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

Duarte's 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Renowned Journalist Larry Wilson to lead Route 66 Parade Sat., Sept. 22

Larry Wilson, the newly appointed public editor of the San Gabriel Valley Newspaper Group, which include the Pasadena Star-News, the San Gabriel Valley Tribune and Whittier Daily News, will lead as Grand Marshal for the 2007 Route 66 Parade and Classic Car Show. This parade is 12 years running, but this year it will be celebrating the city's 50th anniversary – "50 Golden Years on Duarte's Route 66."



LARRY WILSON

The parade will step off at 9:00 a.m. and travel east along a one-mile segment of the historic Route 66 on Huntington Drive, from Cotter Street to Mt. Olive Avenue.

"We are proud that an accomplished journalist like Mr. Wilson has accepted our invitation to

be Grand Marshal," said K.C. Caracci, chairperson of the all-volunteer Route 66 Parade Committee of the event's presenter, the Duarte Community Coordinating Council.

This year will also feature "Community Grand Marshal" Margaret Kerry – actor, dancer, author and model/alter-ego for Disney's original Tinker Bell. Miss California USA Megan Tandy and other dignitaries will be led by Mayor Lois Gaston, as well as a marching band competition, a cavalcade of classic cars, floats, equestrians and a variety of community organizations, schools and churches.

Returning for a second engagement from a galaxy far far away, the 501st Legion of Star Wars Stormtroopers will show that "bad guys can do good" with a fund raiser at the car show with proceeds going to the City of

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It's Party Time at the City Picnic

Come join the celebration and excitement as we salute Duarte's 50th anniversary of incorporation. The theme of this year's picnic is an anniversary tribute to the 50 years of beauty, history and excitement of this small town by the foothills! The picnic will take place at one of the City's most beautiful parks, Royal



Oaks Park, located at 2627 Royal Oaks Drive and will be held on Saturday, September 22, from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. immediately following the Annual Salute to Route 66 "Celebrating 50 Golden Years on Route 66" Parade! The parade begins at 9 a.m. and starts at Cotter Avenue and travels east on Huntington Drive. Parking for the Picnic will be available

at Royal Oaks School, 2499 Royal Oaks Drive, with free bus shuttles to and from the picnic site throughout the day. At the Picnic there will be over 40 food and display booths, a vintage car show displaying dozens of classic cars, and much more.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT

Beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the main Celebration Stage the "Jumpin Joz Band," the "Good News Blues Band" and "Wasted Weekends" will get you moving with a mixture of swing, blues, modern rock alternative and feel-good favorites. Also appearing will be local Polynesian and Folklorico dancers and much more. It will be a day of fun, food, and great music, so feel free to bring your lawn chair or blanket. **Special Presentation:** Join our city leaders, local dignitaries and special guests to wish the City of Duarte a happy anniversary between 11:15 a.m. and 11:30

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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.

Between World War I and II changes were seen in Duarte just as they were throughout our nation. The young men who went to Europe to fight came back having met people from all over the world and their place in it when they returned home.

Of course, some went back to the citrus farms and continued farming as the family practice had been for generations. Just as any war changes the young men who go to fight, so did World War I. Some men came back wanting to change the world, others wanted to challenge leadership, while others never adjusted to their old ways or new ones, lost to the horrors they saw on the war front.

The automobile came into its own after World War I. Nearly everyone who wanted these new fangled things could afford to buy one. Road construction became important to the small towns and large cities. In 1925 Duarte was cut in half when Huntington Drive was constructed. No longer was North Highland Avenue the "center" of town. The "Drive" was now the place to be.

New businesses began along Huntington Dr. mostly to attract the attention of tourists.

When one approached from the east, which is the direction the tourists were coming, The Tower Basket Shop caught your eye. Honeyville, filled with jars of honey produced on the Duarte from thousands of orange and lemon trees; and acres of sagebrush.

Bender's Fudge Shop, a green and white candy box full of outstanding candy, was run by two sisters, and still open for business in the 1950's.

Juice and fruit stands were scattered along Huntington Drive luring customers with fresh squeezed orange juice and fresh oranges, olives, avocados, large English walnuts and dried fruits.

Both Chinese and Japanese began a large colony in South Duarte. They were brought here originally to be "pickers" in the citrus groves. The colony leased land, by law at that time they could not own land, in Lower Duarte where no one else wanted

to farm. They made the land bloom with vegetables and berries. By the 1900's they were the vegetable vendors in Duarte and Monrovia. The citrus growers quit growing vegetables and berries and depended completely on the Japanese to provide them these foods.

