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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 in development boom Duarte '07-'08 budget New homes, mixed-use projects, major retail on horizon "cautious optimism"

A slate of new housing, mixed use projects, retail and other new development projects are underway in Duarte as the city marks its 50th anniversary of incorporation.

A combination of Redevelopment Agency and private projects has created a development boom in the City.

• Three new housing developments under construction will add 83 new homes to the city.

Property acquisition has been completed and site plans are in review for a new shopping center to be anchored by Best Buy and an existing Staples store that will un-



MODEL HOMES on the Bowden development project across from City Hall are set to be completed within the next several weeks. A total of 17 homes are being built on the site.

dergo expansion concurrently.

• Duarte will have its first underground parking structure as part of a major expansion project planned for the Maryvale child care center located at the southeast corner of Huntington Dr. and

Crestfield Dr.

• Two proposed development projects hold the key to a major makeover for a prime City in-

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With an eye toward "cautious optimism" and a determination to "hold the line with conservative approach to spending" following last year's \$800,000 in budget cuts, the Duarte City Council/Redevelopment Agency voted unanimously to approve a \$22,904,200 combined budget for fiscal year 2007-2008.

The adopted budget represents a \$2,463,500 decrease from the previous year and while a General Fund deficit of \$199,200 is projected, City Manager Darrell George believes that the City's \$5,019,300 in reserves and a

major retail project — Best Buy — to be built in the coming fiscal year which will add a boost to sales tax revenues, bodes well for the City's economic future.

"The City's budget philosophy of cautious optimism and conservative spending has served Duarte well as we have weathered periods of challenge both locally and on the state level. There is a commitment on the part of the staff and the City Council to continue pursuing sound financial management practices," said George.

Total revenues and other resources received by the City and the Redevelopment Agency during fiscal year 2007-2008 are estimated to be \$25,225,300, an increase of \$112,400.

The adopted budget projects modest growth in sales tax revenues for the upcoming year, about 1.0% over the current year's actual year to date estimate, due to a significant decline over several quarters in new car sales. New car sales represent a large part of the City's sales tax base. On the positive side, motor vehicle in lieu fees received by the City from the state continue to increase. As a result the projection of annual revenues from this source has been increased by \$149,700, from \$1,350,300 to \$1,500,000.

Employee salary and benefit costs typically represent more than half of all General Fund expenditures. The City's conservative approach in its most recent negotiations with employee bargaining units and a number of organizational and staffing deci-

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Ground breaking for 51 new homes

Elected officials and civic leaders turned out for a ground breaking ceremony for Huntington Courts, a new 51-home redevelopment project on 4.42 acres on the north side of the 2100 block of Huntington Dr. in Duarte. The building site encompasses land formerly occupied by two Route 66-era motels and other property assembled with the help of the Duarte Redevelopment Agency.

"This is an exciting day in Duarte. We've really seen the transition from Route 66 with the

Capri Motel that gave people a place to stay in their travels, to a bustling city in need of additional housing," said Duarte Redevelopment Chairman, John Fasana, speaking at the ground breaking ceremony. "This is a beautiful project that we as a community can be proud of," he said.

Owner/developer AHSULLC has selected Arcadia based Mur-Sol Construction to build 41 detached single family homes, two

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BREAKING GROUND ON HUNTINGTON COURTS new home development are from left to right: Duarte Redevelopment Chairman John Fasana; Duarte City Councilman Phil Reyes; owner/developer Manoj Patel; Duarte Mayor Lois Gaston; owner/developer Parbhubhai Patel; and Duarte City Manager Darrell George.

More than Fifty Years



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

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

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

The Shrode Family began in Duarte in 1874 when Reverend David Shaw Shrode, the head of the family which probably has done more for Duarte than any other one family group. David Shrode bought land from Dr. Beardslee that is now the site of a sanitorium on South Mountain. Later Rev. Shrode purchased property at the intersection of Maynard and Buena Vista. Today, a part of the CarMax complex stands on this land.

Shrode was a blacksmith and a wagon maker, he was also a lay minister in the Southern Methodist Church. Until his death in 1895, he was superintendent of the Sunday school which first met in the Duarte Elementary School house (now Old Spaghetti Factory), and then in the Southern Methodist church. The Duarte Library now stands in the same place as the church.

David Shrode's oldest son, Jacob purchased land on California Avenue just to the west of the Beardslee Tract. He married Mary S. Patterson in 1884. She bore him three daughters, Bertha, Ida May, and Ellen.

Jake learned from his father to be involved in community affairs. He was a charter member of the cooperative citrus marketing organization, the Duarte-Monrovia Fruit Exchange. He was an officer and director of the Beardslee Water Ditch Company for

nearly 40 years.

Ida May Shrode, one of Jacob's daughters, was well educated and achieved her doctorate.

Dr. Ida May Shrode, for many years an instructor at Pasadena City College, followed in her father's footsteps. She became an officer and director of the Beardslee Water Ditch Company. She also served for many years on the Fruit Exchange Board. Something the Duarte Chamber is proud of is Dr. Shrode was a member of the Duarte Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for over 20 years.

Her biggest contribution to Duarte was a book. Her doctoral dissertation on the agricultural occupation of the Rancho Azusa de Duarte was submitted to the University of Chicago. The University published the book in 1948 under the title, "The Sequent Occupance of the Rancho Azusa de Duarte, A Segment of the Upper San Gabriel Valley of California." This became the most authoritative, complete work ever written on the old Rancho from the standpoint of the people and their agricultural occupancy. Much of the research available in 1948, is no longer available today except in her book.

Another daughter of Reverend Shrode's, Viola, went to Duarte School and Monrovia High School. She went on to Los Angeles State Normal, a teacher's college. After her graduation in 1886, she came back to Duarte and she and Miss Mary Foy, a member of a pioneer Los Angeles family were the entire faculty of the Duarte school.

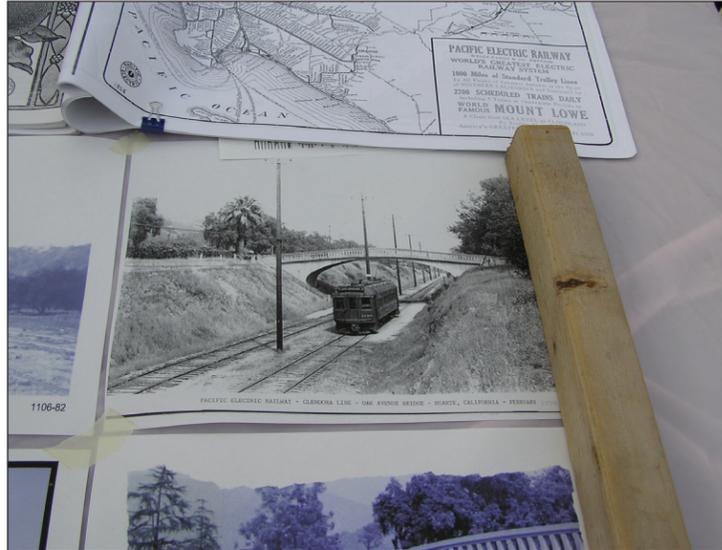
Viola Shrode went on to marry Emmet B. Norman, a rancher. Together in 1941 they collaborated on a short history of Duarte. That history formed the basis for a pageant given for the 100th Anniversary of the old rancho.



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Duarte and Bradbury to co-celebrate 50th Anniversaries, party at historic Oak Avenue bridge Sat., July 28

The cities of Duarte and Bradbury, both celebrating 50th anniversaries of incorporation this summer will host a joint birthday



AN HISTORICAL LOOK at the landmark Oak Avenue Bridge constructed in 1908 to provide access across the Pacific Electric Railroad to the estate of Lewis Leonard Bradbury, namesake of the City of Bradbury.

party on, under and beside the nearly 100 year-old Oak Avenue Bridge between the two cities.

“Celebrating 100 Years Together” is the theme of the party set for Saturday, July 28, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. A portion of the south side of Royal Oaks Dr. from Highland Ave. east to Cotter Ave. will be closed to traffic from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The community is invited to enjoy free entertainment by The Swingsations Dixieland and Swing Band, the San Gabriel Valley Old Tyme Banjo Band, and the Crown City Chorus. Other festivities include an antique car show, old fashioned hat contest, and for the children, pony rides and a petting zoo under the bridge. Food and refreshments will be offered for sale. There will be free birthday cake for everyone. A special cake cutting ceremony by officials of Duarte and Bradbury will take place at 6 p.m. on the bridge. The public is encouraged to bring their own seating to the party.

The histories of Duarte and Bradbury are intertwined. Mining millionaire Lewis Leonard Bradbury acquired 2,750 acres of the former Rancho Azusa de Duarte. In 1892, Bradbury built an elegant home on his land and surrounded it by a notable garden. In 1908, after the extension of the Pacific Electric Railroad system through Duarte to Glendora cut off access between the Bradbury estate and town, Bradbury’s son, Louis, commissioned the construction of a bridge over the railroad crossing, leading directly to the Bradbury estate.

Up until 1957, the community of Duarte and what is now Bradbury were one. But when Duarte moved to incorporate as a city, the Bradbury Estate Property Owners Association realized that if development continued at the same pace they would lose the ability to control their vision for the future. To preserve the area, the residents of the Bradbury Estates

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Neighborhood Watch prompt call leads to arrests

On Friday, May 25, 2007 at about 9:40 p.m., a Duarte resident spotted two males vandalizing a road sign at the intersection of Royal Oaks Drive and Brinsey Avenue. The resident knew to call Dispatch at Temple Sheriff’s Station.

Special Assignment Deputies Goodrich and Frederickson responded to the call. Deputies caught the suspects in the act and detained them.

Deputy Cabadas responded to assist with the graffiti investigation at Royal Oaks Park.

During the investigation, they discovered a large amount of graffiti in the park, the bike trail, and on Royal Oaks Drive.

The additional graffiti found during investigation was a match to the graffiti called in by the resident.

The resident came forward and identified the suspects and the deputies arrested them for felony vandalism.

The residents took Neighborhood Watch seriously, they were informed and knew to call Temple Station for dispatch. Most importantly they were not scared to come forward and identified the suspects.

Neighborhood Watch works and the partnerships between law enforcement and Duarte citizens are invaluable!

Sergeant Bly is hopeful that

the community will continue to share information with law enforcement in an attempt to make Duarte a safer place.

We would like to thank the citizens of Duarte.

Clearly, Neighborhood Watch is a vital asset to law enforcement and the community. Job Well Done!

To report crime or suspicious activity, please contact Sergeant David Bly at The Duarte Department of Public Safety at (626) 359-5671 ext. 304.

You may also contact Special Assignment Deputies Deputy Goodrich at ext. 320 and Deputy Frederickson at ext. 306, if you have any information that you may feel will lead to arrests.

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

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

Public Property Graffiti Removal in LA County Areas please contact LA County Graffiti Removal at (800) 675-4357.

Remember Private Property Graffiti Removal is the owner’s responsibility.

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

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Lift off! Soaring to new heights with God

The Church of the Foothills invites all children (and adults too) to become Sky Scouts at their summer Vacation Bible School, Lift Off! SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH GOD. The action begins on Saturday, August 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

This program offers fun, interactive activities that combine the world of hot air ballooning with the discovery of how to reach new heights with God. Each lesson will be supported with Bible stories, science activities, songs, crafts, games, snacks, and lunch. Everything is FREE!

Meet us at The Church of the Foothills, 1014 N. Highland Ave. in Duarte on Saturday, August 18, at 9 a.m., to be a part of Lift Off! SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH GOD. For more information, call Bessie or Gloria at (626) 357-2616.

Gas Company essay winners envision Duarte 50 years into the future



ESSAY WINNERS Allison Cucuiat and Erik Mendez each received \$1,000 scholarships from the Southern California Gas Company for their essays: "Duarte the Next 50 Years". Standing with the students are DHS Principal Bill Martinez, Gas Company public affairs manager Bob Cruz, and DUSD Superintendent Dr. Dean Conklin.

When Southern California Gas Company decided it wanted to do something special to honor the City of Duarte's 50th anniversary, it chose to challenge Duarte High School students to write an award winning essay on the topic of "Duarte the Next 50 Years."

The result was not one, but two winning essays written by DHS graduating seniors Erik Mendez and Allison Cucuiat. Each was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship toward their college education by Southern California Gas Company public affairs manager Bob Cruz.

Mendez, the son of Leonor Izquierdo, is on his way to Cal State Northridge to study criminology. Cucuiat, the daughter of Darlene Cucuiat will continue her education at the University of California, Santa Barbara to study biology.

"We had originally planned to award only one \$1,000 scholarship, but both entries were so outstanding and the students so deserving that we decided to double our pleasure by awarding both of these fine students with scholarships," said Cruz.

In writing about Duarte, Mendez cited the city's cultural diversity, DHS recently being named a Distinguished School, Duarte's vibrant business community, and low crime rate in predicting that "Duarte in the next 50 years will thrive and be one of the prominent cities in the San Gabriel Valley."

