next year.

A Teen's View

By Guadalupe Behar

It was a great season for the Duarte High School JV soccer team this past school year. We had many new players that I was looking forward to getting to know. Once I met everyone and we began practices, I had a feeling the season was going to be good.

Coach Robinson and our team captains, Liz and Jackie, really motivated our team to do our best as well as enjoy the sport. Practices were both fun and challenging, and none of us wasted any time in preparing ourselves for the games. We had some tough practices that really got to us, but they were all worth it in the end.

We played various schools from Montview League. There were some games that were more intense and difficult than others, but every game was important. The games were played rain or shine. In fact, one of my favorite games was played in the rain. It was awesome! I found it odd that we wore our white uniforms in the mud, but it was fun and we ended up looking like Dalmatians with brown mud spots and dots all over our uniforms! It was also a game we won with a score of 9 to 0!

We earned first place in the Montview League with only one loss. Even though we were not undefeated we had a great season. Unfortunately for the seniors, it was their last year playing, but hopefully it was enjoyable for them. This was my second year playing for a soccer team and it has been awesome! I am looking forward to next year's soccer season and maybe we will go undefeated. Go DHS girls soccer! Yay!



THE TEENS ENJOYING Water Games on a hot summer day!

Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center has a lot of great activities happening this summer! The Teen Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street. Regular hours of operation are Monday through Friday 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. During the month of July, the Center will be open extended hours from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

All Duarte teens entering grades 9 through 12 with school ID are welcome. The Teen Center is looking forward to seeing returning students as well as meeting the new ninth grade class! Participation is free, but Teen Center Registration packets must be filled out.

For more information call (626) 303-0863.

COMPUTER LAB

The Computer Lab at the Duarte Teen Center is open Monday through Friday, 3 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The lab is equipped with 12 computers and is a great place to enhance computer skills, learn new programs, chat on the Internet, do school work, and play various games.

YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM

This is an excellent program to help boys and girls 8-18, develop their self-esteem and self-discipline. Our knowledgeable instructors are here to teach the fundamentals of boxing while developing footwork, speed and upper body strength. The training program will also help your child gain physical flexibility, stamina, and coordination.

Classes are scheduled 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 Teen Center.

ACTIVITIES

Movie Mondays are June 11 and 25, and July 9 and 23. Movies begin at 3:30 p.m. There is no charge for viewing and refreshments will be sold.

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

Sing your heart out to your favorite tunes on Thursday, June 7, at 4 p.m. for Karaoke Night.

Learn the game of Poker or improve your game strategies Friday, June 15, at 4 p.m.

Enjoy a day out in the hot sun on Thursday, July 26, at 3 p.m. with fun water games like slip in slide, water balloons, and more!

A pool tournament will be held June 13 and a PS2 tournament will be held June 19.

In July there will be a ping-pong tournament on Thursday the 5th and an air hockey tournament Wednesday the 18th.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

This summer, teens that enjoy basketball or want to improve their game should sign up for an all-new Basketball Clinic put on by Teen Center staff member Larry Monroe. It will be held every Tuesday 3-5 p.m. from June 26-July 31. The Clinic is free and will provide a great opportunity to enhance your skills and just have fun.

The Teen Center will be celebrating its 10-year anniversary on Wednesday, June 27, at 5 p.m. There will be a Concert in the Park featuring "Suave the Band", food vendors, open house, and boxing exhibition. The event is free and all are welcome to see the past and present accomplishments of the Duarte Teen Center.

Join the Teen Center on Thursday, July 19, at 4 p.m. for the 2nd Annual Summer Luau. The cost is only \$2 and will include a Hawaiian BBQ, music, games, and more! Come dressed in your best Hawaiian outfits.

EXCURSIONS

Teens can enjoy fun excursions during summer vacation. All fees include trip and transportation.

Enjoy a hot summer day with a trip to Raging Waters on Saturday, July 14, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Time and fee will be announced.

The Dodgers vs. the Giants game will be held Wednesday, August 1, for \$12. We will leave from the Teen Center at 5:30 p.m. until the end of the game.

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

Summer Park Program

Duarte Recreation will conduct supervised park programs at four sites this summer, Mon.-Fri., 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., June 25-August 17. Royal Oaks Park, Encanto Park, Beardslee Park and Otis Gordon Sports Park will offer arts and crafts, sports,

games, and special events, all supervised by trained recreation leaders. This is a drop-in program where children are allowed to come and go as they wish. Activities are for children 5 to 12 years of age. For more information call (626) 357-7931.

Summer Special Events

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will offer several special events this summer for children.

The **Summer Slam** will be held at Royal Oaks Park, Beardslee Park, Encanto Park and Otis Gordon Park on Thursday, June 28, at 1 p.m.

Children will play games and enjoy exciting activities as the recreation leaders at each site barbeque and welcome another summer of fun.

Children 5-12 years old are welcome to participate. This event is only \$1.

The **Barbie & G.I. Joe Summer Celebration** will be held for children ages 5 and older at the Duarte Community Center on Thursday, July 5, from 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

There will be prizes, games, a huge raffle for accessories, and refreshments. This event is free. Transportation will be provided from each supervised park with a permission form.

Come celebrate **Duarte Game Day** at Royal Oaks Park on Thursday, July 12, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. with all types of games from ping-pong to checkers. This event is free. Transportation will be provided from each supervised park with a permission form.

The **Wet and Wild Carnival** will be held at Beardslee Park on Tuesday, July 17, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Children ages 5-12 are invited to play carnival-style games and activities, all



DUARTE KIDS always have a great time at the **Wet and Wild Carnival!**

with an aquatic theme. The giant inflatable water slide will be back!

There will be 10¢ games and 25¢ rides & snow cone, or for \$2 you can get an unlimited rides and games pass. Transportation will be provided from each supervised park with a permission form.