After World War I, the Japanese built stands on the "Drive" and sold vegetables and strawberries. The Japanese were to remain a substantial and respected part of the Duarte Community until the start of World War II.

Duarte, always noted for excellent restaurants, nice hotels, and good recreation facilities became even more popular with the advent of the automobile. Very good restaurants were built on the "Drive". One of them with an outstanding reputation, The Sportsman's Tavern, was built originally to cater to hunters who liked to have their wild game kill cooked by chefs who knew how to prepare wild game.

It was not unusual to spot celebrities at the Sportsman's Tavern. Clark Gable and Errol Flynn were perhaps the most well known individuals frequently spotted there. The Sportsman was here until the 1970's.

The Zanzibar, now Rancho Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, was originally built to resemble a south seas eatery. It was as close to a nightclub as one could find in these parts. That is where one went to eat, drink and dance.

The Chapel Inn was no doubt the most prestigious and well known restaurants in Duarte. It was located on Highland Avenue. It started life as the All Saints Episcopal Church and was consecrated by the hierarchy of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. The parishioners hauled river rock up from the river bed to build the church. Artifacts from the original church can be seen at the Duarte Historical Museum.

The small church baptized, confirmed, married and buried the English Colony Episcopalians in Duarte until St. Luke's Episcopal was built in Monrovia. The building was then deconsecrated and offered for sale. It stood empty until 1926 when Clarence and Delia Gordon bought it for a restaurant. The restaurant was in business until 1944.

Employees have spoken about the high prices at the Chapel Inn, lunch was \$1.75 and dinner \$2.50. Sounds like a great deal today, but in those days it was quite expensive.

These same employees remember seeing Clark Gable, John Gilbert, Claudette Colbert, Jean Harlow, Mary Pickford, Bette Davis and Pola Negri dining in the Chapel Inn.



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Duarte City Council election cancelled, Gaston and Fasana appointed to new four-year terms

For the second time in two years, seated Duarte City Council members have been appointed to new council terms after elections were cancelled when no other candidates filed for the positions.

By deadline time on Aug. 10, only City Council incumbents Lois Gaston, the current mayor, and John Fasana, who also serves as redevelopment agency chairman, had filed their nomination papers and candidate statements with Duarte City Clerk Marla Akana.

Under the Elections Code of the State of California, if there are not more candidates than offices

to be elected, the City Council can appoint the qualified persons who have been nominated. The City Council met on Aug. 22 to formalize a resolution to appoint the nominees, in accordance with Election Code 10229.

It is only the second time since the City's incorporation in 1957 that a municipal election will not be held.

City Council members Margaret Finlay, Tzeitel Paras-Caracci and Phillip Reyes filed unopposed for re-election in 2005, and were subsequently appointed to their current term on the City Council.

Hook'd 'n Book'd City Ordinance to require posting of restaurant grades

Deputies assigned to the City of Duarte take gangs and gang related violence very seriously. Our Special Assignment Deputies, Avila, Frederickson, and Goodrich do their best to talk to the community so we can understand each neighborhood area's needs and concerns regarding gang violence. Based on information gathered from our Special Assignment Team and good old fashion detective work from Temple Station's gang investigators, several gang members and their locations were identified in an on going investigation.

On July 24, Operation Safe Streets Detectives along Special Assignment Deputies served a search warrant at 2678 Fernley Dr. Just seconds after Deputies announced their presences at the front door, a male ran out the back door holding a loaded handgun. The suspect was ordered to stop and to drop the gun by Deputies who were stationed at the rear of the house. The suspect dropped the gun and was taken into custody. With further investigation it was discovered the handgun was reported stolen and a three foot tall marijuana plant was discovered at the house. The suspect, Robert Chavarria was arrested for Possession of loaded firearm, receiving stolen property, and cultivation of marijuana.

Keep your Neighborhood Crime Free! Report crime or suspicious activity! You may contact Sergeant David Bly at The Duarte Department of Public Safety at (626) 359-5671 ext. 304. You may also contact Special Assignment Deputies Deputy Avila at ext. 305, 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 you may do so, simply call the Sheriff Satellite Station Crime Tip Hotline (626) 359-5671 ext. 462.