"With Duarte's economic prosperity, educational improvement, rich culture, and a strong public safety system, I have reason to believe in the next 50 years Duarte will succeed and help America succeed too," he wrote.

Cucuiat, who has lived in Duarte all her life, wrote:

"As always, Duarte will continue to attempt to fulfill the needs and wants of the community, while remaining a pleasant surrounding. It will not fail to charm visitors, and satisfy its inhabitants. In the next fifty years, Duarte will remain as a city of encouragement and promise."

Cucuiat plans to earn a degree in biological science and would like to someday work in that field for a national wildlife fund organization.

Mendez, who followed his interest in law enforcement while in high school by participating in the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Explorers program and as a volunteer for D.A.R.T., the Duarte Area Resource Team, hopes to pursue his interest with a career in law enforcement.

"Snakeskin Shamisen" Duarte's '07 One Town, One Book

Snakeskin Shamisen, Pasadena author Naomi Hirahara's latest novel in her mystery series featuring curmudgeonly Japanese gardener/sleuth Mas Arai has been selected as the book the community is invited to read and discuss together during the 5th annual Duarte: One Town, One Book celebration this summer.

"It's summer. What better time to curl up with a good mystery, especially one with humor that features a unique protagonist, offers insights into the Japanese-American culture and takes the reader through familiar locales around the San Gabriel Valley and Los Angeles," said Nita Norgard, chairperson of The Friends of the Duarte Library. "The fact that Naomi Hirahara is a local award-winning author makes this year's book selection all the more special," she said.

Duarte's One Town, One Book selection for young readers also has a local connection, baseball great Jackie Robinson.

Teammates: Jackie Robinson and Pee Wee Reese, a picture book by Peter Golenbock with illustrations by Paul Bacon, recounts the historic incident in baseball history that led to the lifelong friendship between two of the game's greatest players. Robinson grew up in Pasadena and made a name for himself locally as an outstanding athlete in what was then known as Pasadena Junior College and UCLA before being recruited in 1947 by the Brooklyn Dodgers to become the first black player in baseball's national league.

"In our selection process we look for a book that will not only capture the interest and imagination of readers but one, we hope, that will inspire them to engage in activities and discussions that explore the book's theme, characters and impact on our lives. We believe that *Snakeskin Shamisen* and *Teammates: Jackie Robinson and Pee Wee Reese* will stimulate some vibrant community dialogue," said Norgard.

Readers can participate in one of two discussion groups of *Snakeskin Shamisen* to be held Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. at Westminster Gardens Fellowship Hall, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave., and Saturday, Aug. 11, at 1 p.m. at the Duarte Library, 1301 Buena Vista St.

Young readers can join in discussions of *Teammates* on July 11 at 2:30 p.m. at Andres Duarte School, and on Aug. 10 at 11 a.m. at the Duarte Library.

Copies of both *Snakeskin Shamisen* and *Teammates* are available for checkout at the Duarte Library. Both books are also available for purchase in paperback at local bookstores or on the Internet.

Duarte: One Town, One Book is based on a successful program that started in Seattle in 1996 and has spread to other cities across the country. Previous year title selections for Duarte have been: *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd in 2003, *The Soloist* by Mark Salzman in 2004, *The Martian Chronicles* by Ray

From My View . . .

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

At last, finally, actually, absolutely, for sure we are moving the office. Yeah, I know, it is six months later than we thought, but it is really happening. In July sometime we will open the Duarte Chamber of Commerce office in the old Cal-Am Water building at 1101 Oak St., southwest corner of Oak and Third St. At least a half block from the old office.

It is much better since our office will not be one large room as it is in our current office. I will actually have a private office with four walls and a door. No longer will I find it necessary to have confidential meetings in the park next door or at J & A's Café or Starbucks. Hooray! We will also have more storage which is at a bare minimum at best in the current office.

But, let's talk about this old building we are leaving. It has had many lives during the years. When we first moved our office here we had many "old timers" who dropped in to tell me about something they did in this building — church, dances, concerts, kind of you name it and it happened here.

To my knowledge from reading "On the Duarte" and talking to those folks who came to the office, this building started out as a rabbit packing plant and then became a stove factory. In 1949, the people of Duarte raised several thousand dollars to purchase the building in a bankruptcy sale.

Previously I had heard that individual service clubs contributed \$500 each to purchase the building, however, "On the Duarte" states the people of Duarte raised several thousand dollars for the purchase and remodeling.

One of the ways they raised money was to have two concerts in the building, one with the Mills Brothers and one with Frankie Laine. For all the younger people, in today's world these stars would be the equivalent of U-2 and Justin Timberlake. How did they get such big stars to little ol' Duarte? A gentleman, Tommy Rockwell, President of General Artists Corp., one of the largest artist management firms in the country, made the arrangements for the benefit concerts in 1952. They kept admission at \$1 per person for both performances so anyone could afford to attend. At these low prices they were still able to raise several thousand dollars for the Center.

Mr. Rockwell, a Duarte citizen, was named Life Director of the Duarte Community Center. It operated as a non-profit organization and was used by civic organizations for dances, parties and other activities and events needing a large venue.

In 1957 Duarte became an incorporated city and the Community Center was turned into the new city hall and remained so until 1982 when the city hall on Huntington Dr. was built. At that time the entire building became the Senior Center until they moved to the Target center.

Just before the chamber moved in a special task force of LA County Sheriff's Department was here for 2-3 years. When we moved in we noticed it was obvious that men with guns had been alone in this office for a few years.

Then January 1995 the Duarte Chamber moved in. It hasn't been the best of circumstances, but we have been grateful to have it as the Chamber home. I, and our Board and staff, know how much we will enjoy the new office. We will have a big shindig after we get totally moved in and settled. See you there.

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

Solar Cup team from Duarte High and Pamela Park win first place

Solar-powered boat built and raced by a team from Duarte High School and Pamela Park in the MAD Town Council County area won first place in the Rookie Division of the Fifth Annual Solar Cup competition sponsored by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at Lake Skinner, located in Temecula. The team competed in both sprint and endurance events that took place May 18-20.

The team also won second place in the Rookie Sprint Race and second place in the Rookie Visual Display Project.

The members of the team are: Steve Maloney, chemistry and physics teach at Duarte High School and his students: first time skippers Amber Nicholson and Courtney Maloney; tech crew: Oliver Solorzano, team captain; Cesar Hernandez; Ryon Marapao, Anooj Patel, Michael Manahan and Alberto Herrera; Irving Montenegro

and John Reed from the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, San Gabriel Valley Recreation District.

Teams from 41 high schools in five Southern California Counties started working on boats in December when they met for a boat building work session. However, the eight students from Duarte High School didn't become part of the team until February because they were preparing for the Annual Academic Decathlon Competition sponsored by Los Angeles County.

Solar Cup is a program intended to involve high school students in a six-month program where they use their math and science skills to build and engineer a solar-powered boat that can use its energy in the most efficient way possible. Most importantly, this program taught the students about water conservation and environmental issues.



One Town

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Bradbury in 2005, and Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi in 2006.

In addition to Duarte: One Town, One Book, the Friends of the Duarte Library also presents the annual Duarte Festival

of Authors event. This year's 5th annual Duarte Festival of Authors at Westminster Gardens will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6.

For more information about Friends of the Duarte Library, One Town, One Book or the Duarte Festival of Authors, please call Nita Norgard at (626) 358-1276, or visit www.duartefestivalofauthors.org.

Summer Concert Series Celebrates Golden Years

The Latin sounds of "Suave the Band," launched the City's Wednesday night series of four summer concerts in the park on June 27.

All of the concerts are held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Ave., just east of Buena Vista.

With "celebration" the order of the year for the City's 50th anniversary of incorporation — this year's summer concert series, "The Golden Years" will rejoice in the people, times and events that have made and continue to make Duarte a great place to live.

On July 11, the "Best of Times" Top 40 Band will entertain concert-goers. The concert will also commemorate one of the City's 'best of times,' participating as a finalist in the 2000 All America Cities competition, with an All America City team reunion.

"The Rockit Scientists", a 1950's style Oldies band will cel-

brate Duarte's 50th anniversary in concert on July 25. On Aug. 8, the "L. A. All Stars will entertain the crowd with R&B and Jazz for a "Rock Town Reunion.

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. The Route 66 Parade Committee will host a raffle at each concert.

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.



JAN WIGHT

Foothill Unity Center Needs Plastic Bags

Buried in plastic grocery bags? Foothill Unity Center will take all you've got.

Foothill Unity Center, the nonprofit, nondenominational organization that has distributed millions of pounds of food to local families in need for the past 25 years, is experiencing a drastic shortage of clean, hole-free double-handled plastic bags — the kind used by most supermarkets.

"The source that had been

providing us with free bags has stopped supplying them," says Center Executive Director Joan Whitenack. "Since we go through about 2,000 a week, we need these bags desperately."

Plastic grocery bags may be dropped off at either of the Center's two distribution locations, 415 W. Chestnut Ave. in Monrovia (626) 358-3486 or 191 N. Oak in Pasadena (626) 584-7420.



Congratulations, Duarte, on your 50th Anniversary!

Helping Duarte Conserve Water

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

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

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

Duarte Youth Programs changed my view in life

By Angie Rincon

I find myself smiling at the thought of me graduating High School, which took place Wednesday June 20. I keep repeating to myself, "I am a Duarte High School Graduate! I made it!" It took me some time to find the right path, but I know I would be lost in my own chaotic world if it wasn't for our youth programs here in our great city of Duarte. Programs that helped me see the world in a different way that showed me that little things CAN change people's lives.

I am part of this great program that our Sheriff's Satellite Station offers called D.A.R.T (Duarte Area Resource Team). In D.A.R.T we provide services to our hometown. We go on paint out activities (painting over graffiti), we volunteer for events at the Unity Center in Monrovia, provide security for city events such as the Route 66 Parade, the Rose Float Pavilion and many other events.

When I tell other people about D.A.R.T the first question they ask is "you do all this WORK for free?" and the response I give

them is, "No! First of all I do not consider this work, but just giving back to the community". Also I do community service because I believe it has helped me mature, kept me away from the streets, and made me more involved and aware of what is going on in my community. Besides for every event we work, we receive hour points that go to fun activities such as movie night, trips to Mt. High, Lazer Tag, and trips to Universities like UC Berkeley.

Before D.A.R.T I would see graffiti in our resident's homes, and think nothing of it. Recently I had a conversation with one of my neighbors about the tagging on the sidewalk in front of her house. She said that graffiti was beautiful, a talent that not many people, mostly teens, had. She agreed that vandalizing people's property was no way of showing this art form off. The tagging she had outside bothered her, just because it made our street look ugly and unclean. In the corner of my street we have a house that has been on the market for long. The real estate agents put up a sign

that showed their information, the house was not super clean but it was decent. One morning as I walked up to school with my two younger sisters we saw tagging all over the sign. It was broken and left there half hanging. I immediately thought that if someone interested in this house were to come and see it, it would give him or her a bad vibe. Lowering the value of our homes.

I get a great feeling of accomplishment when we work outside our city like in the Unity Center in Monrovia. Last year around Christmas time, D.A.R.T members volunteered to work with other organizations to help the needy. We packed food and toys for families in our area with needs for the holidays. After everything was packed we stayed longer than all the other organizations to help the Unity Center employees set up for the mob of people that would be showing up in the morning. Just the thought of us staying late to provide this kind of help for people made me feel extra happy around the holidays.

Little things like these are



SENIOR BREAKFAST June 14 – DART Scholarship recipients, from left to right, Duarte High School graduate Janelle Sales, Aida Torres (Public Safety Coordinator), Duarte High School graduate Erick Mendez, Brian Villalobos (Public Safety Director), Duarte High School graduate Shannan Hadley, and Angie Rincon.

what keep me going to D.A.R.T. I truly don't know where I would be at if it wasn't for the peers I have made in D.A.R.T. I know that it was not only D.A.R.T that played an important roll in my life, it was also adults like Brian Villalobos, Aida Torres, Al Scalise, Marina Romero, Deputy Sheriff Robert MacLean, Norman Anderson, Rachel Morales, Mr. Leach and all the staff at Duarte High School that put up with all my fits and

stages. They helped me realized that if I kept up my wrong ways I would end up like many of my friends, a high school drop out, pregnant, or in juvenile hall.

Now, my sister and cousin are both in D.A.R.T. They are both enjoying the benefits and learning from our experiences.

Before all this I was a misunderstood teenager headed nowhere, but now I am a Duarte High graduate, and a Citrus College student, headed to a great career in the public sector with teen safety, thanks to all the help from my community.

Battle I.D. theft through the Opt Out Program

By Charlotte San Juan

Identity thieves love your junk mail especially the mail offering new credit cards. But for all those with junk mail woes, help is on the way through the Opt Out Program!

The Opt Out Program, created under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, is a deterrent for identity theft through its ability to remove your name and information from mailing lists supplied by credit reporting agencies like Equifax and Experian.

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), the Opt Out Program, found online at OptOutPrescreen.com, is the only authorized website that gives you the ability to 'opt-out and prevent' credit companies from providing your information to others promoting credit or insurance offers.

