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# Duarte View

A bi-monthly community publication of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, in its 87th year of service to the community.

## Duarte High's Aca Deca Team victorious again!

### TEAM SCORES HIGHEST IN MEDIUM-SIZED SCHOOL VIRTUAL COMPETITION

Academically, April and May are months that schools tend to be at their highest levels of stress. They are busy preparing for the CST's (California State Test) and at the High School level schools are concentrating on getting all students to pass the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam). The pressure to increase test scores can be brutal. At this time at Duarte High School, the Academic Decathlon team was studying to take on their final challenge of the year... the virtual Competition against student's nation wide.

The team had already competed in the County level placing second and earning a chance to compete at the state level.

At the California State Level, the team scored eighteenth overall, but was amazed to hear they had come in first for the Medium-Sized School category, a new one in the competition. That placement solidified their spot to compete at the National level.

The Virtual Competition for the United States Academic De-

cathlon tests student's knowledge of math, literature, economics, music, art, social science, science and essay.

Duarte High School's Aca Deca team members are: Arthur Amador, Christopher Amuroa, Lucas Bondi, Daniel Colin, Talin Darkjian, Even Finlay, Yonathan Lie-Christano, Gayle Manahan, Hayden McFarlane, Amber Nicholdson, Vanja Primorac, Mozzum Saleem, Oliver Solorzano, Samantha Thomas, and Juan Urena.

For Coach Robert Grebel, this would be the last time that his warriors would go into battle with him at the helm. He too had his eye on the prize.

As the results became public, Coach Grebel and his Aca Deca team were, at first, notified that they had scores fifth place, then fourth place; a noble showing at the National level. No one was more surprised than the Duarte High Falcon Aca Deca Team when their final results were again

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## Construction begins on Plaza Duarte

Construction has begun on Plaza Duarte. The City of Duarte has awarded E. C. Construction Company of South El Monte the contract to build a 9,800 square foot plaza across the street from Duarte City Hall. Centpiece of the Plaza Duarte will be the 11 foot 2½ ton bronze equestrian statue of City namesake Andres Avelino Duarte that was dedicated on the site on March 31, 2007.

"Plaza Duarte will be a beautiful place for the community to gather for special events, or for people to just sit and relax in the shade of the trees while in the company of the City's original land grant holder Andres Duarte," said Silvia Hurtado, interim director of Community Development.

Construction is expected to be completed by August. E. C. Construction was the low bidder on the project at \$303,795.25.

Designed by Bradbury based Armstrong and Walker, Landscape Architects, the public plaza

will feature a decorative water fountain, tan colored concrete paving with red brick bands, shade trees, shrubs and grassy areas. The statue itself will be surrounded by a raised planter with wall seating.

Lighting plans prepared by a separate electrical and lighting engineer call for low-level lighting within the plaza and trees and a spotlight on the Andres Duarte statue. Additional electrical outlets will be provided on the property to allow for electrical power for community events.

E.C. Construction will be responsible for all the concrete work and construction of the fountain, while City of Duarte field services will handle installation of the irrigation system and landscaping. Glendora based Rain Bird Corporation donated new water saving irrigation supplies for the project.

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

## Construction underway on Duarte Best Buy, six other national tenants



**BREAKING GROUND** for a new Best Buy store and six additional national retail shops in Duarte are from left: project developer Douglas C. Jacobsen of Jacobsen Family Holdings; Mayor Phil Reyes; Carol Settles, senior vice president Bank of America; Councilwoman Margaret Finlay; Mayor Pro Tem John Fasana; Councilwoman Lois Gaston; City Manager Darrell George; and Councilwoman Zeitel Paras-Caracci. The development is slated for completion and opening by March 2009.

Construction has begun in Duarte on a 46,000 square foot Best Buy store at the northeast corner of Central Ave. and Mountain Ave., just north of the 210 Foothill Freeway. The project is being built on 4.5 acres purchased from the Duarte Redevelopment Agency.

The City of Duarte and developer Jacobsen Family Holdings hosted a ground breaking ceremony on May 27 for the major retail development project that will also feature 10,600 square feet of inline shops. Six additional national tenants will include a combination of quick serve restaurants and various retailers. An existing, adjacent 17,000 square foot Staples store will undergo a major remodeling and redesign in conjunction with the new development.

"This project is an excellent example of a joint partnership of the private sector and our redevelopment agency that will translate into hundreds of new jobs and over a half-million dollars in annual sales tax revenue," said City Manager Darrell George.

RCI Builders is the general contractor on the development project, slated to be completed and open by March 1, 2009.

Jacobson Family Holdings previously developed the 3.5 acre retail center at Mountain Ave. and Hamilton Rd. in Duarte anchored by La-Z-Boy and IHOP franchises and other national tenants that opened in 2005.

For more information, call the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

## Grant to launch development of Encanto Nature Walk Bioswale Project

The City of Duarte has received a \$507,990 grant from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountain Conservancy (RMC) for the development of the Encanto Nature Walk Bioswale and Outdoor Nature Classroom project.

The creation of a 1,000 foot long bioswale along the western perimeter of city-owned Encanto Park to begin construction this summer is the initial step in a larger multi-faceted project that will open up educational and recreational opportunities for visitors to the park and the adjacent San Gabriel River.

In 2006, the RMC provided the City with a \$150,000 planning grant for the bioswale project that will include interpretive signage, native landscaping and a small infiltration basin to manage storm runoff from the park.

Other components of the Encanto Nature Walk will include:

- A small outdoor nature center with interpretive displays and an outdoor classroom to be located at the south end of Encanto Park,

funded with \$100,000 from Proposition A funds from Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

- A nature trail, with interpretive exhibits leading from the nature center along the west bank of the San Gabriel River to a view point located at the end of a berm which projects into the river channel. A principal objective of the project will be to enhance connections between the park and the river.

- Removal of a chain link fence and screen of non-native plants which currently serves to isolate visitors from the attractive river environment. Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina provided \$150,000 in Proposition A funds toward the project.

Total cost for the design and development of the Encanto Nature Walk/Bioswale Project is \$1,037,307. All but \$70,000 has been raised, including Duarte's contribution totaling \$55,000.

"The Encanto Nature Walk is

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## Attn: 501c3 filers

Previously, 501(c)3 organizations with less than \$25,000 of gross receipts did not have to file paperwork, but starting this year, for 2007 records, all nonprofits need to file Form 990 (or the simpler e-postcard version) with the IRS. Failure to file for three consecutive years may result in organizations losing their 501(c) status. While larger non-profit organizations have been com-

plying with complex tax laws for years, many smaller groups may not be familiar with these requirements and turnover in volunteer boards can mean that records and deadlines are overlooked. Each organization should review the new requirements and get help with the filing if there are any questions. More information is available at the IRS's website: [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities)



### DUARTE KIWANIS CLUB

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

Meetings are held on the following:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month  
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## Duarte approves 2008-09 budget, Council earmarks fund to oppose mining

The Duarte City Council/Redevelopment Agency unanimously voted to adopt a combined \$26,845,300 budget for 2008-2009. Challenged by increasing expenses, flat revenues and deferred capital improvements, the budget included a General Fund operating budget of \$12,333,100 and a resulting \$953,500 deficit that will be covered with funds from the City's reserves.

The approved budget represents a \$348,100 increase from the current year budget, attributed mainly to costs associated with the inspection of several major construction developments that are currently underway, negotiated increases totaling 11% in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's \$2,964,500 contract, and an expected increase in the City's two labor agreements which expire June 30, 2008.

With sales taxes and property taxes down and public safety, health care and utility costs up, the Council determined that the "rainy day is here and now is the time to absorb the deficit through

our reserve account," said City Manager Darrell George.

In an action initiated by Mayor Pro Tem John Fasana, the Council also agreed to establish a \$700,000 fund to monitor and counter anticipated expansion plans by Vulcan Mining Company that would adversely impact Duarte residents. It is expected that by August or September 2008, Vulcan will formally submit an application with the City of Azusa to amend its existing development agreement to expand mining operations 80 acres to the west in an area above Duarte hillside homes. The "Fight Against Vulcan Expansion Fund" (FAVE) would allow the City of Duarte to monitor the approximately two-year application process involving a Conditional Use Permit and Environmental Impact Report through whatever legal and environmental means necessary.

"Duarte is still fiscally solid and very stable," said George. He noted that an uptick in sales tax and property tax revenues before the recent decline and significant new development fees from City of Hope, Best Buy and smaller projects added \$1.7 million to the City's General Fund reserve account in January, increasing reserves from \$5.0 million to \$6.7 million. Even after taking \$953,500 to offset the 2008-2009 deficit, Duarte is still ahead of last year's adopted budget with \$5.8 million remaining in reserves, he said.

For further information, call City of Duarte, (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

## Rt. 66 Parade Committee mourns loss

When the Route 66 Parade Committee gathered for its regular meeting May 28, it was with heavy hearts. One of their own, John McKiernan, had died suddenly the night before at a Duarte City Council meeting. Big John will be sorely missed.

Big John had been an integral part of the committee for the last three years. His specialty was in arranging the equestrian groups that are a favorite of parade goers. John's love for horses showed through all his efforts to plan, coordinate, and even clean up after the parade. This year, he was very excited to be co-chairing the sub-committee organizing an additional after-parade event – a community arts and crafts fair.

The remaining members of the committee are working on creating a unique memorial to Big John as a part of this year's parade and are looking for a new committee member to take on the responsibility of coordinating the equestrian groups.

The Route 66 Parade Committee meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Elks Club. New committee members are welcome.

## Nature

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destined to be one of the jewels in the regional Emerald Necklace Project," said Deputy City Manager Karen Herrera.

The City will involve at-risk youth in the project by contracting with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for construction of the river trail and viewpoint. Work will begin in September with a dedication of the project expected by spring 2009 to coincide with the City's annual Wilderness Day celebration.

For more information, call the City of Duarte (626) 357-7931, ext 221.

## Hook'd 'n Book'd

Deputies working in Duarte take the presence of drugs and firearms in our city seriously. On Friday, March 28, the Temple Suppression Team Members served a search warrant at 1610 Fairdale Avenue. The suspect residing at this residence was identified as a suspect for a crime committed in Santa Clara County.

As suspected by the investigative team the search concluded with findings of contraband, harmful to the health and safety of all. Among items confiscated from the residence, were: a semi-automatic rifle, ammunition, and 11 ounces of marijuana, (which was later determined to be for narcotic sales holding an estimated street value of \$3,200).

In addition to the immediate arrest of the suspect, the suspect's family has been served with a voluntary eviction notice by the City of Duarte. This process authorized by California State Health and Safety Code section 11570 et seq. and Duarte Municipal Code Chapter 9.31- Abatement of Drug and/or Gang Related Nuisances. The process may result in the seizing and sale of the property if notice of eviction is ignored.

Keep your Neighborhood Crime Free! Report crime or suspicious activity! You may contact Sergeant Bobby Wyche at Duarte Public Safety, (626) 359-5671 ext. 304. You may also contact Special Assignment Deputy Avila at ext. 305, and Deputy Goodrich at ext. 320, if you have any information that you feel will lead to arrests.

You may also leave an anonymous tip by simply calling the Sheriff Satellite Station Crime Tip Hotline (626) 359-5671 ext. 462.