The annual **Splashtacular** will be held at the Duarte pool Thursday, July 26, from 1:30-3 p.m. There will be water games, contests and prizes. This event is open to children 15 and under and only cost 50¢ for kids 6-12 years and \$1 for kids 13-15 years.

For more information on these events, please call the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

Duarte Recreation Classes

Summer is almost here and the kids will be home all day with nothing to do. Why not enroll them in some fun classes?

Adults, don't feel left out, we have classes for you too! The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is offering Amazing Arts, Arts & Crafts, Babysitter Training, Ballet, Belly Dancing, Cheer & Dance, Children's Healthy Cooking, Comedy Improv, Crochet Fun, Dog Obedience, Folklorico, Guitar, Health Camp, Hip Hop Dance, Mini Picasso, Karate, Kids Love Soccer, Polynesian Dance, Racquetball, Swing Dancing, Tennis, Tumbling, Skateboarding, Theater Workshop, and more!

Contact the Recreation Department for age requirements and fees.

Registration begins Monday, June 11, at Duarte City Hall Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Huntington Drive. Classes will begin the week of June 25.

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Mail-in registration is also available.

Beginning Tuesday, June 12 you can register by phone for purchases over \$30 with Visa or MasterCard at (626) 357-7931.

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



DUARTE KIDS LOVE spending the summer at the **Duarte Pool!**

Duarte Swim Program Begins

The City of Duarte Fitness Center's summer swim program will begin on June 25. Come enjoy lap swim, open swim, water aerobics, or swimming lessons. The Fitness Center offers American Red Cross swimming lessons for only \$25 per two-week session, Monday-Thursday.

Water aerobics will be offered for \$4 per class. Lap swim and open swim will be offered for only \$1 for adults and 50¢ for seniors. Children 12 and under can enjoy open swim for only 50¢.

Registration for the first session of swim lessons begins Monday, June 18, at 6 a.m. for Duarte residents, and 8 a.m. for non-residents. Proof of residency is required at time of registration. Swim lessons will be offered in the mornings and evenings.

Open swim will be held weekdays from 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m., and the pool will be open Saturday and Sunday for open swim from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Water aerobics will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:15 p.m., and Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Family swim will be offered every Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (children must be with an adult). Lap swim is available for adults at convenient hours every day.

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



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Rebuilding Together in Duarte



PAMELA OWENS and her daughter brought a surprise guest along to receive their family's Blue Star Banner at the Duarte City Council meeting. Husband/dad and Army Sgt., Keith had just arrived home on a 15-day leave from Iraq where he has served with the 114th Trans Company since April 2006. Owens was a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corp. during Operation Desert Storm, completing his service in 1996. He enlisted the National Guard in 2004. His term of service in Iraq is expected to end in August.

Mayor Lois Gaston proclaimed Saturday, April 28, as Rebuilding Day in Duarte at a recent city council meeting.

Rebuilding Together Duarte/Monrovia is a non-profit organization with a mission to rehabilitate the homes of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly, disabled and families with children who cannot afford or are unable to perform essential repairs to keep their homes safe and warm.

Rebuilding Together Duarte/Monrovia, in partnership with generous volunteers and donors, rehabilitated the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel and Esther Saldana in Duarte on April 28.

Through the help of over 70 volunteers along with over 40 company and individual sponsors for money and materials, the Saldana's home was given new insulation, window replacements, upgrade of the electrical service and repairing of the electrical wiring, reconstruction of an enclosed



patio to city codes, installation of landscaping and automatic irrigation system, new gates and driveway, central heating/air conditioning, new exterior doors as well as a fresh coat of paint on the exterior of the house and some other smaller projects.

These generous donations will allow the Saldana's to continue to

live with pride and dignity in the warmth, safety and independence of their own home – a place they have called home since 1973!

For more information on sponsorships, volunteering or providing monetary donations for future projects you may contact Rebuilding Together Duarte/Monrovia at (626) 348-6335.

Duarte Rotary Heroes



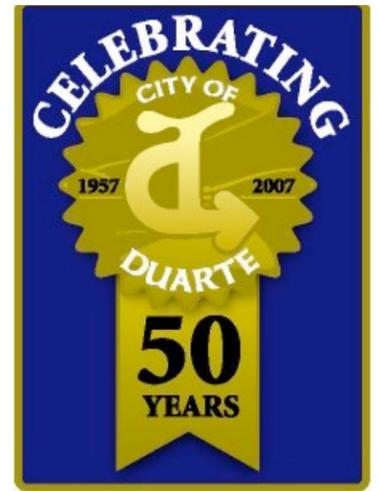
DUARTE ROTARY HEROES reunited in an historic forum at the Duarte Community Center May 4 marking the 20th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in a nine year legal battle that ended gender discrimination in Rotary and all other service clubs in the nation. Forum participants, from left: Christine Montan, Rotary District Governor; Mary Ann Lutz, moderator; Cecilia Arnerich, Duarte Rotary president; Carol Agate, and Sanford K. Smith, attorneys who handled the case; Mayor Lois Gaston; Shelan Joseph, ACLU; and Duarte Rotary members key to the case, Luke McJimpson, Mary Lou Elliott, Ken Caresio, and Sylvia Whitlock.



THE CAST OF "A HERO'S TRIBUTE" in a scene from last month's community musical production – a salute to the nation's military service men, women and veterans, presented by the Duarte Education Foundation and the Duarte Unified School District.

"A Hero's Tribute"

MAYOR LOIS GASTON, a member of the board of the Duarte Education Foundation, stands next to a photo display of some of the many Duarte military men and women and veterans whose pictures were included in a slide show as part of the production of "A Hero's Tribute" performed in April at the Duarte Performing Arts Center.



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