It's a simple and confidential process that will insure the safety of your credit file, dramatically lessening chances of identity theft. The website is easily accessible and provides a detailed slew of frequently asked questions.

However, the Opt Out Program is meant for consumers only, not for businesses or companies.

Also, OptOutPrescreen.com will not contact you via email, direct mail or telemarketing because the information you submit is entirely confidential and is only used to process your request. You can have the choice to 'opt-out' for either five years or permanently.

By providing your information through OptOutPrescreen.com, or calling 888-5-OPT-OUT (888-567-8688) your name will be removed from the distribution lists of the four credit reporting companies, and the unnecessary mail will stop.

A PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT**“Bear” with us**

By John Mack

Recently in our Duarte foothills, a mother bear and her cub have been sighted in neighborhoods feasting on garbage and fruit. Fortunately the bears have not yet threatened public safety or property, however it can be rather un-nerving to wake up in the middle of the night to a 300-pound black bear and her off-spring staring in your garden window.

The primary reason bears are finding their way into our

neighborhoods is that they are foraging for food. Residents are either knowingly or unknowingly feeding our local wildlife essentially luring them out of their native habitat. The California Department of Fish and

Game has warned that bears that have become reliant on human food have become increasingly dangerous and destructive. Fish and Game officials say, “A fed bear is a dead bear.” Please assist us in minimizing the impact of all wildlife by following these guidelines:

AROUND YOUR HOME

- Never feed a bear or any wildlife

- Store garbage in wildlife proof containers or inside a detached building

- Don’t leave pet food outside where wildlife can get to it

- Move bird feeders inside at night

- Clean and store barbecue grills inside a structure after each use

- Don’t place fruit, melon rinds, meat or grease in a mulch or compost pile

- Clean trash cans regularly with bleach or ammonia

IF YOU SHOULD ENCOUNTER A BEAR

- Back away slowly while facing the bear

- Speak softly and try not to show fear

- Fight back if a black bear attacks, using any available means

Please remember that should you encounter a bear or other threatening wildlife, please contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department at (626) 448-9861 or dial 911. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other animal control matter please contact the City of Duarte Public Safety Department at (626) 357-7938.

Tip leads Deputies to marijuana grow house

A tip led police to 3098 Hacienda Dr. in Duarte June 14. The home was rented out and occupied only for the growing of marijuana. Sheriff Deputies recovered 1,000 plants with a street value of \$500,000.

The home appeared to be unoccupied and unfurnished and had been rented specifically for the purpose of growing marijuana. Three suspects were taken into custody at the location at the time of the seizure. The investigation remains open and police are attempting to determine if others were involved. Marijuana grow houses appear to be a recent trend in the San Gabriel Valley. Plants can be grown indoors with a sophisticated irrigation and lighting system. The Sheriff’s Department depends on neighbors, as well as information gleaned through investigations, to keep a watchful eye. Look for the following:

- Watch out for closed-up houses, (Windows completely sealed off from the inside)
- Traffic at strange hours
- No real family seems to reside in the premise
- Bright lights in the middle of the night
- Unusual herbal/marijuana type odor

Tips DO work. Make the Call! Keep your neighborhood Drug and Crime FREE! If you spot any suspicious persons in your neighborhood call Temple Station at (626) 448-9861. If you have any information about the crime please contact Sgt. David Bly at the Duarte Sheriff’s Satellite Station at (626) 359-5671, ext. 304 during business hours. If you would like to leave an anonymous tip you may do so, by simply calling the Duarte Sheriff Satellite Station “Crime Tip Hotline” (626) 359-5671 ext. 462.

New helmets for kids \$5!

A new shipment has come in! Silver, blue, black, white, red or pink helmets are available for Duarte youth ages 3 to 18 years for \$5 at the Public Safety Office (in the Target Shopping Center) every Wed. from 5 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.



MAMA BEAR and her cub out for a stroll by Royal Oaks Manor. Photo captured by Los Angeles Sheriff Deputy Tom Conger.

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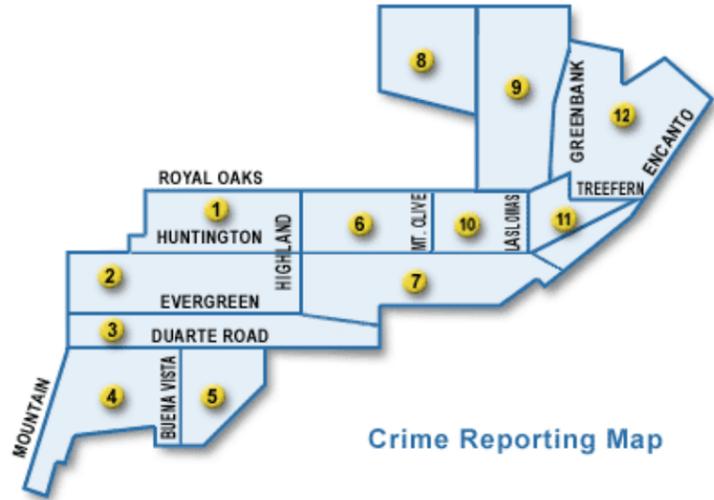
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Reported home burglaries

APRIL 2007

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On Friday, April 6, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked rear sliding door and stole two “Louis Vuitton” hand bags and one “Channel” hand bag with a combining value of \$2,900.

900 Block of Paseo Grande Circle – Area 11

On Thursday, April 12, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured home after smashing the kitchen window and stole a 2 ft. by 3 ft steel safe containing \$5,000 in US saving bonds and several pieces of jewelry with a combining value of \$22,000.

800 Block of Edie Drive – Area 10

On Tuesday, April 24, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through the unlocked front door and stole an X-Box game console, X-Box controllers, and one DVD with a combining value of \$590.

MAY 2007

1400 Block of Montecito Ct. – Area 2

On Wednesday, May 16, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured home after forcibly gaining entry to the front door and stole one X-Box game console, one Nintendo Wii game console, 1 wireless router, fourteen DVD’s, several Nintendo Wii Video Games, a GPS Navigator and an IBM Laptop with a combining value of \$3,720.

1800 Block of Wardell Avenue – Area 4

On Thursday, May 17, the unknown suspect(s) entered an unlocked door and stole a diamond necklace with a value of \$8,000.

2600 Block of Brockdale Lane – Area 12

On Friday, May 25, the unknown suspect(s) entered the secured home after breaking in a window and stole a plasma flat screen television set, \$500 in currency, a Play Station game console, a digital camera, a flat screen personal computer set, four watches and a diamond ring with a combining value of \$13,775.

National Night Out 2007



NEIGHBORS YOUNG AND OLD gather for a front yard party at Oak Haven Drive in celebration of National Night Out 2006.

Which neighborhoods are among the safest neighborhoods in Duarte? On Tuesday, August 7, we will have the answer. Dozens of Duarte’s neighborhoods will be celebrating the 24th Annual National Night Out with front yard gatherings and parties designed to improve the safety of the community. National Night Out is a worldwide celebration meant to draw neighbors together over front yard barbeques, pool parties, and potlucks. It helps heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.

Take this chance to build closer ties with your neighbors, meet new neighbors and deputies serving your area and help increase safety. Duarte’s safest neighborhoods are those where the neighbors know each other and look out for one another.

If you would like to live in such a neighborhood, make plans now to revive your Neighborhood Watch Program and get acquainted with new and long time neighbors.

Duarte Deputies will be available to visit each gathering armed with giveaways to help you and your neighbors enjoy your party. Giveaways will include emergency preparedness information, raffle prizes, stickers and coloring books for the kids. Please be sure to contact the Public Safety Office for party ideas, event flyers and to schedule a deputy to visit your party. Ask us about low-cost helmets available for sale at your party.

Last year’s National Night Out campaign involved over 20 Neighborhood Watch Blocks throughout Duarte. Ten thousand communities gathered from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 34 million people participated in NNO 2006. Don’t miss the opportunity to get together with your neighbors this summer and be part of this worldwide celebration!

National Night Out in Duarte is not only a celebration of crime prevention but as Duarte residents often prove, it is also a time to serve the entire community with a canned food drive. A canned food drive held in conjunction with the National Night Out in Duarte, which generated over 500 canned goods in 2006. Deputies distributed the donations to the Duarte Community Service Council, providing services to Duarte families in need.

We hope all that participated last year will again plan to join us this year coordinate the events in their neighborhood. For more information on National Night Out or the Neighborhood Watch Program, call Aida Torres at the Public Safety Office at (626) 359-5671 ext. 316 or visit our website www.accessduarte.com/PublicSafety.

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

Statistician Sonja Tanner

VEHICLE BURGLARIES & THEFTS			
April to May Statistics			
	2007	2006	2005
Vehicle Burglaries	12	17	7
Vehicle Thefts	6	12	15
April to May Totals	18	29	22
Year End Total	Unk.	210	185

Statistician Sonja Tanner

DEPUTY SPOTLIGHT

Deputy Marcelo Sepulveda

For Deputy Sheriff Marcelo Sepulveda there is no such thing as typical day on the job. As a patrol deputy beginning his shift in the late afternoon, Sepulveda responds to service calls ranging from traffic collisions to family disputes. Sepulveda began his work in the City of Duarte almost two years ago.

Prior to becoming a deputy, Sepulveda attended East LA College, but it has been his 11 years of service what has taught him how to deal with criminal offenders. His Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department career began with a year at Century Regional Detention Facility in Lynwood. He then worked custody for six years at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility in Downtown Los Angeles. He received training in South El Monte, Rosemead and Temple City communities.

He then requested to be assigned to the Duarte Sheriff’s Satellite Station to work the area on a regular basis. He admits he loves the atmosphere of a close-knit community. He describes himself as a people person. Sepulveda enjoys talking to people and seeing how, “[he] can make their lives simpler.” He comments that this gives him an opportunity to learn more about the Duarte community and be able to better assist residents. Sepulveda, a native of Chile is fluent in Spanish and is able to assist Spanish speakers and new immigrants and educate them on the law.

Sepulveda comments that by far the good people in the city outnumber the offenders. He feels that only a few individuals, repeated offenders are responsible for crime. He would like to ask residents to “always be alert for individuals that don’t belong in your neighborhood.” He calls on residents to get familiar with their neighbors and join community and neighborhood watch events. Deputy Sheriff Marcelo Sepulveda states that residents should feel comfortable reporting crime and suspicious activity. He advises residents to, “Please keep Temple Station’s Dispatch number handy and feel like you can use it at anytime. Just make the call!”



DEPUTY SHERIFF MARCELO SEPULVEDA



ONE OF THE YOUNGEST NNO attendees at San Pablo Way, National Night Out 2006.

Dog licenses due

The threat of rabies being ever present, California State law requires all dogs over the age of 4 months to be vaccinated against rabies and currently licensed for the jurisdiction in which they reside.

City of Duarte dog licenses must be purchased/renewed by August 31 of each year to avoid penalties. Proof of current rabies vaccination and a certificate of sterility, if applicable are required.

Dog licenses may be purchased at Duarte City Hall and the Duarte Public Safety Office. If you have any questions regarding dog licensing or any other animal control matter please contact the Public Safety Office at 357-7938.

Remember don’t be late and vaccinate!

Citrus College serves Duarte yesterday, today and into the future

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell
Vice President, Citrus Community College
District Board of Trustees

Duarte has a history rich in diversity, community, and tradition. This year, as we celebrate our golden anniversary, much will be said about our remarkable past. Citrus College is honored and privileged to be a part of this proud past, as the community college that has served Duarte for nearly 40 years.



DR. EDWARD ORTELL

And, Citrus College looks forward to being part of Duarte's future—a future filled with many milestones and accomplishments, as our city continues to grow and prosper.

One of Duarte's educational milestones occurred in May of this year. At a special reception, Duarte High School was formally awarded the distinction of being named a California Distinguished School. On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Citrus College, I would like to extend sincere congratulations to Principal Bill Martinez and the entire Duarte High School community. This coveted title demonstrates that you represent the best in education. Thank you for allowing Citrus College staff members to take part in the rigorous selection process. Irene Malmgren, vice president of instruction; Linda Merlo, college promotions specialist; and Ivon McCraven, coordinator of school relations; were honored to be among those who were interviewed by the Distinguished School Visitation Team.

This fall, Citrus College will welcome one of Duarte High School's best and brightest. Lindsey McFarland is a gifted young woman who was recently chosen to receive a Citrus College Foundation Bright Futures Scholarship. In addition to participating in cheer, track, and the Black Student Union at Duarte High, Lindsey has also been active in the community, volunteering to work with underprivileged kids and serving food to the homeless. Lindsey is very positive about her community service, saying, "Doing these things has taught me to be humble and grateful for what I have." A product of the city's excellent edu-

ational system, Lindsey is just one of the many promising students who will contribute greatly to the Duarte of tomorrow.