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# Duarte Redevelopment Agency approves Exclusive Negotiation Agreement for TOD Project

The Duarte Redevelopment Agency has approved a 180-day Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with Los Angeles based Lowe Enterprises Real Estate Group for an approximate 20-acre Transit Oriented Development project around a proposed Duarte Gold Line light rail station.

Lowe will use the time period to further define a concept of a mixed use site that would include residential, retail, public plaza, offices, and park and ride space at the northwest corner of Duarte Rd. and Highland Ave. Three industrial properties currently occupy the site.

Two concept variations for the site were developed by City contracted consultants IBI Group of Irvine following several months of gathering community input from a series of public workshops and community stakeholders meetings. The City utilized a \$93,149 Cal Trans Community Based Transportation Grant that included a 20% City match to fund the conceptual study.

One concept for the TOD would feature 830 residential units, 205 hotel rooms, 23,000 square feet of retail, a 0.6 acres

public plaza or park, 250 Park and Ride spaces, and a total of 2,164 parking spaces. A second similar concept adds 200,000 square feet of office space and reduces the number to residential units to 585. Total parking spaces would increase to 2,469.

During the 180-day ENA period Lowe will:

- Conduct a detailed retail and office study of Duarte in conjunction with CB Richard Ellis Real Estate Group.
- Conduct a study to analyze demand and market conditions for both sale and rental products.
- Develop detailed renderings and plans for the entire TOD area.
- Work with Agency staff to understand financing options including tax increment financing, bonds and other measures required to make the project feasible and successful for all parties.
- Work with Gold Line Construction Authority to develop an integrated plan for the Duarte Gold Line Station.
- Complete a detailed financial analysis of the project.
- Work with Agency staff and community to develop consensus

for the project through community meetings and input.

The agreement includes a \$50,000 good faith deposit to cover any legal expenses, consultant fees, and other Agency costs incurred during the ENA period, in addition to the costs associated with the negotiation and drafting of the ENA itself and potential negotiation of both a Disposition and Development and a Development Agreement.

For more information, call Duarte City Hall, (626) 357-7931, ext. 231.

# Bumptown, Impact, Bluez Boyz set for Park Concerts

Bumptown, a nine piece variety band will let the good times roll when they take the stage for the second in a series of Duarte summer concerts in the park on July 9. The diverse professional background of the Bumptown players allows the group to pump out an amazing set of favorites from all musical genres whether it's disco, funk, old school, rock and roll, R&B or Latin music.

Duarte Summer Concerts in the park are held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Ave., just east of Buena Vista St.

The group, Impact will perform on July 23, entertaining audiences with a variety of musical styles including Latin Rock, Disco, R&B, Funk, Cumbias Reggae, and Classic Rock.

Closing out the summer concert series on Aug. 6 will be the Bluez Boyz, a group of teenage musicians who are talented beyond their years.

The Duarte summer concert series offers a fun and stress-free way to enjoy a warm summer evening in the company of family and friends. Concert-goers are invited to bring along a lawn chair or blanket and pack a picnic dinner, or enjoy something good to eat from one of several food booths that will be open for business beginning at 6 p.m.

Free bus transportation to and from the park is available by Duarte Transit. The park also offers convenient parking, a large picnic area, children's playground, and basketball courts. For more information, call Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931.

# Five Duarte public employees honored

Two longtime City of Duarte employees were among those honored for their service to the community above and beyond their duties by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce at the 5th annual Community Employees of the Year Awards.

The awards were presented at a luncheon at the City of Hope in conjunction with the Chamber sponsored State of the City and State of the Duarte Unified School District talks.

City of Duarte Director of Community Development, Ed Cox, a 27-year employee with the City who retired in May, was honored for his dedication to the community, taking the time to listen to and understand the needs of business people and residents, and for helping to develop and implement policies that have brought the long-range vision of the community to fruition. He also volunteers his time to the community as a member of the Duarte Kiwanis and Rebuilding Together Duarte/Monrovia. He used his masonry skills to build outdoor barbeque stations at the Duarte Senior Center and Duarte Teen Center on his own time.

Administrative Secretary Becky Evans, a 23-year employee with the City, was honored for her contributions in making Duarte's 50th anniversary "a thrilling reality for our entire city and many of our business partners. Her imagination, spirit of community, and superb management of resources (fiscal and human) resulted in an historic series of events, such as the Statue Dedication, the City Picnic Special VIP Booth, and an off-site Employee Recognition Dinner that was also a reunion with former city workers. Mrs. Evans' efforts helped us reconnect with our past and look forward to our future with great pride and

appreciation."

Also honored with Community Employees of the Year Awards were:

• Los Angeles County Fire Department firefighter Ed Verdugo, who has worked at Fire Station #44 in Duarte since 1997. He has served as a mentor for numerous new firefighters over the years. Prior to becoming a firefighter in 1976, Verdugo served with the U.S. Army Special Forces. His hobby and home-based business is developing field tools to help make the job of military ground forces easier and safer.

• Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain Richard Shaw of Temple Sheriff's Station has served as Duarte's Station Commander for the last five years. "He recently played an integral part in combating gang violence in the community by dedicating Temple Station personnel and requesting that a task force be put in place to resolve the problem. Honesty, integrity, and wisdom are actions that he demonstrates while serving our community - the City of Duarte."

• Duarte Unified School District mathematics teacher Robert Grebel, recognized for his work as an outstanding educator, and as the School District's Teacher of the Year 2006-2007, has dedicated the last several years of his time beyond the regular school day to shepherd Duarte High School's Academic Decathlon team. This year, after finishing second at the Los Angeles County level, the team won first place for Medium Schools in the 2008 state competition in Sacramento.

The awardees were honored by 150 business and community leaders who attended the Duarte Chamber event sponsored by The Gas Company, a Sempra Energy Utility.



THE DUARTE CHAMBER of Commerce recently honored five Duarte community employees for their outstanding service at the 5th annual Duarte Community Employees of the Year Awards held at the City of Hope Cooper Auditorium. Award recipients, from left to right are: City of Duarte Director of Community Development Ed Cox, City of Duarte Administrative Secretary Becky Evans, Los Angeles County Fire Dept. firefighter Ed Verdugo of Duarte Station #44, Duarte High School teacher Robert Grebel, and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Captain Richard Shaw of Temple Station, who also serves as the City of Duarte Station Commander.

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# Duarte extends application period to fill all City Commissions and new Mayor's Youth Council

The City of Duarte has extended the application period to fill every position in all of its City commissions. The City Council recently restructured its commissions and established new advisory bodies, resulting in the expiration of terms for all current commissioners as of June 30. Applications will be accepted until all commission posts are filled.

Interested citizens have a variety of opportunities to serve their community in an advisory capacity to the City Council on the Planning Commission, Public Safety Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Economic Development Commission, Traffic and Safety Commission, Public Services Commission, and the newly established Mayor's Youth Council.

Positions on various commissions are open to City of Duarte residents, residents of the unincorporated area of Duarte, and business owners. The Mayor's Youth Council is open to students of Northview Intermediate, Duarte High School and Mt. Olive High School.

"The application process is simple and streamlined," said Deputy City Manager, Karen Herrera. Application forms are available from the City Clerk at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr., and on the City's website: [www.accessduarte.com](http://www.accessduarte.com).

The first of applicant interviews by the Duarte City Council will take place on June 23 and June 24 beginning at 4 p.m. Appointments will be announced at the City Council meeting on June 24, and the new commissioners

will begin their terms of office on July 1.

Complete information about each of the citizen commissions, requirements and how to apply for a commission appointment, can be found on the City's website, or by calling Duarte City Clerk's office at (626) 357-7931, ext. 223.

## Dog licenses renewal due before July 1

Duarte dog licenses are due for renewal and purchase by July 1. Dog licenses are issued for the fiscal year starting July 1 with all licenses expiring on June 30 of the following year. A rabies vaccination certificate which must be valid for the entire licensing period and a certificate of sterility if applicable are required prior to the issuance of the license.

Dog license fees are as follows: Regular - \$40; Spayed or Neutered - \$20.

One free license per senior resident (Age 65 or older) if the dog has been spayed or neutered. Licenses may be purchased at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr., and Duarte Public Safety, 1042 Huntington Dr. on Fri. and Sat. from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dog licenses purchased after Aug. 31 will be subject to a mandatory 100% penalty. For further information regarding dog licensing or any other animal control issue please contact Duarte Public Safety at (626) 357-7938.

# The Sands of Time

How can a grain of sand tell a story? Learn this and more in "The Sands of Time" exhibit by Alan Heller now on display at the Duarte Library, 1301 Buena Vista Street, Duarte.

Sand samples collected by Heller during his travels together with his photography comprise a display featuring a multitude of uses derived from sand, such as sandpaper, cleansers, sand painting, and even keeping track of time (the hourglass). His samples and photos demonstrate the variety of hues radiating from beaches and dunes, from the black sands of Hawaii to the soft earthtones at Coral Pink Sand Dunes in Utah.

The Duarte Library is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed on Sundays. The sand exhibit will remain through June.



LIBRARIAN PU CHING and Alan Heller pose with the new exhibit - Sands of Time - which will remain on display at the Duarte Library through June.

## "A" Game Basketball Clinic

The "A" Game Fundamentals Basketball Clinic will hold its summer youth clinic August 4-8 at the Santa Fe Middle School in Monrovia. Boys and girls from 5th through 11th grade are invited to participate. Special guest speakers this year will include Jim Harrick, University of Georgia head basketball coach, and Corey Blount, former NBA player for the L.A. Lakers and Chicago Bulls.

Registration is \$80 per child. Registration includes basketball skills training, lunch and refreshments each day, a clinic t-shirt, a free Sparks game ticket and gift item, presentations from prominent guest speakers, and trophies/awards for achievements.

The clinic has partnered with the Sparks this year to offer each participant a free ticket for the basketball game on Saturday, August 30, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m. Additional Sparks tickets are available for \$5. The "A" Game players will get a welcome on the Sparks' matrix board will participate in a parade of champions during the Sparks game at Staples Center.

For more information contact Coach Rodney Jefferson at (626) 219-6067 or [jeffers6@aol.com](mailto:jeffers6@aol.com) or visit the website: [www.agamefundamentals.org](http://www.agamefundamentals.org).

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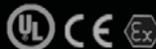
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"The Gas Company is actively partnering with community groups throughout our service area to enroll qualified customers in our assistance programs," said Hal Snyder, The Gas Company's vice president of customer service. "We hope to leave 'no stone unturned' when reaching out to the more than 350,000 customers financially eligible for the CARE program."

Last year, The Gas Company CARE customers saved, on average, \$200 annually under the program. About 225,000 customers throughout The Gas Company's service area already have enrolled in the CARE program.

All nonparticipating residential customers will find a CARE application included in their July bill mailer. Customers also can call a toll-free, multilingual assistance line at (800) 427-2200 to request an application form, apply online in English or Spanish at [www.socalgas.com](http://www.socalgas.com), or download a CARE application in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean or Vietnamese and fax or mail it to The Gas Company.

"We are encouraging everyone who comes through our door to find out if they qualify for the program and helping them sign up for this discount," said Marlene Castro, social services manager for public-assistance organization Campesinos Unidos. "We are pleased to partner with The Gas Company in their outreach on programs that help our clients manage their living costs."

Customers may be automatically eligible if they currently receive benefits from the Women, Infants and Children, Healthy Families, Medi-Cal, Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or LIHEAP programs.

Every year, the California Public Utilities Commission adjusts the maximum qualifying household income levels to reflect changes in the federal poverty guidelines. These higher income levels mean that more customers can now qualify. As of June 1, the new CARE income guidelines, based on pre-tax annual income, are as follows:

Number of People Per Household	Previous Income Guidelines	New Income Guidelines (Effective June 1, 2008)
1 or 2	\$29,300	\$30,500
3	\$34,400	\$35,800
4	\$41,500	\$43,200
5	\$48,600	\$50,600

Add \$7,400 for each additional household member

Besides CARE, The Gas Company offers a variety of other financial assistance, appliance and home-improvement rebates, energy audits and energy-efficiency programs to assist its low-income, disabled and senior-citizen customers.

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## GREEN STREETS FOR DUARTE

### Recycled pavement materials saves oil

The City of Duarte is the first in the nation to use recycled pavement materials for a large scale slurry seal project. The project completed in May covers nearly all of the city's streets north of Royal Oaks Dr., approximately one-third of the city.

Duarte recently adopted a Strategic Plan that calls for improving the infrastructure and incorporating "Green" technologies wherever possible. The city was able to fulfill both goals by specifying the use of the innovative slurry seal product made from recycled asphalt pavement developed and installed by Pavement Coatings Company of Cypress. Total cost of the project is \$395,742.00.

Slurry Seal is a thin asphalt emulsion/rock dust coating that is spread on asphalt street pavement to reduce deterioration by the sun's ultraviolet rays. Without the slurry coating, ultraviolet rays will dry out the surface of the pavement causing it to crack. Regular application of a slurry seal will extend the life of asphalt pavements for many years.

"The use of recycled asphalt pavement eliminates the need for new rock dust from local gravel pits and, as the recycled pavement already contains oil, reduces the amount of new oil needed for the mixture. By completion of the project the City recycled some 1,425 tons of old asphalt pavement, saved 625 barrels of oil and preserved the street infrastructure for years to come," said Duarte Engineering Division Manager, Steve Esbenschade.

"The recycled material has the same lifespan as conventional slurry seal coatings, but stays darker longer. It's the same price and by using it we're helping to save precious natural resources. That's a winning combination," said Esbenschade.



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# A Life Changing Experience



THE EXPLORER ACADEMY graduating Class 79.

By Gonzalo Lozano

Many young adults ranging from the ages of thirteen through nineteen joined a life changing experience that required physical pain, endurance and mental stability.

Their eighteen-week course at the Sheriff Training Academy in Santa Fe Springs, lasted from September 9, 2007 to January 8, 2008.

Upon graduation they became Deputy Explorers, and are the official volunteers at their districts' Sheriff Stations.

These teenagers came from cities such as Los Angeles, Compton, Huntington Park, Arcadia, Alhambra, and Duarte. I am one of three from the City of Duarte. My cohorts are Joshua Reed and Daniel Salas.

We represented Duarte each and every Saturday morning starting as early as five o'clock.

We dressed with green uniform pants, and a plain white

t-shirt, ate a balanced breakfast, and wondered what the day would bring.

We all arrived at the academy not knowing what to expect and hoped it would be as smooth as possible.

As time progressed, we found that the Academy was going to be a bumpy ride that would require motivation and dedication.

Quitting crossed our minds several times. Knowing that we were doing something extraordinary for ourselves and our communities made us push ourselves each week.

We realized that "pain was temporary and pride was forever".

We not only learned the basics of law enforcement, such as the jail system, patrol procedures, riots and radio codes but we also had time to learn about our capabilities and our explorer leadership skills.

Even though drill instructors

yelled in our faces we received motivation from our families and friends.

Through the course of this rigorous academy many found good friends and then we were not just 75 recruits, we were more like a "family". At the end of the exhausting day, we could only think of a warm shower and a good nap.

Included in our curriculum was a K-9 demonstration, a chance to volunteer at an Operation Gratitude Event, witness Sheriff helicopters landing right in front of our eyes, and learn about the Mountain Rescue Bureau.

We also had the opportunity to fire a handgun and shotgun. Along with these activities we shared many laughs and complaints among ourselves.

At the commencement ceremony we were all excited for ourselves, and our new Sheriff family, the smiles on our faces showed us, "It was worth it."

Joshua Reed is now serving at the Temple City Sheriff Station where he manages numerous activities such as working the front desk, assisting deputies and attending events.

Daniel Salas is currently an active explorer but focusing more on his new job and attending college. He is sure that the academy changed him and made him reflect on many things.

I am also serving community hours at the Temple Sheriff Station and planning to also volunteer hours at the Public Safety Satellite Sheriff Station in Duarte as well. I also assist Deputies and attend posse trainings.

To learn how you can be a Deputy Explorer call Deputy Arleen Gray at the Temple City Sheriff Station at (626) 292-3376.

# 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, firecrackers and ALL and ANY fireworks without a "Safe and Sane", (State of California Fire Marshall Seal) which may 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.

- Only on July 4th, are fireworks allowed and they can only be used south of Royal Oaks Dr., with the only exception being Royal Oaks Park where fireworks are permitted. Fireworks are NOT permitted on the bike trail along the Royal Oaks Dr.

- 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 materi-

- als.
- It is required by law to 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.

# Rabies Clinic Sat., June 29

The City of Duarte in cooperation with VET CARE have scheduled the annual rabies vaccination clinic for Saturday, June 28, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The clinic will be held at Mountain Vista Plaza, Target Shopping center located at 1042 Huntington Drive, in front of the Public Safety Offices. Rabies vaccinations will be available for \$8 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.

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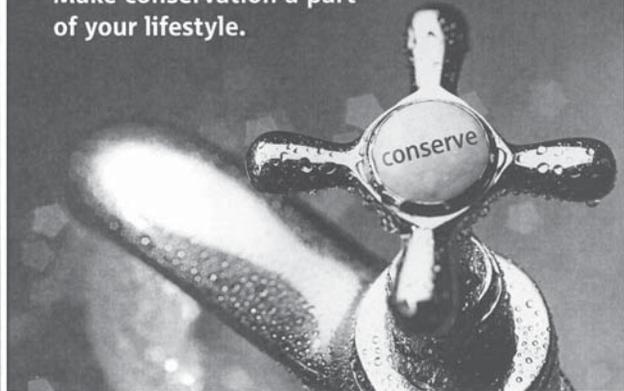
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# Reported home burglaries



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES YEAR TO DATE			
January to March 2008			
Area	2008	2007	2006
1	1	1	0
2	0	0	1
3	0	0	0
4	1	1	3
5	2	0	0
6	1	0	2
7	2	2	0
8	0	4	0
9	3	5	0
10	0	0	1
11	1	0	1
12	2	1	1
January to March	13	14	9
Year End Totals	Unk.	48	25

Vehicle Burglaries & Thefts Year to Date			
January to March 2008			
	2008	2007	2006
Vehicle Burglaries	18	10	36
Vehicle Thefts	20	17	30
Jan. to Mar. Totals	38	27	66
Year End Total	Unk.	182	210

Statistician Sonja Tanner  
Updated April 10, 2008

## DUARTE WELCOMES . . .

### Deputy Mario Garcia

For the last six months our city has been fortunate to have a brand new addition. Deputy Mario Garcia has been assigned to the evening traffic car in Duarte. He explains that his duties are to respond to calls that range from traffic collisions to family disputes, but they do not end there as his evenings are filled with drug and gang contacts.



DEPUTY MARIO GARCIA

Deputy Garcia graduated the LA County Sheriff academy in 2002. His first assignment was at North County Correctional Facility in Castaic where he worked for just under a year. He then transferred to Twin Towers Correctional Facility where he dealt with some of Los Angeles' most dangerous felons for almost five years. He was eager to work patrol where he could put his custody experience to use. He completed three months of training in East LA, and 3 months in South El Monte, Rosemead, and Temple City. After completing patrol training he took on his current assignment in Duarte. Deputy Garcia is a great asset to the City of Duarte because he is fluent in Spanish.

He admits his first thoughts about working in our small, quiet bedroom community were fear of boredom. However, he quickly found that there is a lot to be done in Duarte. He found that Duarte is unique and has a relatively low amount of crime; therefore he feels that the offenders are manageable. He knows he has the opportunity to "make a difference."

Deputy Garcia's hard work ethic led to the arrest of a major drug dealer who was supplying drugs to the youth of our City. He confiscated a large amount of methamphetamine, (worth over \$100,000, street value) in the month of April. Good Job Deputy Garcia, and once again, Welcome!

# Hands Free or Hands Off!

By Monique Ocampo  
The picture of a Californian driving a convertible with a cell phone in hand is soon to be a mere fantasy because of two new state laws regarding cell phones. Effective July 1st, 2008, residents

of California are prohibited from using cell phones while driving without a hands-free device such as Bluetooth or a speaker-phone. "Push to talk" features are also prohibited (think walkie-talkie features.) Drivers under the age of 18 will be prohibited from using a cell phone while driving altogether. The fine with penalty assessments is \$76 for the first offense and \$190 for the second offense and the conviction will be added to the motorist's driving record. The law applies to out-of-state drivers as well.

There are exceptions to the new laws. Cell phones can be used to make emergency calls and those operating a commercial motor truck or other large vehicles may use a two-way radio operated by a push-to-talk feature. Passengers aren't affected by this law.

Drivers under 18 are put under stricter obligations because, according to the Media Relations Office of the California Highway Patrol, "Statistics show that teen drivers are more likely than older drivers to be involved in crashes, because they lack driving experience and tend to take greater risks. Teen drivers are vulnerable to driving distractions such as talking with passengers, eating or drinking, and talking or texting on wireless phones, which increase the chance of getting involved in serious vehicle crashes."

Provisional drivers or drivers under 18 can not use a cell phone even with a hands-free device or with parental permission and/or supervision. The only time they can use a cell phone while driving is during an emergency situation.



**MARCH 2008**  
**1300 Block of Fairlee Avenue\* - Area 7**  
On Sunday, March 9, the known suspect entered the home. This was a domestic violence incident.

**200 Block of Westvale Road - Area 9**  
On Monday, March 10, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured door after prying open a rear sliding glass door, nothing was reported stolen.

**1300 Block of Pengra Street - Area 5**  
On Tuesday, March 11, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked sliding glass door and stole a digital camera.

**1900 Block of Atlin Avenue - Area 6**  
On Thursday, March 27, the unknown suspect(s) shattered a rear kitchen door window and stole a camcorder.

**1300 Block of Marand Street - Area 5**  
Between Thursday, March 27, and Sunday, March 30, the unknown suspect(s) attempted to enter the home, nothing was stolen.

*\*Burglary 259 PC is defined in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. These are not necessarily your typical home burglaries. Please make a note.*

**JANUARY 2008**  
**2100 Block of Maynard Drive - Area 7**  
On Friday, January 11, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home after removing and unsecured window air conditioning, and stole a laptop computer, Nintendo game, Ipod, jewelry, luggage, and personal documents.

**3000 Block of Markwood Street - Area 12**  
On Monday, January 14, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured home after breaking a front door window, and stole jewelry and miscellaneous items.