Duarte is extremely fortunate to have elected officials who are also educational leaders. From those serving the Duarte Unified School District to the city's elected officials, this dedication to promote academic excellence is a common value. Recently, Mayor Lois Gaston, who has worked on behalf of the Citrus College Foundation for many years, and Assemblymember Anthony Portantino, Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, toured the Citrus College campus. Their visit included an overview of academic and vocational programs, student services, classrooms, labs and new facilities construction. Mayor Gaston and Assemblymember Portantino also took the opportunity to speak with college faculty, students and administrators. As Citrus College continually seeks ways to better serve our students and our communities, building relationships with outstanding leaders such as these is important.

The completion of the Foothill Extension of the Metro Gold line holds great promise for Duarte's future. Citrus College continues to advocate for this project, which will allow Duarte residents, and many throughout the San Gabriel and Inland Valleys, to take advantage of the educational and cultural offerings of numerous institutions of higher education along the Gold Line. The Citrus Avenue Station, adjacent to our campus, will transport students, community members and employees to Citrus College. The proposed extension will connect cities from Pasadena eastward across the Foothill Corridor to the Ontario Airport, providing a convenient, cost-effective and environmentally-friendly mode of transportation. It will reduce the growing congestion on our local freeways and neighborhood streets. The Gold Line is a tremendous investment value for state and federal transportation dollars, with competing rail projects costing three to four times as much. The majority of the right-of-way and environmental issues are resolved and the cities are already planning and building. If funded, the project could begin within a year.

Over the past 50 years, the citizens of Duarte have made it the beautiful and progressive city it is today. The strides the city is making in the area of education, efforts to complete the Gold Line, and the many civic projects that are planned, are certain to make the next fifty years even more successful. Citrus College joins with Duarte in celebrating a 50th anniversary of incorporation and looks forward to being part of the growth and development that will take place in this city's future.

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Duarte Kiwanis Collects Diapers



SHOWN WITH diapers collected by the Duarte Kiwanis Club are (L) Silvia Hurtado, Kiwanis Club president, and Shiela Fleming, Executive Director of Foothill Pregnancy Resource Center.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club collected 155 dozen diapers during March and April to donate to the Foothill Pregnancy Resource Center. Shiela Fleming, Executive Director of the Resource Center, accepted all 155 dozen with much gratefulness. The Center depends on donations of many kinds, including money, to continue offering their services to teens and others.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club has semi-adopted the Resource Center and is collecting different items for them six times a year. Currently they are collecting new or gently used baby clothing. Anyone wishing to contribute may drop their items at the Chamber office, 1634 Third Street.

Silvia Hurtado, president of the Duarte Kiwanis Club, said, "It is our pleasure to donate to this wonderful organization in our own community."

The Duarte Kiwanis Club meets first and third Tuesdays in Packard Hall on the Westminster Gardens campus, 1420 Santo Domingo, Duarte, at 12 noon.

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. Reservations are requested by calling (626) 357-3513. The suggested donation is \$2.

SAVE THE DATE

FREE! Flu shots will be held Thursday, October 25 from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. by the LA De-

partment of Health Services. No appointment is necessary.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Eligible seniors can receive a hot lunch and cold dinner plate delivered each weekday by the American Red Cross, or seven frozen meals delivered once a week by YWCA Intervale Senior Services. For more information on either of these programs, please contact the Senior Center (626) 357-3513.

AMERICAN RED CROSS MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

If you possess a current CA driver's license, have access to a personal vehicle, and proof of insurance, you are eligible to vol-

unteer to pick up meals from a local retirement home and deliver to homebound seniors. (Meals are delivered M-F between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.) No special training is required, just a compassionate individual who will brighten the days of the recipient. To become a volunteer please contact the American Red Cross at (626) 616-9982

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers to help with food preparation, serving, table setups, craft projects, decorating, etc. If you would like to give back to the community, please consider being a volunteer.

ACCESS TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided for individuals with disabilities. For eligibility or more information, please call (800) 827-0829.

ALZHEIMER'S SAFE RETURN REGISTRATION

The one time registration includes identification items, preventative information, membership in the Alzheimer's Association, and participation in a nationwide search system. Call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 for an appointment.

55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING PROGRAM

The Duarte Senior Center, in cooperation with AARP, will be offering a 55 Alive Mature Driving class for persons 55 and older on Tuesday and Thursday, July 24 and 26 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This eight-hour class, split up in two four-hour sessions, it is a comprehensive classroom driver re-training course geared to the specific needs of older motorists. Auto insurance companies are required by law to offer discounts to course graduates. Attendance is required at both sessions. The cost is \$10 and reservations are required. For more information, please call the Center at (626) 357-3513.

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 the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 1-2 p.m. and is free. Please call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 to register for this program.

HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

You can file a 2007 Homeowners and Renter's Assistance application form from July 18 through October 1, 2007, at the Duarte Senior Center. To qualify you must be at least 62 years old, blind, or disabled as of December 31, 2006 and provide proof of one of the following: A United States citizen or a designated alien or a qualified alien.

You must also provide proof of being a renter or homeowner for the year 2006 with income of no more than \$40,811 for the year, and provide a property tax statement, or if you rent, provide landlord's name, address, and phone number. Assistance is done by appointment only, please call (626) 357-3513.



JOIN US at the Duarte Senior Center for our annual luau party in August. Please call for more information (626) 357-3513.

Celebrating 50 Golden Years on Route 66

Duarte's 12th Annual Route 66 Parade and Classic Car Show will be held Sat., Sept. 22, in conjunction with the City Picnic. The parade is one of many events scheduled in the year long celebration of Duarte's 50th Anniversary.

Deadline for entry applications to participate in the Route 66 Parade and Car Show is August 31. To receive an application, sponsorship packet, to volunteer or for more information call (626) 260-0993.

Several celebrities, dignitaries and elected officials are invited and expected to participate in the parade. The early tentative line-up includes Miss California Megan Tandy, Margaret "Tinkerbell" Kerry and lots of Hollywood Boulevard's "Superheroes and Characters".

Again visiting our galaxy in Duarte are the members of the 501st Legion - Southern California Garrison (Storm troopers and other characters from the Star Wars saga).

What would our parade be without marching bands, floats, equestrians groups, classic cars, Duarte Unified students, and all of you!

There is a raffle with a \$1,000 grand prize donated by Sierra Autocars. There will also be many other prizes awarded during the concerts in the park donated by local businesses and residents.

Donations and sponsorships are welcome as this parade is a non-profit civic effort by our community and volunteers.

"This is Duarte's 50th Anniversary and the Route 66 Parade provides an outstanding opportunity for our community to join together and celebrate," says K.C. Caracci, 2007 parade chairperson. "So mark your calendars and tell your friends and family. We will see you there!"

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Debbie Gewertz Accepts Gavel of Duarte Chamber



RECEIVING THE GAVEL from outgoing Duarte Chamber Board Chairman Rona Lunde, right, is incoming 2007-2008 Chairman Debbie Gewertz, owner of Old Town Sign Co.

Debbie Gewertz, owner of Old Town Sign Co., became the Duarte Chamber's 86th Chairman-of-the-Board at the installation held on June 1 at the 700 Huntington Hotel, formerly Four Points Sheraton.

Rona Lunde, Jan's Towing Co., Inc., and outgoing COB, handed Ms. Gewertz the gavel after Tina Heany, Royal Oaks Manor and past president of the Chamber, installed Gewertz and her incoming officers and directors.

Officers installed with Ms. Gewertz were: Past COB, Rona Lunde; COB Elect, Bob Cruz, The Gas Company; Vice COB/Fundraising, Eileen Beeson, SCE Federal Credit Union; Vice COB/Legislation, Elisa Clifford, Edison; Vice COB/Financial, Chet Beeton, Specialty Promotions.

New Directors are: Jim Arcaro, LA Racing Experience; Sharon Bershtel, WePackItAll; Bernadette Chang, Westminster Gardens; Henry Custodia, Delafield Corp.; Sylvia Dulaney, Century 21 - Adams & Barnes; Alicia Martinez, Avila Gardens; Sandi Mejia, Rancho Mexican Restaurant and Cantina; Maggie

Pezeshkian, DC, Duarte Family Chiropractic; Atisthan Roach, Vulcan Materials Co.; Anthony Rodgers, San Gabriel Newspaper Group; and Carolyn Sage, Royal Oaks Manor.

Sponsors for the evening were Burrtec Waste Services and Jan's Towing Co., Inc.

Party

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joined with property owners located within the area, surrounded by Woodlyn Lane, Bradbury Hills Road, Royal Oaks Drive, Mount Olive Drive and Lemon Avenues, to generate the 500 minimum number of residents required to create a new City. Both Duarte and Bradbury were successful in their incorporation drives. The new city of Bradbury was incorporated on July 26, 1957. A little less than one month later, on Aug. 22, 1957, Duarte officially became a city.

For more information about the double birthday party on the bridge, call Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931, ext. 220.

City of Hope/City of Duarte Tournament of Roses Float Contest

For the 2008 City of Hope/City of Duarte Tournament of Roses Parade Float, a contest was held allowing City of Duarte residents and City of Hope employees submit design proposals for the upcoming float. After judging, the committee has selected the winner and two runner-ups, who are shown in the accompanying photo, along with some of the committee members.

The three finalists are: Jacqueline Herrera, Duarte resident and student at Northview Intermediate, second runner up; Manne Green, son of City of Hope employee Shirley Otis-Greene, first runner up; and Dojduen Villaluna, City of Hope employee, winner.

The finalized design of the float will be unveiled around August, and the winner, Dojduen Villaluna, from City of Hope, will receive two tickets for seats to the 119th Tournament of Roses Parade to be held on January 1, 2008.



(L-R) FLOAT COMMITTEE member Donna Georgino, City of Duarte Parks & Recreation Department; Jacqueline Herrera; Manne Green; Dojduen Villaluna; and Kristen Pugh, Associate Vice President, Government and Community Relations, City of Hope.

Duarte to Host Amateur Boxing Show Aug. 19

Young amateur boxers from throughout Southern California and Las Vegas, Nevada will converge in Duarte on Sunday, Aug. 19, to participate in the 2nd Annual Duarte Youth Boxing Show hosted by Duarte Parks and Recreation's Duarte Youth Boxing Club.

The Duarte Youth Boxing Show will take place at the Duarte High School Gym, 1565 Central Ave. Weigh-ins start at 9 a.m., with matchmaking to follow. Doors will open to the public at 12 noon, with the first bout scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. To compete as an amateur, boxers must be certified by USA Boxing. Contenders ranging in age from 8 to early 20s, will be matched by age, weight and experience. Each winner of a bout will receive a championship belt. Their opponents will receive a trophy for competing, presented by a professional boxer.

Last year's show was a major success, attracting an audience of 700 to watch 19 matches officiated by USA Boxing, the national governing organization for Olympic-style boxing. It was equally successful for the fledgling Duarte Youth Boxing Club team. Seven of the eight Duarte competitors won their bouts and two, Michael Flores and Paul Magallanes were named outstanding boxers of the show. The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department started the Duarte Boxing Club in 2005. Members train at the Duarte Teen Center boxing gym.

General admission to the boxing show is \$5; \$3 for children 11 years of age and under; kids 3 years old and under admitted free. Proceeds will be used to support the Duarte Youth Boxing Program and the Duarte Teen Center.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase at the snack bar.

For more information, call Duarte Youth Boxing Club at (626) 303-0863 or (626) 967-0291.

See-Saw-a-Thon



KIDS FROM THE Santa Anita Family YMCA's Youth Alliance see-sawed their way to fame and fortune, raising \$5,000 for the youth leadership program in a 24-hour See-Saw-a-Thon. The YMCA Youth Alliance is a comprehensive personal development program for at-risk middle school and high school students with program options that include meetings and discussions, family style dinners, recreational activities, tutoring, 24-hour teen support talk line, bible study and leadership conferences. For more information call (626) 359-9244.

Duarte Elks, Emblem Club Deliver Gift Bags to Veterans

On a bright sunny Sunday the Duarte Elks and Emblem club members gathered at the Lodge to fill 65 brightly colored bags with items for some of the Veterans at Loma Linda Health Care System. They filled the bags with candy, chocolate, socks, puzzles, paper tablets, crossword puzzles, caps, lotion, soaps, crackers, peanuts and toothpaste. They then caravanned out to the Loma Linda Hospital.

The Elks and Emblem members were gratified to be able to visit for a bit with many of the veterans learning of the service they have given to our country. The Duarte Elks and Emblem members are planning a barbecue for the vets in the fall in the Loma Linda facility new covered patio area.

Those filling the bags and distributing them to the veterans were: Lou and Jackie Orvitz, Frances Abraham, Mary Haynes, Larry Van Den Bossche, Anita Donley, Hazel Michaels, Brian Lister, Gerry Delker, Frank Lessa and Sally Emerson.



Delivering a gift bag to veteran Patrick Barton (seated) on a recent visit to Loma Linda Hospital are Duarte Elks and Emblem Club members Sally Emerson, Ruth Purbaugh, and Lou Orvitz.