**1800 Block of Buena Vista Avenue - Area 4**  
Between, Sunday, January 20, and Monday, January 21, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured home; no point of forced entry was determined. The suspect(s) stole a safe containing \$4,000 in currency, jewelry, gems, collector's coins, and firearms.

**100 Block of Westvale Road - Area 9**  
On Thursday, January 31, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through a rear sliding door after prying it open, and stole 2 laptops, and a PSP.

**FEBRUARY 2008**  
**2900 Block of Royal Oaks Drive - Area 11**  
On Thursday, February 14, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unsecured window, and stole five firearms.

**3000 Block of Fish Canyon Road - Area 12**  
Between Thursday, February 14 and Friday February 15, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked garage door, and stole two bicycles.

**1400 Block of Highland Avenue - Area 7**  
On Saturday, February 23, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home after prying a sliding door open, victim as unable to identify any stolen items.

**1600 Block of First Street - Area 1**  
Between Wednesday, February 27, and Thursday, February 28, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home and stole a laptop computer.

## New Kids Helmets \$5!

A new shipment has come in! Silver, blue, black, white, red or pink helmets are available for Duarte youth between 3 to 18 years of age for only \$5 at the Public Safety Office (in the Target Shopping Center) every Wed. from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. To purchase a helmet, the parent or guardian must accompany the child and show proof of Duarte residency. The helmet will be properly fitted onto the youth to ensure their safety. For more information, call (626) 357-7938.

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# Citrus College dedicates the Louis E. Zellers Center for Innovation

By Sarah Torribio

Faculty members housed in a catch-all office building referred to as "The Cave"... An employee who has spent the last six years in a portable building, working in a windowless office. These are just a few members of the Citrus College community who have moved into the Louis E. Zellers Center for Innovation, which was dedicated Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

The new three-story building features more than 80 offices for faculty and deans, and houses the Citrus College Foundation, External Relations, Study Abroad, and Distance Education offices. It is the first campus building to be fully funded by Measure G, a \$121 million bond measure passed in 2004 by Citrus Community College District voters. Measure G funds are earmarked for the construction of new campus facilities and the renovation of existing buildings.

The Louis E. Zellers Center

for Innovation is indeed an improvement, says history instructor Dr. Fola Soremekun. After 15 years working in an office with no windows, he is enjoying his airier quarters.

"It's fabulous - really very good. I can see outside, where before I couldn't see anything," he said. "I am proud to be here. It's very pleasant."

Language Arts instructor Carsten Dau, who was "trapped in that Cave for 10 years," is enjoying his window view as well. What he most likes about the new digs, however, is the added sense of collegiality. Before, he and the other faculty members stationed in the Cave felt isolated from the rest of the campus; all that has changed.

"This is the first time in history that all of the language arts teachers are together in the same building," Dau said, noting that it will now be much easier for the department to get things done.

Citrus' constituent groups,



DR. LOUIS E. ZELLERS

representing students, faculty, staff and administrators, elected to name the building after Dr. Louis E. Zellers, who served as superintendent/president of Citrus College from 1985 to 2003, in recognition of his outstanding leadership and enduring contributions to the college and community. It is a fitting choice, considering Dr. Zellers spent much of his 18-year tenure at Citrus working to improve the college's environment and infrastructure. Dr. Zellers, who believed that modern and comfortable buildings are essential in the facilitation of learning, aggressively sought more than \$60 million in state capital project funds. Under his leadership, Citrus saw the construction of a modern adaptive physical education facility for students with disabilities, the implementation and expansion of the distance education program, and the expansion of Internet and telecommunication technology.



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Good facilities are an important part of any campus, said Dr. Michael J. Viera, superintendent/president of Citrus College.

"Offering quality instruction has, in part, to do with the environment in which it is offered..." he said. "People have to be very impressed [with Citrus] as an institution that really values education, something that's reflected in the way in which the campus continues to grow."

Much of that growth, Viera notes, is due to Dr. Zellers, who used his background in business to find funding for projects. Often, Dr. Zellers would go directly to legislators with requests for funding, Dr. Viera said.

"His ability to fund the Aquatic Center and fitness lab, his ability to garner funds for the expansion of the library - he was very creative in terms of how he did it."

Dr. Viera first saw plans for the Louis E. Zellers Center for Innovation during his tenure as president of Fullerton College, while talking with principals from tBP Architecture, the firm responsible for the project.

"It's interesting because that conversation about what a wonderful building it was, back in 2000 or 2001, has come full circle."

Dr. Viera is particularly pleased with the community meeting room, which can be used by groups throughout the district.

"The day after the dedication we'll be sponsoring the Azusa Unified School District's superintendent round-table. There'll be a gathering of parents on campus who will not only get to see the new facility, they'll get to see [a college] where their children might go in the future."

# 7th annual Old Town Monrovia Food, Wine and Jazz Festival

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT NON-PROFIT SANTA ANITA FAMILY YMCA

The non-profit Santa Anita Family YMCA (SAFYMCA) has been selected to be the beneficiary of proceeds from the 7th annual Old Town Monrovia Food, Wine and Jazz Festival that takes place on Sunday, Sept. 7, in the heart of Old Town on Myrtle Ave.

The Food, Wine and Jazz Festival is sponsored by the Old Town Merchants and the City of Monrovia Department of Community Services as a fundraiser for local non-profits.

"The YMCA is truly blessed by the support from the City of Monrovia and its residents. We look forward to continue working with all agencies to make this a better place for youth, families and seniors," said Damon Colaluca, chief executive officer of the SAFYMCA.

Colaluca said proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the SAFYMCA's Financial Assistance Program to ensure that anyone in need of YMCA programs or services can receive them regardless of their ability to pay full fee. In 2007, the Financial Assistance Program aided more than 1,000 individuals and families to utilize the SAFYMCA's programs and services including the Licensed After School Child Care Program, swimming, sports, camps and exercise programs.

"The City of Monrovia is particularly impressed by the fact that the Santa Anita Family YMCA does not turn people away for an inability to pay. That and the long history of commitment to the community led to the organization's successful application," said Paul Larsen, vice chairman of the community services commission.

Last year's festival generated more than \$20,000 for the Library Foundation, a non-profit committee formed to raise funds for furnishing, equipping and decorating the new Public Library when construction is completed.

Other beneficiaries have included the Boys and Girls Club of the Foothills, Monrovia Reads, the Monrovia Unified School District "Don't Stop the Music" program, Friends of the Monrovia Public Library, and the Monrovia Public Library Foundation.

The Old Town Monrovia Food, Wine and Jazz Festival features samplings of wine and spirits from around the world, tasting menu specialties from area restaurants and a variety of live jazz performances.

Advance tickets can be purchased for \$50 at the SAFYMCA at 501 S. Mountain Ave. in Monrovia, online, and at other city locations including Monrovia City Hall and Monrovia Library. Tickets will be sold for \$60 at the door. Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets at the discounted rate of \$30 per ticket.

For more information, call the Santa Anita Family YMCA at (626) 359-9244 or visit the SAFYMCA website at [www.safymca.org](http://www.safymca.org).

## Got Guilt?

The past can be a heavy thing to pack around and the usual fixes don't offer any lasting help and most end up leaving you feeling even more guilty. While we can't undo the mistakes and wrong choices of the past, there is hope concerning guilt. God can free you from your past and start you over with a new life. What have you got to lose, except of course, your guilt?

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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, 24 hours in advance and 48 hours in advance for a choice day.

### 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 ext: 116.

### COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

The Duarte Senior Center has published its own cookbook! The Center has the best cooks that you can find anywhere.

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### ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

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

### COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program sponsored by the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank provides food to low-income elderly, 60 years and older who qualify.

This program is held at the Duarte Senior Center on the 4th Thursday of every month from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### 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 & 4th Tuesday of the month from 1 p.m. to 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 - BRANSON! Branson Trip - October 9-14, 2008

Fee: \$1,599 double occupancy or \$1,899 single occupancy

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

### TRIPS AND TOURS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registration for the following trip:

Tibbies Great American Cabaret at the Queen Mary, Sunday, June 29, 12:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., \$73.

Registration will begin June 9 for the following excursions: Descanso Gardens and English Tea Luncheon, Thursday, July 15, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., \$60; Big Bear Lake Boat Ride and Lunch at Boo Bear's Den, Thursday, July 24, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., \$51; Pageant of the Masters, Tuesday, August 12, 3 p.m.-11:30 p.m., \$59; Sunset Dinner Cruise - Ventura Harbor Village, Saturday, August 23, 4:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., \$61; Solvang, Thursday, September 4, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m., \$28; Agua Caliente Casino, Wednesday, September 17, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., \$25.

You can pick up a brochure at City Hall or the Senior Center, which will give you in-depth information about the trips.

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

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

### 55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING CLASS

55 Alive Driver Safety Program will be held on Tuesday, July 15 & Thursday, July 17, 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

Are you interested in joining a coed softball team? Practices are every Tuesday at 9 a.m., and games are on Thursdays at 9 a.m.

For any further questions call Peggy at the Center at (626) 357-3513.

### IRS ECONOMIC STIMULUS REBATE PROGRAM

The Duarte Senior Center will have a volunteer at the Center beginning in May to assist those who normally wouldn't have to file a return.

A 2007 tax return is required to receive the stimulus payment.

Appointments now available.

### Who qualifies?

1. You must have \$3,000 or more of qualifying income in 2007.

Qualifying income is: Earned income (wages or self employment income), Social Security benefits, Certain Railroad Retirement benefits, Veterans Disability compensation, Department of Veterans Affairs pension or survivor benefits

Qualifying income is NOT: SSI, Dividends, Interest, Capital Gains, IRA Distributions, or Normal Pensions

2. You must have a Social Security number.

3. You must not be a dependent on someone else's return.

### How much are the benefits?

1. Equal to 2007-tax liability except not less than \$300 or more than \$600 for a single person (\$600 and \$1,200 for married filing jointly)

2. Plus \$300 for each qualifying child

3. Payments reduced by 5% of amount of income over \$75,000 single person, \$150,000 married filing jointly

A "Stimulus Only" tax return may be filed any time during 2008.



DUARTE SENIORS ENJOY the beautiful gardens of a recent excursion.

### LIONS SIGHT PROGRAM

Duarte Senior Center in collaboration with the Arcadia Lions Club Foundation is administering the Lions Sight Program providing free vision care for low-income Duarte senior residents.

Participants who qualify for the program will receive an eye examination and basic frames with bifocal lenses from a designated optometrist.

Eligibility for this service will be determined on a case-by-case basis using the criteria set by the Arcadia Lions Club Foundation, which is:

- Combined gross income no greater than \$25,950 per year
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This summer's concert entertainment includes: June 25 - "La Internacional Sonora Show," Latin Music Band, sponsored by WaMu; July 9 - "Bumptown," Oldies Band, sponsored by We-PackItAll; July 23 - "Impact," Top 40 Band, sponsored by Cal Am Water; and August 6 - "Bluz

Boyz." Jazz, Funk and Rock Band, sponsored by Rutan & Tucker, LLP.

The City of Duarte would like to thank all the sponsors for participating in the summer concert series.

Concerts will be held Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street. Concession stands will open at 6 p.m. The City of Duarte Transit Department will be providing free transportation.

Remember to bring your lawn chair or a blanket!



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



KEEP COOL THIS SUMMER at the Duarte Fitness Center Pool!