Celebrating 110 years of service - longtime city employees



CELEBRATING 110 YEARS of combined service to the City of Duarte are from left: Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, Steve Maroste, (20), Senior Maintenance Technician, John Callens, (20), Redevelopment Director, Ed Cox, (25); Parks and Recreation Director, Donna Georgino, (25), Recreation Coordinator, Letty Lopez (5), Recreation Superintendent, Cesar Monsalve (15).

City of Hope Appoints Biotech Entrepreneur and San Diego State Business Administration Dean to National Board of Directors

Gail K. Naughton, Ph. D., co-founder and former vice chairman of Advance Tissue Sciences, has been named to the national board of directors of City of Hope. Naughton currently serves as dean of the College of Business Administration at San Diego State University (SDSU), and holds over 90 US and foreign patents in the field of tissue engineering.

"Gail Naughton's biotech background and entrepreneurial spirit make her an ideal fit for our board," said City of Hope Chairman of the Board Philip L. Engel. "She brings a wealth of knowledge, leadership skills and ingenuity that will play a pivotal role in guiding the organization toward its strategic goals."

Naughton has served as dean at SDSU since 2002. Prior to that, she spent more than 15 years at Advance Tissue Sciences (ATS), which specialized in engineered skin products for the treatment of chronic wounds. Naughton was the company's co-founder and co-inventor of its core technology. She held a variety management positions during her tenure, including president, chief operating officer, chief scientific officer and principal scientist, and oversaw the design and development of the world's first upscaled manufacturing facility for tissue-engineered products. In 2000, Naughton received the 27th annual National Inventor of the Year award by the intellectual Property Owners Association in honor of her pioneering work in the field of tissue engineering.

She began her career in academia, first as an instructor and later assistant professor at New York University Medical Center, and as an assistant professor at the City University of New York's Hunter York College.

Naughton holds a Ph.D. in hematology and a Masters of Science Degree in histology, both from New York University Medical Center. She also received her executive Masters in Business Administration from the Anderson School at the University of California at Los Angeles, and earned her Bachelor of Science

degree from St. Francis College in Brooklyn, NY.

City of Hope's board of direc-

tors is comprised of 29 members, spanning a range of industries that include finance and health care.

Nita Norgard 2007 Senior Volunteer of the Year

The City of Duarte is proud to select Nita Norgard, a dynamic individual, as its Honoree for the Older American Recognition Day Award.

Nita Norgard spent 40 years as a physical therapist. Upon her retirement, she desired to get involved in the City of Duarte as a community volunteer. She began her new career as president of her neighborhood association. Nita's role was to keep the residents informed about what was going on in the city, and to make the city aware of the neighborhood's concerns. She was also responsible for the association's annual business dinner and summer block party.

Because education has always been very important to Nita she later became the chairperson for the Friends of the Duarte Library. This position involved promoting the library and conducting fundraising activities for special library projects. Her role expanded five years ago to also include the Annual Festival of Authors and One Town, One Book, an event in which over 50 authors participate.

In order to further promote education in Duarte, Nita is currently serving as the recording secretary for the Duarte Education Foundation. And if that isn't enough, she is also the recording secretary for the Duarte Community Coordinating Council.

Nita Norgard enjoys volunteering in Duarte and the very interesting and diverse residents who make the city a great place to live.

Adopt a Duck fundraiser for Santa Anita Family YMCA



DUCK ANYONE? Debby Thomas, daycare supervisor and Cheryl Reynolds, development director of the nonprofit Santa Anita Family YMCA would like you to "adopt a duck" or a "Quack Pack" for the Rubber Duck Dunk fundraiser to support SAFYMCA programs.

Time to gets your ducks in a row. The nonprofit Santa Anita Family YMCA would like you to "Adopt a Duck" to participate in its annual Rubber Duck Dunk fundraiser.

Donations to adopt a rubber ducky are \$10, or adopt a "Quack Pack" - 12 ducks and get a free duck whistle for \$100.

"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 Diane Balsamo, co-chair with fellow SAFYMCA board member, Karen Taylor Straley.

All proceeds will help support the many programs provided to people of all ages by the SAFYMCA in Monrovia, regardless of ability to pay full fee.

On Saturday, Aug. 18, 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 valuable prizes for their adoptive "parents". Winners do not need to be present.

This year's grand prize is a week at the river in Bullhead City. Other prizes include one year YMCA Family Membership, a 30-day fitness package that includes personal training, nutrition

counseling and a personalized plan, and a Kid Fun package that includes swim lessons, basketball league and day camp.

To "adopt a duck," visit the reception desk at SAFYMCA at 501 S. Mountain Ave., or talk to any of the committee members who include board members Donna Baker, Janet Cerswell and Gloria Huss.

Another way to help is to be a corporate sponsor. Leading the list thus far are: R. Edward Beranek Accountancy Corporation, Donna Baker - Dickson Podley Realtors, Monrovia Escrows, Karen Taylor Straley - Century 21 Adams & Barnes, Diane Balsamo - Countrywide, Monrovia Firefighter Association, Kiwanis of Monrovia, and Focus One Community Credit Union.

The Santa Anita Family YMCA serves the cities of Arcadia, Bradbury, Duarte and Monrovia, offering dozens of sports programs, exercise classes and activities on a member and non-member basis for children, teens, adult, seniors and people with special needs.

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.

"Looking Out for You"



PAUL HOMAN, immediate past president of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, presents Mayor Lois Gaston with a commemorative photograph of the City of Duarte/City of Hope's 2007 parade float entry, "Looking Out for You". Joining in the presentation are Sindee Riboli, Tournament of Roses volunteer and President of Sharp Seating, and Duarte Recreation Superintendent Cesar Monsalve.

Trailblazers recognized



MEMBERS OF DUARTE'S TRAIL CREW, who worked for four months to repair and maintain the Fish Canyon Falls Trail to get it ready for the City's annual Wilderness Day hike this year, were recognized for their efforts at a recent City Council meeting. The young men were selected from the City's Youthworks and student intern programs and paid with funds from a grant from Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike D. Antonovich. Standing with the crew are (from left) Brian Mejia, representative for Supervisor Antonovich, Mayor Lois Gaston, and Recreation Superintendent Cesar Monsalve.

Duarte Library Scholarships



FRIENDS OF THE DUARTE LIBRARY presented its 2007 scholarships to two worthy graduating students at a Recognition dinner held at Duarte's 1909 schoolhouse, now the Old Spaghetti Factory. From left: Friends of the Duarte Library chairwoman, Nita Norgard; DHS Principal, Bill Martinez; DHS scholarship recipient Stephanie Sharma; Mt. Olive scholarship recipient Tony Hosey; and Kevin Morris, principal of Mt. Olive High School.



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\$25.00 Gift Certificate (Donated By Rancho Los Magueyes)

Dinner For 2 & Soft Drinks (Donated By Rancho Mexican Restaurant)

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\$100.00 Cash (Donated By Wendy Glatky)

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\$50.00 Gift Certificate (Donated By Fanara's Restaurant)

\$25.00 Gift Certificate (Donated By The Original Green Onion)

7/25/07

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1 Year Individual Membership Duarte Fitness Center (City Of Duarte)

\$100.00 Target Gift Certificate (Donated by Lois Gaston/Artie Washington Family)

\$50.00 Gift Certificate (Donated By Fanara's Restaurant)

Dinner For 2 (Donated By Steer & Ale)

8/08/07

Ipod Nano (Donated By Route 66 Parade Committee)

\$50.00 Cash (Donated By Buffy's Travel)

\$25.00 Mary Kay Gift Certificate (Donated By Laura Pinones)

\$25.00 Cash (Donated By Route 66 Roadhouse & Tavern)

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From the desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

As I reflect on the 2006-07 school year, I would like to thank each and every student, family and district staff member for making the year such a success.

Some of the highlights of the 2006-07 school year include:

- Student performance on district-wide measures proves that Duarte students can compete with students from any other district in the Valley!

- We have continued growth in student achievement, indicated by student scores that meet or exceed state and federal targets.

- Duarte High was recognized as a California Distinguished High School and a Title I Academic Achievement Award School, joining Beardslee Elementary. Royal Oaks Elementary and Valley View Elementary are also Title I Academic Achievement Award Schools.

- We were able to complete the interest based employee negotiations in record time! Entry level teacher salaries in Duarte now rank 14 out of the 48 Unified School Districts in Los Angeles County, the highest ranking in District History.

- Work was completed on the new gymnasium at Northview, as well as the stadium at Duarte High School. This summer the air conditioning and heating units will be replaced at Northview. The entire entrance to Mt. Olive was redesigned earlier this year, in our commitment to make sure that all students learn in a culture of caring and respect. In addition, buildings at Beardslee were re-roofed, and a classroom for students with special needs was constructed.

- Our Technology Department has felt a wonderful burst of energy. Look for great things from technology in the 2007-08 school year!

It is a pleasure to be a part of the Duarte Unified team. Thank you for all of the wonderful comments and compliments you have given us this year. We are honored to serve your students, and we look forward to a great 2007-08 school year!



DR. DEAN CONKLIN

Child Development employees honored

By Bobbi Brzozowski, Director

Child Development Programs held its first ever Employees of the Year celebration this Spring.

Andres Duarte State Preschool teacher Esther DeSantiago was selected by her peers as the 2007 Preschool Teacher of the Year.

Robin Preston of the Maxwell Day Care program was selected Extended Day Care Specialist of the Year, and Sofia Rodriguez, also from the Maxwell program was named our 2007 Extended Day Care Worker of the Year.

Congratulations to each of them on their well-deserved honors.

In addition, Child Development Programs said farewell to three long-time staff members who will retire at the end of the school year. We wish all the best to Elaina Miles, our State Preschool and former Extended Day Care clerk; Cathy Bechtel, 17-year Extended Day Care veteran from Valley View, and Maria Macias, who is retiring after working with our Day Care students for 12 years.

Each of these ladies has put a lot of love into their work with the students throughout their career. We will miss each of them.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED

A Thousand Thank You's to State Preschool parent, Marisela Muniz who clocked 431 volunteer hours in her son Alfredo's classroom this year. A close second, Emy Lou, Head Start parent volunteered

in son Brandon's classroom for 355 hours. Your support, and the support of each and every one of our preschool parent volunteers, contributes greatly to the success of our students. We Thank You All!!!!

MOM'S DAY A SUCCESS

A total of 148 Moms, grandmas and aunts came to spend the day in their child's classroom in celebration of Mom's Day May 18.

The Mom's Day event was planned and implemented by Head Start/State Preschool parents as part of the Head Start

Policy Committee and the State Preschool Parent Advisory Committee activities. Preschool parents are the BEST!

ENROLL YOUR THREE OF FOUR-YEAR-OLD IN PRESCHOOL NOW

Enrollment is in full swing for our Head Start and State Preschool programs. For information, or to apply, please stop by the Child Development office on the west end of the Andres Duarte campus, or call us at (626) 599-5121. Hablamos Español. Head Start services children who have disabilities.

Andres Duarte says Goodbye

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

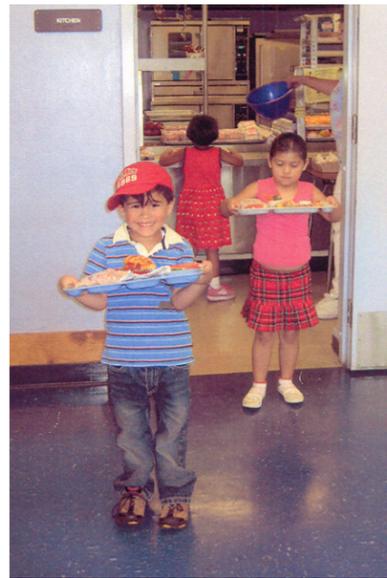
Andres Duarte said goodbye to several long time staff members this year. Two first grade teachers retired to spend more time traveling and with their families. Carolyn Fuller a former District Teacher of the Year, taught at both Andres Duarte and Valley View Schools. Mrs. Fuller leaves behind a legacy of caring and strong support for disaster preparedness. Staff at Andres Duarte will always remember Mrs. Fuller's warm encouragement. She was famous for her motto, "How can I help you?" which she taught to all her students, and "I love this place!" which she was known for saying in the lounge, hallways and even in staff meetings. The students, families and staff at Andres Duarte will certainly miss Carolyn Fuller.

Also retiring this year is first grade teacher Jean Kelley. Mrs. Kelley, and Andres Duarte Teacher of the Year, has dedicated more than ten years of service to Andres Duarte students. Her kind and friendly manner was appreciated by all. Mrs. Kelley was known as an excellent writing teacher and her first grad students often wrote stories several pages long by the end of first grade. Kindergarten teacher Jelayne Haight has been job sharing for several years now but has decided to stay home and take on the challenge of full time parenting. Mrs. Haight has dedicated 20 years to Andres Duarte teaching in several different levels and will be missed for her creative talents. Long time bilingual instruction aide Maria Hernandez, has also decided to retire after 25 years in Duarte Unified. Mrs. Hernandez has worked in several schools around the district and loves to create special art projects with kinder and first grade students.

The Andres Duarte staff wishes all of our friends well as they start new chapters in their lives.

Cabiedes and Jamie Leonida. The Duarte Unified Education Association awards went to Divina Roman, Cecilia Vallin, Luis Macedo, and Marlene Berumen. We are proud of all students and wish our 6th graders good fortune as they move to Northview and even more success!

As you can see, the weather may have been gloomy but there were many illuminating activities at Beardslee. We will all be able to bask in the glow of the many warm feelings all summer long!



PREPARING to transition into kindergarten, preschoolers smile proudly and carry their trays with great care on their first day in the "big" elementary school cafeteria.

June gloom? Not at Beardslee School!

By Wendy Wright, Principal

Though June brings us dreary weather, there was nothing but sunshine radiating at Beardslee School this month. We drove away the overcast skies with many varied activities designed to celebrate a year of tremendous effort and achievement!

Our annual Manpower Day was June 8th. All males who play a significant role in the lives of our students were invited for lunch and activities on this special Friday. The guys worked in classrooms, honored our student Asset Builders at a flag ceremony, and played the many games and activities at the stations of Men on the Move. What a pleasure to see the men lead us in the flag salute, read off names to honor students with solid character and to play and dance with us! We had quite a crew who made time to spend with their children at school and welcomed their participation.

Volunteers are the secrets to the success of all schools. The Beardslee Parent Staff Association honored more than thirty volunteers at a lovely dinner at

the Spaghetti Factory. More than 30 volunteers were celebrated for the many incalculable hours of support to the classroom and activities at Beardslee this school year. Many thanks to: Kathy Jones, Gene Teran, Ana Salas, Nancy Nien, Angie Anuiano, Maria Romo, Carmen Munoz, Darlene Harroun, Letty Tapia, Sandy Moses, Lorena Mata, Brittany Barnes, Herlinda Figueroa, Lesley Neira, Charles Gomez, Liz Cornell, Trini Najera, Patty and John McKiernan, Lupe Torres, Sharon Khaladjzadeh, Maribel Torres, Willie Gonzalez, Melissa Ritchie, Ana Urias, Alicia Brieno, Chaka Dodd, Suzette D'Ambrosia, Jennifer Hunley, Diane Hunley, Mark Durham, and Delores Tritt. You make us great!

Another way to rejoice in all our hard work is to play hard! This is exactly what we did on Play Day. Mr. Green organized play activities that incorporated all students. We ran races, got wet and most assuredly, laughed a great deal. Following Play Day, our traditional Family Picnic was



6TH GRADE STARS: We are proud of all award winners at Beardslee! Special recognition went to: Row 1: Saige Cook, Adam Lopez, Jamie Leonida, Anthony Newton. Row 2: Alondra Cabiedes, Kimberly Olivarez, Luis Maceda, Divina Roman, Mario Balderrama Row 3: Cecilia Vallin, Marlene Berumen, Aline Sandoval.

held. Members of the Beardslee community joined for fellowship and food on the lawn of the school. Just to make sure that we didn't end the fun there, the staff took on

the 6th grade students in a game of volleyball and immediately after our first annual Carnival finished off the day!

Other end of the year celebrations included achievement awards. Students were recognized for their academic achievement, perfect attendance and citizenship. Award ceremonies were held in our cafeteria for all students K-5. However, our 6th grade accomplishments were celebrated during their promotion ceremony on the last day of school. In addition to all the Beardslee honors, special recognition from the Burns Scholarship Awards in Reading went to: Kimberly Olivarez, Anthony Newton, and Aline Sandoval. Math honors were bestowed upon Mario Balderama, Adam Lopez, and Saige Cook. The American Legion Awards for Citizenship went to Alondra



FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS: Dads, Uncles, Brothers and significant others help celebrate our Asset Builders on Manpower Day.

Maxwell Elementary joins the Schools of Tomorrow

By Mary Gonzales, Principal

One can trace the evolution of education through the equipment and furniture used in classrooms.

In my living room I keep a wooden school desk from the 1940's era.

I keep it because it reminds me of when I was in elementary school.

I can also trace my years through school by reflecting on the boards teachers use to write their notes on.

When I began school, teachers used blackboards and chalk. Then classrooms were updated with the green chalk boards and finally the sharp looking white boards that require dry erasers.

We are now entering a new era of school furniture and equipment and Maxwell is going to keep up with the times.

Next year two classrooms will be equipped with some of the latest technology used for instruction.

These classrooms will be equipped with a ceiling mounted projector. The projector is connected to a computer and document camera.

Whatever is typed or displayed on the computer is shown to the entire class. This makes internet more accessible and teacher friendly.

Remember the overhead projector?

Instead of the using old overhead these two rooms will have document cameras.

Why would a teacher find this revolutionary?

Teachers can show an article from the morning's newspaper in class. Teachers can show a specimen to students in full 3D detail.



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Classrooms equipped with digital document cameras let you project objects, handouts and demonstrations in high-resolution video.

They also allow you to capture images just as you would with a scanner or digital camera.

In addition, teachers in these rooms will have access to a Smart Liner Slate.

This slate allows the teacher to walk around the room and still highlight or make references to whatever is being projected in the room.

It is an electronic notepad with Blue Tooth.

These classrooms will also be configured for video conferencing. Students will have opportunities to hold conferences with authors, scientist, and students of other countries.

It is almost as if they had traveled and met these people in person.

Our plan is to gradually phase these Smart Rooms throughout the school and in time all students will have the same access to this technology in their own rooms.

It is exciting to get this new technology and make it available to our students.

Royal Oaks Elementary School

By Deitra Reed, Principal

The Royal Oaks Motivational reading program, Reading Counts, improves comprehension as it increases vocabulary. Mrs. Nina Thompson, Royal Oaks library clerk congratulates the following enthusiastic readers! These grade level winners earned the most points for their reading efforts and were recognized at their Awards Assembly. The classes at each grade level with the most points earned were also recognized.

First grade: Stephanie Cornejo, Ashley McDonald, David Moses, Mark Del Rosario, Anne Hossen – Top First Grade Class: Mrs. Covert

Second grade: Alekhya Kondepudi, Kate Richards, Ryley Thompson, Jayoung Wong, Juan Carlos Amistoso – Top Second Grade Class: Ms. DiFilippo

Third grade: Dillon Wiley, Rohini Vyas, Yasmeen Shindy, Hunter Ong, Samantha Plaza – Top Third Grade Class: Ms. Ogden

Fourth grade: Cassandra Lopez, Leo Zhao, Juan Nunez, Austin Stroud Top Class – Top Fourth Grade Class: Ms. Williams

Fifth grade: Rocky Haddad, Gzbriel Luna, Anh Thuat Nguyen, Shania Wu, Jessica Michaels – Top Fifth Grade Class: Mrs. Mittman

Sixth grade: Alex Alvarez, Wednesday Lopez, Demetrius Pontikes, Joshua Desta, Bagriela Higuera – Top Sixth Grade Class: Mrs. Fender

Congratulations to these outstanding readers and to Anh Thuat Nguyen, who earned the most reading points at Royal Oaks this year.

What's up at Valley View?

By Robin Nelson, Principal

It seems unbelievable that the school year is over. It has been an exciting year for us at Valley View. The Spring Program was a huge success, we honored students at the Author's Tea and we had the most incredible Career Day. These memories will be treasured by students and staff alike.

"Celebrate Spring!" was the theme of our student program in May. The Committee worked hard planning this great show. Thanks to **Carrie Brakebush, Tricia Franklin, Jackie Peale, Garry Prado, Magdalena Valenzuela, Meredith Clark and Kris Sirca**. The teachers prepared the students and the performance was fabulous. The following teachers and their students were fantastic: **Room 19-Char Wilson, first grade classes- Carrie Brakebush, Jackie Peale, Garry Prado, second grade- Janel Gray, Tricia Franklin, room 16- Magdalena Valenzuela, room 21- Ruth Munoz and the Valley View Chorus directed by Char Wilson.**

We honored our student authors at Valley View. Each teacher



AL SOUSA, the helicopter pilot, and his son, Jacob.

selected one student each month that did an especially good job on a piece of writing. The chosen student joined me for hot chocolate and donuts at a fancy tea. Children read their selection to the group and were rewarded with an "I'm a Valley View Author" mug and certificate.

One of the highlights of the school year was Career Day. Deborah Evans worked tirelessly to plan a perfect day for the children. We had an incredible variety of careers to share with the students- Fire Fighter Crew, Sheriff, Los Angeles Animal Control, race car driver, karate sensei, inventor, attorney, fashion designer, National Guard Soldier, the Mayor of Duarte, engineer, and helicopter pilot. The most exciting event of the day was the helicopter landing at Valley View. One of our parents, Al Sousa, arranged to land a news copter on our field. It was a memorable and thrilling event for the children and the adults.

As we close the year, we are already making plans for our upcoming year. We invite all returning and new students and families to our Open House and Kindergarten Orientation on August 27.



CHRISTY JACKMAN on Career Day with the Firefighters.

Duarte High School – Champions on and off the field

By Bill Martinez, Principal

The 2006-2007 school year was a banner year for Duarte High School. Truly, we were **Champions On and Off the Field**. In the words of one of our 2007 graduates, "It seems like everything we did turned out great."

I want to briefly recap the 2006-2007 school year for you.

On the fields and courts of play, we sent teams or individual representatives to the CIF tournaments in football (league champions, undefeated in league), volleyball (league champions, undefeated in league, first time ever), cross country, girls basketball, wrestling, girls soccer (league champions, undefeated in league, the first time ever), baseball (league champions for the second year in a row), swim (league champions, again), track and field and boys tennis (league champions, undefeated in league, the first time ever).

In field of academics, we received our first ever Distinguished School Award and our first ever Title I Academic Achievement Award. The ACA DECA team placed fifth in our county. The best ever finish for a Duarte High School ACA DECA team.

Our science students built a solar power boat. They entered the boat in a competition at Lake Skinner in spring and finished

first!

Our school appeared again in Newsweek Magazine's list of the top 1200 high schools in the United States (that's the top 5% of all public high schools).

The Dixie Jazz Band was invited to perform at the Sacramento International Jazz Festival.

Our choir performed in China.

Our students took a school record 273 AP exams.

The Montview League, at its annual spring dinner, honored five Duarte High School students as student/athletes. They were **Victoria Jacob Robles, Justine Goldsmith, Fernanda Morales, Randall Moss and Anooj Patel**.

At this time, I want to recognize the advisor and students who helped build the solar boat, enter it in the competition and lead it to victory: **Steve Maloney** (teacher/advisor), **Oliver Solorzano** (captain), **Alberto Herrera, Amber Nicholson, Courtney Maloney, Anooj Patel, Cesar Hernandez, Michael Manahan, and Ryan Marapao. Congratulations!**

Summer school is in full session as you read this article. Summer school began on July 2 and will end on August 3.

During summer school, students are able to make up credits in subjects they are deficient, or are able to take courses to raise their grades in order to qualify

for college or are able to take certain classes to just get them out of the way. For the first time ever, we are offering Citrus College classes on campus during summer school.

Summer mail out packages for the fall semester will be sent home to parents by the end of the second week in August.

Summer registration will begin on August 21. The schedule is:

August 21 – Seniors
August 22 – Juniors
August 23 – Sophomores
August 24 – Freshmen
August 27 – New students and make ups
August 28 – New students and make ups
Sept. 3 – Holiday
Sept. 5 – School begins

Lastly, we will need your help for the biggest task to date, **WASC. It is the Western Association of Schools and Colleges' turn to accredit our school. The Visiting Committee will be at Duarte High School on April 20-21-22-23, 2008 for their review of our school.** It is critical that we successfully complete this task. **I am asking for your help. If you are interested in participating and helping us in the WASC accreditation process, please call me at (626) 599-5702.**

Thank you, Dr. M

MT. OLIVE HIGH

End to a Great Year and the Start of a New One

By Kevin Morris, Principal

With the 2006-07 school year behind us, Mount Olive completed the month of June on a high note. June was kicked-off with our 2nd Annual Man Power Day BBQ, which was a huge success. Trader Joe's in Monrovia provided all of the hamburger and hot dog donations for the event. Thanks again **Trader Joe's Manager Craig Arnold!**

In addition, Irwindale Speedway donated 50 general admission tickets for our raffle. Thank you **Irwindale Speedway, Vice President, Robert DeFazio!**

We also, featured guest speakers Chris Taus, local Duarte business owner, former New Orleans Saint football player, Trayvon Waller, Def Poetry Jam Poet, Oshay, and Jamie Banda a.k.a D.J. Mundo, one of Mt. Olive's very own providing the music.

Our Man Power BBQ menu featured spare ribs, beef brisket, hot links, hamburgers, hot dogs, green salad, fruit salad, lemonade, fruit punch, and cupcakes. This was a wonderful time for all.

We concluded the year with an outstanding Graduation Commencement Ceremony at the Performing Arts Center and Senior Grad-Night to Disneyland.

For September 2007, we are implementing a few new programs aimed at promoting student development. **The Community Union Redeployment Program** will be on campus offering free computer training and computers to our students. We have also partnered up with **Learning for Life**, which is a program designed to provide character and career education, life skills training, social skill development, self-esteem building and other student development skills.