## Youth Tee Ball League

Duarte Recreation is offering this fun beginner's league for boys and girls 4-7 years of age as of July 1, 2008. Registration begins Mon., June 9. Introductory practices will be held June 24 and 25. Games will be held on Wed. afternoons and Sat. mornings June 28-August 2. 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.

## Duarte Recreation Swim Program Begins

The City of Duarte Fitness Center's summer swim program will begin on June 23. 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 16 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 information the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118.

## 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, and Cheer & Dance. Also offered are Children's Healthy Cooking, Comedy Improv, Dog Obedience, Folklorico, Guitar, Health Camp, Hip Hop Dance, and Merengue Dance.

Additional offerings include Mini Picassos, Karate, Kids Love Soccer, Polynesian Dance, Racquetball, Salsa Dance, Tennis, Tumbling, Skateboarding, The-

ater Workshop, and more!

Contact the Recreation Department for age requirements and fees.

Registration begins Monday, June 9 at Duarte City Hall Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Huntington Drive.

Classes will begin the week of June 23. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis.

Mail-in registration is also available.

Beginning Tuesday, June 10 you can register by phone for purchases over \$30 with Visa or MasterCard at 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.



NATURE CAMPERS head out on another adventure!

## Duarte Discovery Nature Camp

This summer the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will once again offer its annual Duarte 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 7 through July 18, Session II: July 21 through August 1, and Session III: August 4 through August 15. The camp is open to children 6-11 years of age. The fee is \$150 per child, per two-week session and includes a camp tee shirt, daily lunches, snacks, crafts, and all excursions. Registration begins Monday, June 9. For more information please call (626) 357-7931.



THE DUARTE PARKS and Recreation Department's Skateboarding class will teach your children skateboarding skills, safety techniques, park etiquette and more!

## Summer Park Program

Duarte Parks and Recreation will conduct supervised park programs at four sites this summer, Monday through Friday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., June 23 through August 15.

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 please 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 26 at 1 p.m. Children will play games and enjoy exciting activities as the recreation leaders at each site barbecue and welcome another summer of fun. Children 5-12 years old are welcome to participate. This event is only \$1.

The **Toy Celebration** will be held for children ages 5 and older at the Duarte Community Center on Thursday, July 3 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 10 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 15 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Children ages 5-12 are invited to play carnival-style games and activities, all with an aquatic theme. The giant inflatable water slide will be back! There will be 10¢ games and 25¢ rides & snow cones, 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 24 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, please call Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931.



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

# Adventure Club Excursions

Looking for something adventurous to do this summer? The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring two week long camps for kids and teens ages 8 through 17.

Camp dates for Session I are Monday, August 18 through Friday, August 22 and Session II Monday, August 25 through Friday, August 29. 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 9 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.



A DAY AT THE AQUARIUM is enjoyed by Adventure Club participants.

# Friends Salute Dr. Martinez

Friends of the Duarte Library, at a recent Scholarship and Retirement Dinner, recognized the academic accomplishments of scholarship recipients and acknowledged the exemplary job done by retiring DHS Principal Dr. Bill Martinez.

His loyal dedication to excellence in education over his 38 years in the DUSD and the fruition of his efforts have made a profound improvement in our students and for all DHS students.

His accomplishments in advancing the academic standards and achievements was culminated to three very outstanding awards: Duarte High as a Distinguished High School, the Academic Decathlon Team became number one nationwide in the mid-size school category, and now the possibility that these accomplishments will give DHS an advantage in achieving their 6-year accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

What a finale! What a grand person! Thank you for giving so much to our students during your career. Your efforts have left very positive changes in DHS and touched us all.

# Friends of the Duarte Library Scholarship Dinner



THE FRIENDS of the Duarte Library honored retiring Duarte High School principal, Dr. Bill Martinez and presented scholarships to outstanding graduating students from Duarte High School and Mt. Olive High School at the organization's annual Recognition Dinner at Royal Oaks Manor. Pictured at left: Friends of the Duarte Library chair Nita Norgard and Martinez congratulate scholarship recipient Evan Finlay, who will enter Brigham Young University in the fall majoring in biology. Pictured at right: Mt. Olive principal Kevin Morris and Nita Norgard congratulate scholarship recipient Shakira Seiber, who plans to study nursing. Also honored at the dinner were Duarte High School seniors Valerie Gallardo, Amber Nicholson and Frank Valenzuela who received scholarships sponsored by Southern California Gas Co. in partnership with the Duarte Education Foundation and the Friends of the Duarte Library.



# Playground Equipment



STUDENTS FROM ANDRES DUARTE School had the fun of being the first to try out the newly installed playground equipment at Encanto Park. Duarte City Councilwoman Margaret Finlay was among City officials on hand for the unveiling just in time for summer fun.



LAUREN BEAZLEY

# DWC installation

Lauren Beazley, a Duarte High School Senior, was the highlight of the Duarte Woman's Club Installation Dinner recently as she entertained the ladies with her crystal singing voice. Beazley recently represented the Woman's Club in a music competition at the San Gabriel Valley District Woman's Clubs.

Following dinner and Beazley's performance, the 2007-2008 Executive Board was retired and the current slate of officers installed: President, Rotates; Doreen Tulloch-Reid, First Vice President; Sheri Uhlig, Second Vice President; Jean Glass, Third Vice President; Kathy Delker, Recording Secretary; Ruth Malm, Financial Secretary; Betty Jacob, Treasurer; and Marion Stone, Membership Director. Installing officer was Claudia Heller.

Membership in the Duarte Woman's Club is open to women over the age of 18. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month October through June, generally at 7:30 p.m. at the Duarte Community Center. For further information, contact Marion Stone at (626) 358-7028.

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## From the desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent, Duarte Unified School District

### LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

Advances in technology are everywhere you look: cell phones are now cameras, HD radios pick up hidden radio stations and even your television at home does far more than just show a picture. Duarte Unified School District is getting into the technology game too and here's how:

#### UCLA/POWERSOURCE

Duarte Unified School District is thrilled to be selected to work in collaboration with CRESST and UCLA in an elementary based research project that focuses on mathematics and the Essential Big Ideas that students need to succeed in Algebra. In our middle school, we are piloting two computer based programs. The first is geared towards checking for understanding in an interactive way that allows the teacher to see immediate feedback from a question or idea posed. Our second program is a computer based system that is building the working memory of our students.



DR. DEAN CONKLIN

#### DAR ROOMS

Each of the 8 schools in Duarte have rooms that have been outfitted with a state of the art technology system, we call DAR (Duarte Access Rooms) Rooms. By using an audio amplification system, document camera, laptop, and mounted LCD projectors skilled teachers are able to better integrate technology into their every day curriculum. Students are able to interact with the technology everyday.

In our ever changing world, we in Duarte Unified are excited about what we are working on, and more importantly what we are working towards; all while maintaining high expectations in a culture of caring and respect.

## New Head Start and Preschool options for fall

By Bobbi Brzozowski, Director

Duarte USD is proud to announce a tuition-based preschool class for three and four-year-olds in addition to our fully subsidized Head Start and State Preschool classes starting in September. Don't miss this opportunity to give your preschooler a "head start" in the award-winning school district where they will attend kindergarten. In addition, fee-based extended day care for preschoolers will be available from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Contact the Child Development office at (626) 599-5123 for information and to apply.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The Child Development office on the Andres Duarte campus is open all summer. Be sure your preschooler is enrolled before the first day of school - Apply Early! Our goal is to be fully enrolled by August.

Stop by and see us any time between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday all summer.

Preschool programs include:

- Head Start/State Preschool - fully subsidized preschool classes for children from low-income and special needs families. Classes are housed on the Maxwell, Beardslee and Andres Duarte campuses

- Head Start serves children with disabilities. Se habla español.

- Tuition-based preschool from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and fee-based extended day care from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Housed on the Andres Duarte campus.

For information regarding all preschool programs, call us at (626) 599-5123.

#### ELEMENTARY EXTENDED DAY CARE SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER DAY CARE

Need day care for your elementary-aged child this summer? Duarte USD Child Development provides day care services Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. year-round. For information, or to apply, call (626) 599-5137.

### PRESCHOOLERS LEARN FROM OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS



HEAD START MOTHER Alma Mares assists students with toothbrushing activity in Mrs. Alatorre's classroom at Maxwell.

## Beardslee is a busy place

By Wendy Wright, Principal

In the last issue of the Duarte View, I wrote about a typical day at Beardslee. Let me now share what we have done in the last month that goes beyond the classroom! The Beardslee staff and parents are eager to make sure the children have quality education with extra curricular activities to foster other assets. We have had lots of things going on daily, in the evenings and even on Saturday!

On April 1, Beardslee School welcomed Project Character. Assemblies for students were held to focus on the ABC's of Character. We rocked out with the band who told of the traits of Dependability, Responsibility, Trust and Honesty. Teachers and students interacted to explore how these traits are played out in our daily lives. That evening parents, students and staff came together for a scrumptious spaghetti dinner prepared by our fabulous BPSA. After-dinner entertainment was provided by students from the classes of Santiago Quintana, Wade Bughman, and Sal Burgos. The second graders demonstrated the skills that they had learned on the recorders, under the direction of Mr. Bughman. The evening ended with a reprise of the assembly held during the day so parents and students now have a shared understanding of the character traits and how to support them. An additional bonus was that through the generosity of Seidner's Collision, all 4th grade students received a copy of the book!

The following Saturday, was the annual City Track Meet. Beardslee students, parents and staff were once again on hand at Duarte High School to cheer their athletes on! Wade Bughman, our track coach, worked preparing students for this event coordinating the site track meet and after-school practices for our runners, jumpers, and throwers. First place winners proudly sported their gold medals and were honored at an all school assembly the following week. Congratulations to: Eric Aguilar, Valerie Coulter, Samantha Covarrubias, Adrian Escandon, Angela Gregory, Anthony Mares, Rosie Mejia, and Alex Sibirian.

It is a goal of all of who work at Beardslee to give each student an opportunity to perform on the big stage! Our Spring Potpourri

## New Events at Andres Duarte



PARENTS SHARE IDEAS at Andres Duarte World Café. (Left to right) Marta Sanchez, Laura Caloca, Elizabeth Reynoso, Francisca Carrillo, and Nickolasa Velasquez.

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

Creative energy abounds at Andres Duarte School. This year in place of our traditional Cinco de Mayo celebration of dance, Andres Duarte students and staff are celebrating Mexican heritage and history in our first Mexican Heritage Assembly. Teachers, Tina Frausto, Pat Flemming and Amparo Gomez Paiz wrote and produced an amazing show with exciting backdrops, dances, readings and dramatic acts depicting the rich heritage of Mexico shared by many of our families and community.

Instructional Aide Irma Hernandez taught all of the dances performed in the show in addition to coordinating distribution of all the beautiful costumes Andres Duarte has collected over the years. Each costume is carefully matched to a specific dance and

6th graders look forward to being picked for a special dance affectionately called "the old man dance" because male dancers wear authentic Mexican masks that make them look, and dance, like old men!