We will continue with our Mt. Olive Parent Handbook, our monthly newsletters, and promote monthly social events for our students, their families, and the community. We will also continue to develop new opportunities for parents to become more involved in their students' education at Mount Olive.

We need the help of all parents and the community to ensure that Mount Olive continues the move from "GOOD to GREAT!" The 2007-08 year will continue in the same positive direction with more emphasis on academic achievement, student development, and community involvement.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

Northview Intermediate

By Miriam Fox, Principal

As the new school approaches we look forward with anticipation to meeting our new students and implementing new ideas.

However...first we would like to take this opportunity to recognize our eighth graders that recently promoted, for their accomplishments.

Below is a comprehensive list of the awards presented to the promoting class, we congratulate them all for a job well-done!

Valedictorians: Guido Gil, Rohail Hussein, Cassandra Jones, Nathan Woodward.

American Legion Award for Citizenship: Amanda Orion, Dylan Seaver

Burns Scholarship for Academic Excellence in Reading: Helen Aldana, Margarita Castro and Dylan Seaver

Burns Scholarship for Academic Excellence in Mathematics: Cassandra Jones, Monica Ramos, Destiny Hawthorne

Robert N. Hazelton Scholarship-Leadership: Alexis Hawkins

Robert N. Hazelton Scholarship-Academic Achievement: Demetrius Jackson

Robert N. Hazelton Scholarship-School Spirit: Jonathan Ortiz

Harry Saxon Courage Award: Darius Page

Wayne Fields Memorial Scholarship: Hector Martin

President's Award for Academic Excellence: Kenneth Amador, William Baczkowski, Ishdeep Bhamra, Jasmine Castro, Mario Contreras, James Daneill, Guido Gil, Hamza Hashmi, Rohail Hussain, Cassandra Jones, Daniel Kenney, Claire Lewis, Ramon Medina, Matthew Monge, Magdalena Moran Macias, Melissa Ortega, Marisela Ramirez, Steven Sharma, Jacob Smith, Sunny Walters, Tiffany Williams and Nathan Woodward.

Congratulations to all of these students, we expect to hear many other fine things about you in the future!

Royal Oaks Elementary

By Deitra Reed, Principal

The Royal Oaks motivational reading program, Reading Counts, improves comprehension as it increases vocabulary. Mrs. Nina Thompson, Royal Oaks library clerk congratulates the following enthusiastic readers! These grade level winners earned the most points for their reading efforts and were recognized at their Awards Assembly. The classes at each grade level with the most points earned were also recognized.

First grade: Stephanie Cornejo, Ashley McDonald, David Moses, Mark Del Rosario, Anne Hossen – Top First Grade Class: Mrs. Covert

Second grade: Alekhya Kondepudi, Kate Richards, Ryley Thompson, Jayoung Wong, Juan Carlos Amistoso – Top Second Grade Class: Ms. DiFilippo

Third grade: Dillon Wiley, Rohini Vyas, Yasmeen Shindy, Hunter Ong, Samantha Plaza – Top Third Grade Class: Ms. Ogden

Fourth grade: Cassandra Lopez, Leo Zhao, Juan Nunez, Austin Stroud Top Class – Top Fourth Grade Class: Ms. Williams

Fifth grade: Rocky Haddad, Gzbriel Luna, Anh Thuat Nguyen, Shania Wu, Jessica Michaels – Top Fifth Grade Class: Mrs. Mittman

Sixth grade: Alex Alvarez, Wednesday Lopez, Demetrius Pontikes, Joshua Desta, Bagriela Higuera – Top Sixth Grade Class: Mrs. Fender

Congratulations to these outstanding readers and to Anh Thuat Nguyen, who earned the most reading points at Royal Oaks this year.



Duarte Woman's Club

By Claudia Heller, Publicity Chair

Promoting the theme "Making a Bouquet of Caring & Sharing," Arlene Bragger, president of Duarte Emblem Club No. 71, officiated the installation ceremonies of the Duarte Woman's Club recently at the Duarte Community Center. Previous officers were retired and the newly elected officers were installed with two-term president Betty Jacob handing over the gavel to Kathy Delker.

Delker, who served as president previously from 1999 to 2001, takes the reigns with renewed enthusiasm promising another year of club involvement in the community and a drive to increase the membership. "We are a great club with a lot to offer. We just need to get the word out," she said.

Newly installed officers are: Doreen Tulloch-Reid, First Vice President; Sheri Uhlig, Second Vice President; Merle Warren, Third Vice President; Jan Brillhart, Recording Secretary; Jean Harris, Corresponding Secretary; Betty Jacob, Treasurer; and Carolina Flores-Helizon, Membership Director

DWC is open to women over the age of 18 and its members range from working women to homemakers, mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers. Club projects focus on local community service and regional projects in association with the San Gabriel Valley District of Women's Clubs and the California State Woman's Club with which the DWC is affiliated. The Club meets October through June, generally at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Women interested in joining should contact Flores-Helizon at (626) 357-0263.

A Teen's View

By Robert Calva

The Teen Center is a great place for teens to hang out after school. It provides a central location for teenagers to have fun and interact with each other. Many things there attract all different kinds of people from the local high school.

There is a game room that includes a ping-pong table, foosball, air hockey, two pool tables, three arcade games, and a pinball machine. In order to "rent" out these

games the Teen Center staff uses a borrowing system in which you trade in an item of value in return for the game. The staff helps create the perfect atmosphere for fun and enjoyment. The Center also has a big screen TV that teens use to play video games, watch movies, or just watch cable TV.

At 3 p.m. the computer lab opens and allows teens to go online or do homework.

The Teen Center has a snack bar that sells food, drinks, and candy at low prices the teens can afford. In addition, the Teen Center offers boxing program for only \$10 a month for Duarte youth. In this program teens learn discipline, hard work, commitment, and defensive skills.

These are just a few of the services the Teen Center provides for teens in Duarte. As you can see this is the place to go to after school!

The Duarte Teen Center has a lot of great activities happening this summer! It is located at 1400 Buena Vista St. Hours of operation through August 3 are Mon.-Fri. 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. After August 3 hours are 3 p.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and Sat. 11 a.m.-3 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 Mon.-Fri., 3 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and Sat. from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The lab is equipped with 12 computers and is a great place to enhance computer skills, learn new programs, chat on the Internet, do school work, and play various games.

YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM

This is an excellent program

to help boys and girls 8-18, develop their self-esteem and self-discipline. Our knowledgeable trainers Victor Valenzuela, Louis Valenzuela, and Eric Campugan teach the fundamentals of boxing while developing footwork, speed and upper body strength. The training program will also help participants gain physical flexibility, stamina, and coordination. Classes are scheduled Monday through Friday. There is a \$10 monthly fee for Duarte youth and a \$20 monthly fee for non-resident youth. Registration is held at the Teen Center.

The second annual boxing show for Duarte youth boxers and boxers from all over Southern California will be held Sunday, August 19 at the Duarte High School gymnasium. Doors open at noon and the show begins at 1 p.m., Admission is \$5 and children under five are free. A Boxing Golf Tournament will be held to raise funds for the show and another tournament. It will be held Saturday, July 28 at the Du-

arte Golf Course. To participate or sponsor the program contact Rebecca Michaelis at (626) 303-0863.

ACTIVITIES

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

Movie Mondays are on July 9 and 23, August 13 and 27, and September 10 and 24. 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.

A watermelon-eating contest will be held Monday July 16 at 3:30 p.m., with a prize being awarded to the winner. A Ping Pong tournament will be held Thursday, July 5 and an air hockey tournament will be held Wednesday, July 18. On Thursday, August 2 there will be a Foosball tournament and an X-box tournament will be held on Wednesday, August 15. All tournaments begin at 3:30 p.m. and the winners will receive a prize.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A Luau will be held on Thurs., July 19 from 4-8 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person. Teens can enjoy the sights and sounds of Hawaii with food, music, contests, and fun, along with a prize awarded to the best Hawaiian outfit.

The Teen Center will have a Water Games Day on Thurs., July 26, at 4 p.m. Teens can cool off from the hot summer heat with water balloons, a slip and slide, and more! A Field Games Day will be held Wed., Aug. 8 at 4 p.m. with exciting games like tug-o-war, ultimate ball, and more!

EXCURSIONS

The Teen Center is offering great excursions this summer.

The Teen Center will go to Raging Waters on Sat., July 14 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Cost is \$25 and includes transportation. Space is limited.

A trip to Dodger Stadium will be held to see the Dodgers vs. Giants game on Wed., Aug. 1. The bus will be leaving the Teen Center at 5:30 p.m. and will return at the end of the game. Cost is \$12 and includes transportation.

Teens can end their summer with a trip to Huntington Beach on Fri., Aug. 24, from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Enjoy sun, fun, and a bonfire for a fee of \$10, which includes transportation and food.

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.



DUARTE TEENS relaxing at the Summer Luau.

Free Summer Lunch Program

The USDA, the Duarte Unified School District, and the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department are offering a free summer lunch program for children ages 18 years and under. There are no limits to the number of lunches served.

The program will operate June 25 through August 24. Lunches are offered Monday through Friday at Beardslee Park 12:15-11:45 p.m., Andres Duarte School 12 p.m.-1 p.m., and the Duarte Teen Center 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

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

Development *Annual Beautification Awards*

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tersection at Huntington Dr. and Buena Vista St.

"It's exciting to have all of this development going on in this 50th anniversary year. It proves that Duarte is still young, vital and growing. In the next few years expect to see even more improvements along Huntington Dr. and elsewhere in the City," said City Manager Darrell George.

Huntington Courts, a 51-home redevelopment project on 4.42 acres on the north side of the 2100 block of Huntington Dr., is in the beginning stages of construction.

Owner/developer AHSULLC has selected Arcadia based builder Mur-Sol Construction to build 41 detached single family homes, two four-plexes and one duplex, designed by Igguiden Architectural Group, Inc. of Costa Mesa and Saito Design Group of Rancho Cucamonga.

Set in a courtyard garden design, the two to four bedroom homes will range in size from 1,230 square feet to 1,800 square feet with selling prices beginning in the low \$500,000 range.

Model homes will be ready by November. The first phase of 21 homes is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2008.

Construction is underway and completion is slated before the end of the year at Duarte Gardens, a 17-home development situated across the street from Duarte City Hall and adjacent to the future Plaza Duarte. Monrovia based Bowden Development is building the 13 detached single family units and two duplexes on 1.51 acres at 1569 Huntington Dr. Two model homes are projected to be completed within 30 days. Prices are expected to be in the \$500,000 range.

On the site of the former Atalla Ranch in the Duarte foothills, Sienica Trail Manor/RAD Developers of Culver City is scheduled to begin construction this fall on Las Lomas Estates, a project of 15 luxury homes, each priced above \$1 million dollars.

Jacobson Family Trust, developers of the 3.5 acre retail center that opened on Duarte's Mountain Ave. and Hamilton Rd. in 2005 with La-Z-Boy and IHOP franchises and other national tenants, is moving along on its new major project to bring a 46,000 square foot Best Buy store to Mountain Ave. and Central Ave. on 4.7 acres purchased from the Redevelopment Agency.

Projected completion is the fourth quarter of 2008. The project will also feature 12,000 square feet of shops and connect access to the adjacent Target store.

Construction is expected to begin within the next six to nine months on a major expansion project for the Maryvale child care facility in Duarte.

Maryvale will replace its current 1,600 square foot building with a 34,000 square foot two-story complex on 1.4 acres that includes property acquired by the Redevelopment Agency and sold to Maryvale. PBWS Architects of Pasadena has designed an eclectic Spanish architectural style building with a large outdoor play area.

The expanded facility will include space for individual and group counseling and community oriented classes in addition to child care services.

In a major step toward fulfilling plans to create a Downtown Duarte/Town Center, the City has

The Mayor and City Council would like to congratulate Duarte residents and business owners that were selected as winners in Duarte's Annual Home and Business Beautification Awards.

The care and pride of ownership in the home and business winners has been made apparent and the City of Duarte recognizes and appreciates their hard work.

A reception was held May 22 at the Duarte Community Center. All winners were honored and received a gift.

Selection of homes and businesses takes place every year during the month of April. Winners are chosen by various Duarte service organizations.

Business Winners

Union 76 Station, 1250 Huntington Dr., and Avila Gardens, 1171 Encanto Pkwy.

Zone 1

2226 Citrusview Ave., 958 Newington St., 2008 Broach Ave.,

approved a 180-day Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with Dencity Inc., a California corporation to develop an 8-acre mixed use project at the northeast corner of Huntington Dr. and Buena Vista St. on the site of an aging shopping center whose major tenants include Big Lots and Rite-Aid stores.

A joint collaboration between the Olson Company, CIBA Real Estate, and Land Capital Group, the project would develop approximately 52,500 square feet of retail with 326 parking spaces and 81 units of housing including a 30% ratio of affordable units.