Creative energy has also been flowing at our World Café parent meetings. In this unique style of meeting, parents came together to talk and share ideas about how to help our students reach their dreams. As a result, parent collaborations have been formed around community safety, parent involvement and college/career awareness. After shared conversations, parents quickly agreed to put their words into action and spared no time in signing up to share their special talents to make sure every student in our school community is able to achieve their dreams.

program at the Performing Arts Center provided that opportunity for students. The way to begin a show is with the young ones from Kindergarten. Mrs. Carrie Chiu, Mrs. Victoria Kinoti, Mrs. Maria Martinez and Mrs. Annette Bossi-Solorzano started the program off singing "Baby Beluga" and "Slippery Fish" and then reciting "Gray Shark, Gray Shark". The first grade students in Miss Abby Cano, Mrs. Rene Mata, and Mrs. Bobbie Wenrick's classes sang "Deep in the Ocean", as part of their under the sea unit of study.

Following the little ones, the fifth and sixth graders danced the "Cha-cha Slide" under the direction of Ms. Danielle Vollers and Ms. Marilyn Grant. Mr. Erich Trapp's class brought back the 80's with a medley of hits.

Finally, the sixth graders not only walked like Egyptians but they also recited a poem written

by Mrs. Val Durham about "King Tut". The show ended with a rousing rendition of "This Land is Your Land" with all performers, Peer Mediators who had served as the stage crew and our two outstanding 5th grade MC's: Angela Gregory and Armando Gonzalez.

Special thanks to Annette Bossi-Solorzano for her directing/coordinating of the event, to Cynthia Wells who worked so well with the stage crew, to Wade Bughman who provided the musical accompaniment for our Grand Finale, and to Scott Moses who provided sound. We played to a very full house at the Performing Arts Center.

If that was not enough, the following day, the third Safari Reading Party was held with a BBQ in the park. Rene Mata coordinated the event, and Rodney Boniface grilled about 360 burgers and

hot dogs for all those who had read for 30 minutes each night. Committee members: Scott Moses, Cynthia Wells, Bobbie Wenrick, Jennifer Brown were there to ensure all went smoothly.

Each child who has completed the reading requirement not only has a BBQ during lunch but receives a goodie bag with a new book, not to mention the wonderful time spent with great books!

It has been a busy spring but we are pleased with the extended experiences our students have had.

Along with the quality instruction, it all goes to support the growth and development of the child.

With an incredible staff and dedicated parents, we can make it all happen!



FIRST PLACE GOLD MEDAL winners from Beardslee smile proudly: Eric Aguilar, Valerie Coulter, Samantha Covarrubias, Adrian Escandon, Angela Gregory, Anthony Mares, Rosie Mejia, and Alex Sibirian.

## Maxwell School

By Mary Gonzales, Principal

Maxwell Elementary is a school that provides an education that is equal to that of any school in California. The staff ensures this by delivering the core curriculum as well as providing students an enriched education and experiences through field trips, as well as exciting and educational assemblies.

Most recently sixth grade students traveled to Los Angeles to tour the museum of Tolerance. Students attended an exhibit specially designed for students in upper elementary grades titled, "Finding Our Families, Finding Ourselves." They had the opportunity to take a "virtual journey to America's shores and imagine the experiences and challenges of past generations." The journey took them to the childhood



CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ and Angel Renteria hold a fossilized shell.

homes of Dr. Maya Angelou, Billy Crystal, Carlos Santana, and Joe Torre. They heard the life stories of these celebrities and found that both students and celebrities share much in common. They visited

the Family Computer Lab, and learned how they too can discover their own family history. Most importantly, they learned of the diversity that makes our society great.

Third grade students also had a fun filled and enriching field trip. The students of Ms. Brown, Ms. Kidd, and Ms. Moore, in partnership with Ms. Taylor, visited the Norton Simon Museum of Art. Leonardo Serafin said, "We were reading about Picasso on our Reading Counts (a reading incentive program) and Ms. Brown wanted to show pictures on the internet. Instead she said we were going to the museum." Jordan Erby told that he and his classmates went to the museum and saw interesting paintings. "We saw, Lady with the Guitar and, a second piece of art, The Bull." Leonardo added, "We saw one of his Cubism period, The Rams Head." Imagine eight year olds viewing an original Picasso and being able to identify the piece of art and phase in which it was painted.

Maxwell's second grade boys and girls were visited by a special visitor, Kathy Sanders from Webb School's Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology. She is a museum educator and illustrator. In preparation, these seven year olds read about the different types of fossils and how those fossils survived more than 10,000 years. Both John Castaneda and Jennifer Luevano, Maxwell students shared what they learned from Ms. Sander's visit. John said, "She showed us dinosaur fossils, the back of a turtle and shells." Jennifer said, "We put the dinosaur footprints and shells in wet sand and in dry sand. We had to draw what we saw." Both John and Jennifer shared that the fossils were found in the desert.

Teachers' dedication and commitment ensure their students receive an equal education. Ms. Jennifer Romero, Outreach Consultant, states, "These field trips and assemblies are not fluff but instead build on students' knowledge and broaden their horizons. They are well rounded individuals who can have educated discussions with others."

league also recognized the Sean Gatlin, Elisha John, Darius Reese, Karla Salas, Frankie Loera and Jennifer Nakamura as Winter Sports Scholar Athletes. These incredible Falcons earned All League Honors in their respective sports:

**Girls Soccer** – Shadi Moghadam, JJ Chavez, Brooke Dinsmore, Rebecca Bibb, Allison McMahon, Jeanette Serrano, Karla Salas, and Emelyn Martinez.

**Boys Basketball** – Sean Gatlin, Elisha John, and Nick Jackson.

**Girls Basketball** – Jasmine Thomas, Beth Amstone, Kearra Nessmith, Heather Heimbruch, and Veronica Hernandez

Congratulations to each and everyone. We are very proud of your accomplishments. You make Duarte High School and the Duarte community very proud!!!!

### JUNE 2008 CALENDAR

- 5, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Awards Night, PAC Center
- 9-11, M-T-W – Senior Finals
- 12, Thursday, 8 a.m. – Senior Breakfast, Courtyard Hotel
- 14, Saturday, 11 a.m. – Baccalaureate, PAC Center
- 16-18, M-T-W – Regular Finals
- 18, Wednesday, 6 p.m. – Graduation, Football Field
- 19, Thursday, 9:30 p.m. – Grad Night, Disneyland
- 23, Monday, 8 a.m. – Summer School begins

On behalf of the Duarte High School staff, I want to thank everyone for your support this year.



MRS. BROWN'S CLASS sits in front of the Norton Simon Museum.

## Duarte High School

By Dr. Bill Martinez, Principal

By now, you are aware that our Academic Decathlon Team won a state championship. What you may not know is that they have been competing at the national level during April and May. We are eagerly and anxiously waiting for the results. We should have the results before graduation. We are also waiting for the results of the WASC visit. Hopefully, we will hear from the WASC office before the end of summer. We will keep you posted!!! Otherwise "things" have been quiet. LIKE THEY SHOULD BE!!! The quiet time has allowed us to focus our energy on academics. We are particularly focused on the Advanced Placement exams, California Standards tests and end of the year final exams. Can you believe it? The end of the year activities will be taking place within a brief period of time. It feels as if all the activities are taking place on the same day. I can not believe the end of my term as principal of Duarte High School is just days away. WOW!!! I want to thank you for your support.

Since my last article, a number of our students have been recognized for their academic as well as their athletic accomplishments. Swati Puri, Nick Acuna, Louis Bonilla and Jesus Urena Lopez won medals at the Los Angeles County Regional Occupation Program competitions. The Montview League selected Elisha John, Sean Gatlin, Kristine Magnusson, Leonora Velasco and Evan Finlay as Senior Scholar Athletes for the 2007-2008 school year. The

## Project Based Instruction at Northview Intermediate School

By Miriam Fox, Principal

Spring has sprung in a flurry of activity at Northview Intermediate School.

Every year about this time teachers and students are very focused on preparing for and taking the California STAR test.

Additionally, we find that this is a time when many instructional units of study are culminating with hands on projects.

In this article I hope to inform you about some of these exciting projects that really extend learning for all students.

### EGG DROP PROJECT

This is a project that all eighth graders are expected to participate in with a partner if possible.

After studying a lengthy and challenging unit in physical science that focuses on gravity and the forces and factors that impact it, students are required to create a container of specific dimensions that will protect a raw egg from breaking when dropped from a height of 60 feet.

This container must also be made of the lightest weight material available, because the winners of the "contest" will be those students whose egg did not break and whose contraption weighed the least.

To accommodate our need for height, the Baldwin Park Fire Department graciously agrees to bring their hook and ladder truck to our school for this event.

After all of the projects have been tested the fireman then entertain us by dropping giant watermelons and an assortment of other large, "explosive" fruit from the top of their ladder!

In the end everyone learns important concepts for physical science, gets to work cooperatively with a peer and immensely enjoys the testing process for the projects.

### WAGON PROJECT

Also an eighth grade project involving partners is the building of a pioneer wagon.

After studying about the Western Expansion movement in the United States students partner up and build a replica of the Conestoga wagons that the pioneers used to travel across the continent.

Just like a pioneer wagon, these student-made wagons must be able to traverse rough terrain for long distances and must be able to float.

To simulate the terrain inclusive of water "challenges" students must pull their miniature

wagons ten times around our dirt track and their wagon must be able to float for at least 30 seconds when placed in a small pool of water.

The lessons learned include an appreciation for the struggles and determination of our American ancestors who helped to tame this wild land now known as the civilized and lovely state of California.

### CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

Long before CSI programs aired on television, Northview already had their own CSI program in place.

Students serve as young crime investigators trying to ferret out the culprit that stole the formula for curing the common cold which had been discovered by a brilliant Northview student and had been secretly housed in our science lab.

By studying characteristics that are unique to all of us (i.e. fingerprints, hair samples, hand writing samples etc.) these seventh grade sleuths help to identify the guilty party.

Science teacher Mrs. Mari Rodriguez, the creator of the 7th grade CSI project along with her colleague, Mr. Wilcox, on stage the crime following an extensive unit of study on genetics.

Through clues provided to them and through their own scientific investigations students identify which staff member they believe is guilty.

In the end, fun is had by all and powerful learning occurs relative to heredity and genetics one of the California state standards for Life Science.

### RENAISSANCE FAIRE

Seventh graders study World History in their social studies class and are exposed to a variety of content that informs them about the many cultures that have helped to form our modern civilized world.

The European Renaissance period is a critical period of time that vastly impacted world history especially as it relates to learning.

After an extensive study of this period, students participate in the re-creation of an authentic Renaissance Faire complete with food, costumes and games from the era of enlightenment.

Students working with teachers and adult volunteers create the booths and "man" the booths getting to experience first hand life in Renaissance Europe.

## Royal Oaks School

By Deitra Reed, Principal

Royal Oaks focuses on more than academics. Healthy living and wise choices are keys to successful students. Newspaper articles cite many reasons why children should develop good habits, including an active lifestyle, at an early age.

Royal Oaks' Mileage Club motivates students to participate in daily walking or running. Students are recognized for accumulating mileage points and rewarded incrementally. Rewards

include a Spirit T-shirt, a day-long hike and finally, an amusement park visit for those who walk/run 100 miles.

Mileage Club is good preparation for participation in the annual Duarte Track Meet. Students qualified based on their performance at the Royal Oaks Track Meet, then participants trained at early morning practices. Their hard work and dedication paid off. Many Royal Oaks students earned ribbons and metals, thus qualifying for the regional competition.

We look forward to welcoming this year's winning trophy to Royal Oaks.

Soon Royal Oaks fifth grade students will complete their state mandated physical fitness tests. June 6th, the entire Royal Oaks family is looking forward to participating in the Paula Aparicio Memorial Field Day, where older students help our young ones perform feats of skill in a playful setting. Families are welcome to join us as we celebrate the legacy of this very special teacher.

# "Mt. Olive gets Sirius" Rocking, running and jumping at Valley View

## "Mt. Olive gets Sirius"

By Kevin Morris and Sandy Patterson

As you are reading this you have probably said to yourself, "That's not how you spell S-I-R-I-U-S", but that's how we spell "SIRIUS" at Mt. Olive High School. "SIRIUS GEARHEADS...that is!" Sirius Gearheads, Mt. Olive High School, NASCAR, and several local sponsors have teamed up to create a truly unique program to train aspiring high school mechanics in the field of auto racing. The name of the program is the "Sirius Gearheads Car Fabrication & Set-up under The Kevin Harvick Race Program".

Today, as academic challenges continue to increase in the traditional high school, Mt. Olive stands out as a source for unique academic options. That's when we get SIRIUS! Most students do just fine in a comprehensive school setting, but others break the mold and need an alternative hands-on approach to learning. Sirius Gearheads and Mt. Olive realized that need and used auto racing as the vehicle to fill that void. At 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, 14 of Mt. Olive aspiring mechanics grace the garage doors of

Sirius Gearheads to learn about racecar fabrication and set-up. The students are amazed how much math, reading, and communication skills are needed to build a car. Building a car involves reading blue prints, measuring to design the car and specific parts, comprehension of racetrack rules, communicating with crewmembers during a race, and much more. There will be 5,000 racecar fans cheering for Duarte's own Mt. Olive Race Team at area tracks and drag strips in Irwindale and Kern County. The Kevin Harvick Race Program is allowing Mt. Olive students the opportunity to test their racing skills against Kern County Area High Schools. This program was first developed by Marion Collins for the high schools in the Bakersfield, California and now "the new kids on the block" are ready to show their stuff. There will be 18 schools competing for this seasons Kern County Racing Cup and Mt. Olive High School is the only school from Los Angeles County bidding for the top prize.

These are the team expectations:

- Build-up a 1971 Ford Pinto MINI STOCK
- Take the car apart leaving only the engine
- Build a roll cage per requirement (bend the bar and weld the bars in appropriate places)
- Add the fuel cell and all plumbing
- Add all safety features
- Find the best set up for their car
- Fully dismount and cut to put in a full roll cage
- Rebuild the engine
- Rebuild the front end
- Sand and repaint the car
- Crew the car at the Irwindale and Kern County Tracks
- Spend Friday and Saturday night working the pits
- All students participate in "The Learning to Drive a Racecar Program", but track rules only allow Seniors to drive

By Robin Nelson, Principal

Valley View ushered in spring with an incredible program, some exciting successes at the track meet and held our annual Jump Rope for Heart event. The Spring Program this year honored the treasured stories from Mother Goose with a twist!

Our track stars shined at the District Junior Olympics. Students raised money for the American Heart Association with their jump ropes. I know that the children will always fondly remember these events.

**Mother Goose Rocks** was a hit. I heard rave reviews from many people stating this may have been the "Best Program EVER". Rock n' Roll was the music of choice to entertain the crowd at the Performing Arts Center.

The students from Kindergarten, second grade, third grade, fourth grade and sixth grade joined together to sing and dance to **Mother Goose Rocks**.

The Valley View Band and Chorus both performed for a delighted audience. The musical acts were a lot of fun; it was terrific to hear nursery rhymes combined with rock music.

The planning committee was

chaired by **Tracy Hall** and **Char Wilson** – they rocked.

The Junior Olympics offered our athletes the opportunity to compete against the four other elementary schools.

It was an exciting day to cheer on our children as they ran, jumped and threw the softball.

**Madeline Camp, Rachel Chavous, Jabari Johnson, Etienne Vincent & Bryce Knox** won the coveted gold medal for first

place. Thanks to **Garry Prado** and **Tricia Franklin** for their hard work preparing for the meet.

For the past several years we have supported the American Heart Association through the Jump Rope for Heart Donation Drive. **We proudly raised almost \$2300.**

Eighteen students raised over \$50 through their efforts. Our two highest earners were **Shianne Gary** and **Christina Monarrez**.

The highest total raised was by our third grade classroom #11. Thanks to all the students that jumped and raised money to help others and to **Meredith Clark** for planning the event.

The Valley View staff, students and parents continue to work together to provide a quality education for every child in every classroom and many opportunities to create memories for a lifetime.



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# Mt. Olive

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in the races at the Kern County NASCAR Track.

By mid-season the pit crews will understand the needs of the driver on the track and will learn to communicate those needs, so the driver and crew can manage their team's car

Sirius Gearheads spearheaded this community project in order to provide options after-school for Mt. Olive students. This program provides hands-on learning which students can apply to real job opportunities as a mechanic or in the field of auto racing. Mt. Olive's 14 boys and girls have chosen to dedicate 4 hours a day to learning how to build a racecar, drive it, and work with their crewmembers to achieve the ultimate goal as a TEAM...Victory!...and have plenty of fun learning!

**Each car cost about \$12,000 to run each year. Even though both cars were donated we still need plenty of business and community support! These are the items we need:**

- 14 NASCAR licenses at \$90 per person. We make them all drivers to avoid problems getting on the track as crewmembers at Irwindale Speedway (this includes insurance coverage for the team while on any NASCAR track).
- 14 Boy scout fees of \$17.50 to cover the needed insurance for working at the shop and going to and from racetrack events

- Trailer to move the cars to the tracks
- Van to transport students to the tracks
- All safety equipment for cars and drivers
- 3 sets of tires and rims for Sunfire and Pinto
- Food coupons for travel to Bakersfield
- Roll bar material for Bakersfield car
- Metal to make the skins for the PINTO
- Radio responders for the cars
- Auto paint for all cars
- Gas and oil to run all the cars, vans, and track car
- Friday Night practice sessions at Irwindale Speedway are \$300 a night per car
- Irwindale Speedway fees are \$400 per Saturday night for the car and crew
- Practice, track fees, and driving lessons at Bakersfield are free of charge!

**Special Thanks for your donations and support to:**

- The Kevin Harvick Race-car Program
- Kern County NASCAR Race Track
- Marion Collins for the 1998 Chevy Sunfire
- Troy Christopher for the 1971 Mini-Stock Ford Pinto and fire suits
- Mr. Ladd for allowing us to sell Miles Edge Plus
- Deputy Sepulveda (this was a idea wonderful we will make you proud)
- Girls Race Too for brakes and allowing us to sell their race clutches
- Ireland Engineering for the Sunfire fuel cell
- Arrow Coolers for their donations
- PAZNAZ for the moral support we seek each Sunday
- Mary Alanzo for being the runner on track days
- Julianne Seeley for the food and teaching us so much
- Charley, Tommy and Randie, you three are the smiles for the teams and Jr. Crew.



## Duarte, A Kid's Kind of Town, Too! New Multi-Lingual Website Offers Comprehensive Guide to Youth Resources in the San Gabriel Valley

The City of Duarte has launched a comprehensive, multi-lingual website that will help connect families with some 100 programs, activities and services available to youth in the San Gabriel Valley.

The one-of-a-kind online resource guide, [www.duarteyouth.org](http://www.duarteyouth.org), was developed in conjunction with the City's new public service campaign, "Duarte A Kid's Kind of Town, Too!"

"Our mission is to educate the community about the many youth-oriented resources available to both City and County residents including social, health, volunteer and recreational opportunities," said Deputy City Manager Karen Herrera.

Visitors to the website will find resource information for children ages birth to 18 accessible in English, Spanish,

- Maryvale School in Duarte
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This program is very unique to the Los Angeles Area. Sirius Gearheads knows it has changed the lives of our students and with your support more will benefit from this amazing program for years to come. Please help us move forward as we change the community one child at a time. Sirius Gearheads needs help funding this program. We are asking companies, local businesses, local organization and individuals that want to help to please call Sandy Patterson (Sirius Gearheads) at (626) 512-1247 or Kevin Morris (Mt. Olive High School) at (626) 599-5901.

Chinese, Japanese and Korean. Other languages will be added as user feedback dictates. Resource information gathered from City, School District and County will be categorized by pre-school, Elementary School, High School and All Ages to help users locate resources quickly and easily. Each listing will provide a description of the program, service or activity, contact information, and a schedule. Users can also click on an interactive calendar option to find programs offered on a particular day. There will also be a featured question of the month to poll residents on issues about youth. A "fun links" section will link users to upcoming fun youth-oriented activities and events.

Mel Valencia, project manager for Monrovia based Ewing & Beland Company, designers of the website for the City of Duarte, said the website will continue to grow and evolve adding new features over the next several months, including online forums, video, and the opportunity of allowing users to add their own "fun links" to the site.

For more information, call the City of Duarte at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

### Roller Coasters, Rockets

## SAFYMCA Offers Unique, Traditional Experiences

From Roller Coasters to Riding the Rails, Flight Camp to Surf Camp, the nonprofit Santa Anita Family YMCA has some high adventure thrills in store for kids this summer among its selection of specialty and traditional day and sleep-away camp offerings. SAFYMCA Summer Camp programs begin the week of June 16 and run through the week of Aug. 18.

It's still not too late to register. Registrations will continue throughout the summer. SAFYMCA Camp programs provide children with unique opportunities to learn and grow, create, explore and participate in a variety of activities. SAFYMCA Summer camp opportunities are available to everyone, regardless of ability to pay full fee. Financial assistance is available.

Each traditional day camp is age-specific, with camp programs for children Kindergarten to 1st grade; 2nd to 3rd grade; 4th to 5th grade and "Tween Camp for middle school age youth 6th to 8th grade. Activities revolve around weekly themes and include outdoor games, sports, swimming, crafts, songs, and skits. Field trips or special events round out each week.

For families who would like their children to have a sleep-away camp experience, there's YMCA Camp E.L.K. in the San Bernardino Mountains. With horseback riding, swimming, rock climbing wall, archery, crafts, sports, canoeing and more, Camp E.L.K. offers the perfect summer getaway for kids entering 3rd through 8th grade.

This year, the SAFYMCA also offers a choice of seven specialty camps to appeal to a wide variety of interests: Coaster Camp, July

21 through July 25; Ride the Rails Camp, Aug. 11-15; Super Sports Camp, July 7-11 and July 28-Aug. 1; Outdoor Adventure Camp, June 30-July 3; Flight Camp, July 14-18; and Surf Camp in San Diego, Aug. 4-Aug. 8.

Although each camp is unique, all YMCA summer camps provide safe places with caring adults and positive activities. The SAFYMCA camps focus on the development of four core character values: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Extended care hours are available from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for an additional fee of \$20 per session.

For more information, call the SAFYMCA at (626) 359-9244, or visit the web site at [www.safymca.org](http://www.safymca.org).

## Aca Deca

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changed... they had been victorious! They scored a total of 33,067 points lifting them to first place in the Medium School division.