The project could create 450-500 jobs in addition to bringing in approximately \$125,000 a year in sales tax based on estimates of \$10 million in gross revenues.

On Redevelopment Agency property at the northwest corner of Huntington Dr. and Buena Vista St., a site long vacant since the closing of a Texaco gas station, is a proposal by RDA and Fountainhead Shrugged LLC to build a 4,874 square foot quick serve restaurant development featuring three national chains on one-half acre.

The Redevelopment Agency is poised to formalize a Disposition and Development Agreement with the developer in late summer.

New owners of another former long vacant gas station site at 2107 Huntington Dr. has submitted conceptual site plans and elevations for a two-story retail/restaurant building that includes three office tenant spaces totaling 5,753 square feet and a first floor 1,394 square foot restaurant tenant space.

"These projects are a perfect example of the important role redevelopment plays in helping to shape the community by providing new housing and commercial opportunities to better serve the community. The result is a better place for people to live and work," said Director of Community Development, Ed Cox.

2023 Starhaven St., 1026 Hurstview St., 1861 Capehart Ave.

Zone 2

1331 Starhaven St., 1315 Galen St., 1542 Sandefur St., 1721 Buena Vista St., 1608 Delford Ave., 1653 Broadland Ave.

Zone 3

2323 Maynard Dr., 2332 Maynard Dr., 2619 Maynard Dr., 2437 Bloomdale St., 2443 Bloomdale St., 2543 Bloomdale St.

Zone 4

1014 Livermont Lane, 2334 Beardslee St., 329 Vineyard Ave., 900 Livermont Lane, 2402 Kellogg Court, 835 Brinsey Ave.

Zone 5

2647 Gardi St., 2664 Bernwood St., 542 Fairwood St., 610 Royalview St., 497 Woodbluff St., 487 Markwood St.

Zone 6

2340 Golden Meadow Dr., 311 Spinks Canyon Rd., 100 Mount Olive Dr., 2255 Golden Meadow Dr., 149 Spinks Canyon Rd., 2379 High Mesa Dr.

Zone 7

2122 Royal Oaks Dr., 1812 2nd St., 1916 Chesson St., 2008 Chesson St., 1915 Royal Oaks Dr., 2045 Baylor St.

Zone 8

1603 2nd St., 1540 2nd St., 1604 3rd St., 1424 Royal Oaks Dr., 1502 1st St., 1505 1st St.

Zone 9

1427 Random Lane, 1302 Random Lane, 1310 Pops Rd., 1425 Maynard Dr., 1332 Elmhurst Ave., 2203 Maynard Dr.

Zone 10

265 Mountaincrest Rd., 902 Vista Mesa Court, 3034 Treefern Dr., 240 Greenbank Ave., 246 Bettyhill Ave., 227 Bettyhill Ave.

Zone 11

3342 Tannencrest Dr., 3439 Tannencrest Dr., 3416 Tannencrest Dr., 3415 Fish Canyon Rd., 3401 Deerlane Dr., 3455 Deerlane Dr.



ADVENTURE CAMP participants have fun making new friends and enjoying theme parks.

Adventure Club / excursions Summer program in 4 Duarte parks

Looking for something adventurous to do this summer? The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring two one-week sessions of fun and daily excursions. Adventure Club is available to teens and kids ages 8 through 17. It will be held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Royal Oaks Park. The price is only \$100 per session with lunch and all excursions included. Session I is August 20 through August 24 and Session II is August 27 through August 31.

Each day will be highlighted by a trip to places such as the beach, Knott's Berry Farm, and Raging Waters.

Registration is going on now at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr. For more information, please call the Duarte Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

Four park sites will be open this summer Monday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. for recreational activities. 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 and not a day care program. Children 5 to 12 years of age are welcome to drop by or leave anytime during the hours of operation. The summer playground program will end on August 17. For more information, please call (626) 357-7931.



THE DUARTE Fitness Center Pool is the way to stay cool!

Fitness Center Pool Open

The Duarte Fitness Center swimming pools are now open for a variety of aquatic activities. The pool offers lap swim for adults 6:30-8 a.m. and 12-1 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 7-9 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; and 11 a.m.-12 p.m. weekends. Recreational swim is available for all ages 1-3:30 p.m. weekdays and 12-4 p.m. weekends.

Family swim is scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. This cost is only 50¢ for children 12 and under, and \$1 for adults and teens.

Water aerobics is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at a cost of \$4

per class.

The Fitness Center Pool offers swimming lessons for all ages and skill levels. The swim instructors are all Red Cross certified and very experienced. Lessons are offered mornings and evenings Monday through Thursday. The cost of a 2-week session is only \$25. Times and spaces are limited. Registration begins at 6 a.m. for Duarte residents and 8 a.m. for non-residents one week prior to the beginning of each session. Sessions are: July 23-Aug. 2, Aug. 6-16, and Aug. 20-30.

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

Budget

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sions in the past year have resulted in savings. As a result, the cost of salaries and benefits for the coming year are projected to increase by only 2.5% or \$148,400. The City will also continue its hiring freeze. City staff includes 51 full or 3/4-time positions and other part-time positions equivalent to an additional 29 full-time employees.

Last year, the City set up a Healthcare Trust Fund to comply with GASB 45 and allocated \$369,200 toward retiree healthcare benefits, agreeing to increase the amount each year until it achieved the total Annual Required Contribution (ARC) of \$506,000, based on an actuarial analysis of its retiree healthcare program. For the 2007-08, the City allocated \$441,200 towards the fund. A new actuarial analysis is expected to be completed next year and, based on the City's new cost containment efforts, it is believed the City's ARC will be reduced.

Through this adopted budget Duarte will be able to offer programs and services that the City Council and the community can be proud of, while maintaining the strong financial foundation that has become the legacy of those who came before us," said George.



THE WET & WILD Carnival is a great way to start the summer!

Summer Youth Special Events

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is offering several special events this summer for children.

The **Wet & Wild Carnival** will be held at Beardslee Park on Tuesday, July 17, from 2-4 p.m. Children ages 5-12 years are invited to play carnival-style games and activities. The giant inflatable water slide will be back! There will be 10¢ games and 25¢ snow cones.

Duarte Game Day! Ping pong tournaments, table games, and a whole lot more will be held

at Royal Oaks Park on Thursday, July 12 from 2-3:30 p.m. Children 5-12 years are invited to come have fun, play cool games, and win great prizes.

The **"Splashtacular"** Water Carnival for children ages 6-15 years will be held at the Duarte Fitness Center Pool on Thursday, July 26 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Admission is 50¢ for ages 12 & under and \$1 for ages 13 & up. Wet carnival games and activities will be held!

Come join us on Thursday, August 2 from 2-4 p.m. for the **Summer Cool Down**. It's going to be a hot summer, so come cool down with us at the Duarte Community Center. Children 5-12 years are invited to come have fun in the air-conditioned hall.

The **Summer Mystery Event** will be held for children 5 & up at the Duarte Community Center on Wednesday, August 8 from 2-4 p.m. Children are invited take part in this fun activity. It could be games, crafts, or who knows. It's a mystery! Refreshments will be served. This event is free.

Transportation will be provided for all events from each supervised park site with signed permission form. For more information on these events, please call the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department at (626) 357-7931.

Fitness Center

The Duarte Fitness Center, located next to City Hall at 1600 Huntington Drive, offers a variety of ways for you to get in shape. Life Fitness strength equipment is available including a Chest Press, Lat Pulldown, Arm Curl, Seated Dip, Shoulder Press, Seated Leg Press, Leg Extension, Seated Leg Curl, Hip Abductor and Hip Adductor. The Fitness Center also has a variety of cardiovascular equipment to choose from. Other Fitness Center activities include racquetball, wallyball, aerobic classes, and swimming.

Fitness Center membership prices can't be beat! Regular yearly membership fees for Duarte residents: \$125 - Aquatics/Exercise/Aerobics, \$150 - Racquetball/Exercise/Aerobics, \$200 - Total Facility/Individual, \$300 - Total Facility/Family; non resident fees: \$175 - Aquatics/Exercise/Aerobics, \$200 - Racquetball/Exercise/Aerobics, \$275 - Total Facility/Individual, \$400 - Total Facility/Family. The Fitness Center has several membership sales a year offering a 20% discount! The next membership sale will be September 1-8. Corporate membership discount rates also available.

Call the Duarte Fitness Center at (626) 357-6118 for more information.

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Duarte Youth Boxing Club to host golf tournament to benefit boxing program Ed Cox Honored by Duarte Kiwanis Club

The Duarte Youth Boxing Club is looking for some six dozen golfers to play in the 2nd Annual Duarte Boxing Club Golf Tournament, set for Saturday, July 28, at Rancho Duarte Golf Course. The 18-hole tournament is open to 72 golfers and as many sponsors as would like to help support the City run youth boxing club.

Funds raised from the benefit golf tournament will help fund team travel, equipment and other expenses for the program headquartered at the Duarte Teen Center.

In just a little more than a year and half, head coach Victor Valenzuela and assistant coaches, Eric Campugan and Louis Valenzuela have developed a highly competitive youth boxing program.

The program operates Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"We average about 30 to 40 kids a day," said Valenzuela.

Ages range from 8 to 18 years, both boys and girls. Valenzuela and his coaches put the kids through their workouts – punching bags, jumping rope and sparring in the ring – to help prepare them for local, regional and national competitions.

Once physically ready, the young athletes must be certified by USA Boxing, the national governing organization for Olympic-style boxing before they are permitted to compete, matched by age and weight.

One of Duarte's talented young boxers is Tino Dominguez, 15, a Northview Middle School student, who was recently invited to compete in 2007 Junior Olympic National Championships in Marquette, Michigan following his victory in the Southern California Junior Olympic Championship competition in Santa Fe Springs.

"The Duarte Boxing Program is about more than boxing and competition. The opportunity



DUARTE BOXING CLUB Golf Tournament on July 28 at the Rancho Duarte Golf Course will raise funds to help support the City run youth boxing program. (file photo)

for young people to expand their horizons through travel, meeting new people, coupled with the discipline and hard work that it takes for them to compete and succeed in the sport are things that will also help them to grow into confident, successful adults," said Valenzuela.

Valenzuela expects that 10 to 12 or more of the kids will be ready to compete in several tournaments that are coming up in the next few months including The Desert Showdown National Invitational in Palm Springs, Junior Golden Gloves in Los Angeles and the Blue and Gold Tournament in Baldwin Park.

The Duarte Youth Boxing Club is also preparing to host its own 2nd annual Duarte Boxing Show at the Duarte High School Gym on Sunday, Aug. 19.

Last year's event was a major success, attracting an audience of 700 to watch 19 matches featuring amateur boxers from throughout Southern California including Los Angeles, Baldwin Park, El Monte, Bell, Chino, Riverside and Victorville.

The matches were officiated by USA Boxing.

For more information about

the golf tournament or the Duarte Youth Boxing Club, please call the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department at Duarte City Hall (626) 357-7931.

Ed Cox, past president and current secretary of the Duarte Kiwanis Club, was recently honored by his club with the William A. Dunlap Fellowship. It was presented to him by Kiwanis Governor George Francis at his recent visit to the Kiwanis District at a dinner in Monrovia.

Ed was honored with the

Dunlap Fellowship for his long time membership and consistent involvement as president, secretary for three years, fireworks booth chair for four years and his knowledge of Kiwanis protocol that he shares with the club. Ed's enthusiasm for Kiwanis helps spur both new and long time members into action.



SHOWN AT A RECENT City Council meeting where Mr. Cox was honored for receiving the William A. Dunlap Fellowship from the Duarte Kiwanis are: (L-R) Mayor Lois Gaston, Ed Cox and Silvia Hurtado, president of the Duarte Kiwanis Club.

New homes

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PARBHUBHAI PATEL (left) and son, **Manoj Patel**, of **AHSU LLD**, owners/developers of Huntington Courts, a 51-home development that broke ground Tuesday in Duarte. In 1978, the Patels purchased the Capri Motel that previously stood on a portion of the 4.4 acres of land. The Capri Motel was demolished recently to make room for the new housing development.

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Two certified to train others in Character Development

Santa Anita Family YMCA Chief Executive Officer Damon Colaluca and Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, a senior program coordinator for the Pasadena YMCA and a Duarte City Councilwoman, have received certification from the prestigious Josephson Institute of Ethics to teach Character Counts!, a character development program, to organizations in the community.

The nationwide Character Counts! Youth initiative teaches and encourages people to make principled decisions and carefully consider the effects of their choices to improve the ethical quality of society. It is the most widely implemented approach to character education – embraced by thousands of schools, communities, public agencies, and nonprofits. Colaluca and Paras-Caracci are available to provide training to local organizations to incorporate the program's Six Pillars of Character – Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship – into their organizations. For more information, call Damon Colaluca at the Santa Anita Family YMCA, (626) 359-9244.



TZEITEL PARAS-CARACCI, a senior program coordinator for the Pasadena YMCA and Duarte City Councilwoman, and **Damon Colaluca**, chief executive officer of the Santa Anita Family YMCA in Monrovia, have each received certification to teach character development.