"It was the best way to end a 14 month journey, to win our last competition. I was very glad that #1 was our eventual place, because Dr. Martinez, Duarte High's retiring principal, deserved to hear that his 15 students could get the school a national championship in academics!" beamed Coach Grebel.

Coach Grebel will be retiring from leading this group next year and passing the reins to Dr. Korie Beth Brown, but not without some words of wisdom. "The Academic Decathlon program is way for kids to see what they are truly capable of, if they are willing to put their hearts into it. We were as successful as we were the last five years, only because there were enough kids in the program to not just compete intellectually, but to compete with the heart. My advice has always been to figure how to tap into a student's soul. Why else would a kid decide to study over 700 hours in 14 months, unless to do something magical together."

## Free Summer Lunch Program

The USDA, the Duarte Unified School District (DUSD), and the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department are sponsoring a free summer lunch program for children ages 18 years and under beginning June 23. Lunches are served Monday through Friday

and there are no limits on 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 599-5000.

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# Duarte Sets Three-Year Goals in Strategic Planning Retreat

Improvement of the City's infrastructure, long term revenue resources, and programs, services and involvement of youth and families are among three-year goals set by the Duarte City Council and management team during a recent day-long strategic visioning retreat held at Westminster Gardens.

The City has also set three-year goals to improve internal and external communication, and to improve the environment, and has developed a six-month strategic plan which outlines key steps towards implementing each of the goals.

The joint visioning process, the first exercise of its type for the City in nearly 20 years, also resulted in the creation of a new mission statement to guide the path of Council and City staff:

*With integrity and transparency, the City of Duarte provides exemplary public services in a caring and fiscally responsible manner with a commitment to our community's future.*

"It was a valuable and enlightening process for us all as we discussed the City's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The visioning retreat helped us to identify and focus on matters that will have the greatest impact on the future of the City and as a result on the quality of life of our citizens," said City Manager Darrell George.

Among strengths, participants identified the City's recreational programs, youth programs, a diverse community, clean streets, good law enforcement, and engaged citizens.

Perceptions of internal weaknesses and challenges for the City, included problems with controlling gangs and troubled youth, complex relationship with the County, lack of maintenance on aging infrastructure, worsening traffic, and effectively communicating to residents on a regular basis.

The participants also envisioned external factors and trends that will or might have a positive impact on the City of Duarte in the next three years. Those included the advancement of technology, City of Hope, Gold Line, new retail, collaboration and good relationships with neighboring cities, continuation of federal grants for sports programs and housing rehabilitation programs, and gang intervention programs.

On the flip side, perceptions of external factors and trends that might have a negative impact on the City in the next three years were identified as the expansion of mining by Vulcan Materials, lower sales tax, early release of jail population, lack of job training, increasing demand for services by the public without adequate funds to pay for those services, gang problems, aging infrastructure, and increasing health care costs.

City Manager Darrell George's first order of business following the retreat was

to meet with his entire staff to inform all employees on the mission statement and goals to ensure understanding of their respective roles in meeting the objectives.

Specific actions were set for addressing each of the agreed upon goals and work has already begun, said George.

- *Improve the Environment.*  
By June 1, 2008, provide at least one public education workshop regarding energy and water conservation.

- *Improve Programs, Service and Involvement of Youth and Families.*  
By Sept. 15, 2008, City staff will prepare and present to the City Council for consideration Green Transportation Strategies that would include city vehicles, Foothill Transit, bike and pedestrian paths.

- *Improve Internal and External Communication.*  
By July 1, 2008, develop and post at least one page on the City's website in English and Spanish with emergency and other important safety information.

- *Diversify and Improve Long-Term Revenue Resources.*  
Quarterly, hold breakfast meetings with the business community to promote communications and support for retention and potential expansion of businesses in Duarte.

- *Improve the Infrastructure.*  
By Aug. 1, 2008, present to the City Council a summary and tracking process of the inventory of all City-owned buildings and facilities.

- *Improve Internal and External Communication.*  
By Sept. 15, 2008, develop an Email Registry of Residents and Business Owners to use for distribution of community information; determine the feasibility of online registration for City programs and services.

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By Sept. 15, 2008, complete a city-wide public infrastructure analysis of what needs to be replaced or repaired and present to the City Council for prioritization.

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- *Improve the Infrastructure.*  
By June 30, 2008, complete the needs assessment and evaluation of the 22-acre potential Transit Oriented Development and present the results to the City Council.

- *Improve Internal and External Communication.*  
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# YMCA gets its ducks in a row for Rubber Duck Dunk

Things are shaping up to be "just ducky" at the non-profit Santa Anita Family YMCA as the organization prepares for its annual Rubber Duck Dunk fundraiser.

Karen Taylor Straley, SAFYMCA board member and committee chair, said the public can participate by adopting a rubber ducky to compete in the Rubber Duck Dunk. Funds raised will help support the many programs provided to people of all ages by the SAFYMCA in Monrovia, regardless of ability to pay full fee.

"It's just a fun way to raise money and awareness for all the good things that the SAFYMCA brings to the community every day, seven days a week," said Straley.

On Saturday, July 26 all adopted ducks will get tossed in the swimming pool at the SAFYMCA

and lucky ducks – those that are randomly plucked from the water – will win valuable prizes for their adoptive "parents". Winners do not need to be present. Prior to the Duck Dunk, from 12 noon to 3 p.m., the SAFYMCA will host an open house and family barbecue.

This year's prizes include a ride in a helicopter; a gondola ride for 10 and pizza party; a one-year YMCA Family Membership; and a 30-day fitness package including personal training, nutrition, counseling and personalized fitness plan.

Ducks are available for adoption for \$10 each, or adopt a "Quack Pack" – 12 ducks and get a free duck whistle for \$100.

For more information about the Santa Anita Family YMCA or to "adopt a duck," call (626) 359-9244 or visit the SAFYMCA web site at [www.safymca.org](http://www.safymca.org).

## DUCK ANYONE?

Debbi Thomas, afterschool supervisor, and Cheryl Reynolds, Santa Anita Family YMCA development director, would like you to "adopt a duck" for the Rubber Duck Dunk on July 26. Funds raised will help support the many programs provided to people of all ages regardless of ability to pay full fee.



# 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 St. Regular hours of operation are Mon.-Fri. 3-8 p.m. During 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. Participation is free, but Teen Center Registration packets must be filled out and returned. For more information call (626) 303-0863.

## COMPUTER LAB

The Computer Lab at the Duarte Teen Center is open Monday through Friday, 3 p.m.-6:30 p.m. 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 BOYS AND GIRLS BOXING PROGRAM

Join the fun and excitement

with Duarte Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center! Boys and girls ages 8-18 years old are welcome! You'll learn all of the fundamentals of boxing and get in incredible shape! Make new friends, feel more confident about yourself and have lots of fun!

You will gain flexibility, stamina, and coordination as well as make new friends. Our knowledgeable trainers provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for all levels of youth. You can train for fun and physical activity or for a chance to compete against other youth in the United States and at our annual Boxing Show.

The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant. Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month. Register now at the Duarte Teen Center. Call (626) 303-0863 for more information or just stop by to see if you are interested.

## ACTIVITIES AND TOURNAMENTS

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

Movie Mondays will be held June 9 and 23, July 14 and 28, and August 11 and 25. 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.

Participate in a special activity this summer! Learn the game of Poker or improve your game strategies Thurs., June 12, at 4 p.m. Enjoy at day out in the hot sun on Thurs., July 24, at 3 p.m. with fun water games like slip in slide, water balloons, and more! Get outside for traditional and innovative field games on Thurs., August 7, at 5 p.m. How much watermelon can you eat? Find out at our watermelon-eating contest on Wed., Aug., 13, at 3:30 p.m.

For the competitive teen, lots of tournaments will be held at the Teen Center. A pool tournament will be held Wed., June 4 and a Wii tournament will be held Tues., June 17, and Wed., August 20. There will be a ping-pong tournament on Thurs., July 3, and an Air hockey tournament Tues., July 15. A foosball tournament will be held Thurs., August 14. All tournaments begin at 3:30 p.m. and a prize will be awarded to the winners.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

This summer teens that want to obtain their drivers' learner permit and license can take Drivers Education at the Teen Center. It is a self-paced class that will be held every Monday beginning June 30 from 1:30-3 p.m. The fee is \$75.

Join the Teen Center on Thursday, July 17, at 4 p.m. for the 3rd annual summer Luau. The cost is only \$2 and includes a Hawaiian BBQ, music, games, and more! Come dressed in your best Hawaiian outfits.

The Duarte Youth Boxing Club will host its 3rd Annual Boxing Show Sunday, August 24, at the Duarte High School gymnasium. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and the first bout begins at 1 p.m. Admission is \$5 and children 11 years or younger are \$3. Championship belts will be awarded and a delicious barbecue snack bar will be on site.

## EXCURSIONS

There are several great excursions to choose from this summer. All fees include tickets and transportation.

Enjoy a beautiful summer day with a boat trip to Catalina Island on Friday, June 20, from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. The cost is \$30; bring a sack lunch and light sweater.

A Dodge game trip will be Friday, July 25, and all participants will receive a free bobble head. The cost is \$15; we will leave from the Teen Center at 5:30 p.m. and return at the end of the game.

The Teen Center will have a beach trip on Friday, August 15, from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. It will be at Huntington Beach and will include a BBQ meal and smores! Bring towels, sunblock, boogie boards, and more! Fee is \$10.

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.



THE TEENS after a watermelon chow down contest on a hot summer day.



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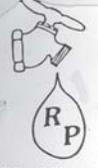
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## The Gas Co. awards \$2,500 to three DHS essay winners



THREE DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL seniors who wrote award-winning essays on what they would do to improve their community, received college scholarships from the Southern California Gas Co., a Sempra Energy Utility. The essay contest was sponsored by the Friends of the Duarte Library and the Duarte Education Foundation. From left: Principal of Duarte High School, Dr. Bill Martinez; Valerie Gallardo, recipient of a \$500 scholarship, Amber Nicholson, recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship, and Frank Valenzuela, recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship; Duarte City Councilwoman and vice president of the Duarte Education Foundation, Lois Gaston; Bob Cruz, Public Affairs Manager, Southern California Gas Co., and chairman of the board of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce; Nita Norgard, president of the Friends of the Duarte Library; and Dr. Dean Conklin, superintendent of Duarte Unified School District.



## Duarte, A Kid's Kind of Town, Too!



CONGRESSWOMAN HILDA SOLIS (CA 32) joined city, school and county officials in kicking off the Job and Family Resource Fair at Duarte Park on June 21. From left to right: Duarte Mayor Phil Reyes; Brian Mejia, assistant deputy for L.A. County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich; Brian Villalobos, Duarte Director of Public Safety; Congresswoman Solis; Duarte City Manager Darrell George; Duarte Mayor Pro Tem John Fasana; Frank Figueroa, vice president Duarte Unified School District Board of Education; and Duarte City Councilwoman Lois Gaston.



SOME 40 EMPLOYERS participated in a Job and Family Resource Fair hosted by Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA 32) in collaboration with the City of Duarte on June 21 at Duarte Park. Representative of state, local and federal agencies including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Southern California Gas Co. offered jobs and job training opportunities for youth and adults. More than 20 youth service representatives were on hand to connect families to programs available to help keep kids safe, happy and positively occupied this summer, including the Duarte Soccer League which raffled off two free bikes.



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