Duarte restaurants and other retail food establishments in the city of Duarte will now have to post the food handling grades that they and all such establishments have received from the Los Angeles County Environmental Health Department since 1998.

The Duarte City Council has approved an ordinance that fully implements Los Angeles County's restaurant inspection/grading system in the city. Up until now, Duarte was one of only a few cities in Los Angeles County that has not adopted the ordinance requiring the posting of grades at their food establishments.

Kristen Petersen, interim assistant city manager, said the concept of posting grades was discussed by the City Council more than 10 years ago. "It was not implemented because it would have required special training for food handlers at an added expense to the business, which is no longer the case," she said.

Petersen said there also seems to be more support now among residents and businesses for implementing the program in the city.

Petersen talked about the then-proposed plan at a recent Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast, and said people seemed to like the idea.

"Feedback was not only positive, but several businesses indicated that they believed the lack of posting grades in Duarte

often gave a negative perception to customers and residents," she said.

A grade A, B, or C card is issued to each food establishment at the end of a routine, unannounced inspection. The frequencies of inspections are based on the public health risks associated with the food product served, the method of food preparation and the operational history of the food establishment. Revisits are inspections to verify compliance with an issued inspection report and do not constitute a routine inspection.

Based on a review of the last data available, 72.1% of the food establishments in the City of Duarte received grades of A as compared to 76.2% in Los Angeles County overall; 25.2% received a B grade compared to 19.7% in the county; and 2.4% received a C grade as compared to 3.4% in the county. The grade issued is based on the score received on the Food Official Inspection Report. A constitutes a score of 90 to 100 points; B, a score of 80 to 89 points; and C, a score of 70 to 79 points. An establishment that receives a score less than 70 points is issued a score card and not a grade card.

For more information about the ordinance to post L. A. County Environmental Health Department grades at Duarte food establishments, call Duarte city hall at (626) 357-7931.

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a.m. on the main stage.

An added feature for this year's special 50th Anniversary Celebration will be a second Children's Stage featuring local talent, a puppet show, and it will be highlighted by a performance by the Jumbo Shrimp Circus featuring the multi-talented Epoxie the Clown! The Jumbo Circus' 45-minute show begins at 12 noon and will thrill kids and adults with comedy, juggling, and fun! The Children's Stage will present performances all day beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Special activities for children will be available throughout the day for boys and girls age 5-12 years old. Recreation leaders from the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will organize and lead each activity. Here are some the activities that will be offered:

KIDS ZONE CRAFTS CORNER & MINI CARNIVAL

The free Crafts Corner and Mini Carnival is designed for children 5-12 years old and will be located in the Kids Zone next to the Children's Stage! Families and children are welcome to stop by any time between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Parents are encouraged to work on the crafts with their

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Goats at work clearing tinder dry brush in Duarte foothills

The hills above Duarte are alive with the quiet munching sound of goats working to clear the foothills of some 13 acres of dry brush and vegetation.

The Duarte City Council approved a contract with Ranchito Tivo Boer Goats, not to exceed \$9,900, to clear the slopes of the tinder dry material in four areas of the Duarte foothills that have been identified by the city's field services department with the assistance of the Los Angeles County Fire and Department of Agriculture staff. "Some of these areas have not been cleared or burned in 25 years. Our goal is to stop the spread and reduce the overall amount of brush in and around homes adjacent to the open space areas of our community," said City Manager Darrell George. Complete removal of brush, which could lead to soil erosion, is not a goal of the project, he said. In the past the City has primarily relied on the use of mechanical means of clearance to maintain fire breaks.

Ranchito Tivo Boer Goats is part of the Los Angeles County Fire Department approved goat vendor list, and has worked with the cities of Monrovia, Chino

Hills, San Diego, and the Chino Basin Water Conservation District.

The utilization of goats is a non-polluting method of brush clearance, considered to achieve better results than mechanical means. Electrified fencing keeps the goats within the designated boundaries. Goats are typically quiet, odor-free, resistant to poi-

son oak, and emit a small, pellet-shaped biodegradable waste material that naturally breaks down into the soil. Goats also make better economic sense than utilizing mechanical means which are more costly.

Brush clearance will continue through fall. For more information, call Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931.



GEORGE GONZALES, operator of Ranchito Tivo Boer Goats, takes Duarte City Councilwoman Margaret Finlay and her son, Evan, along the trail in the Duarte foothills where his herd of goats has begun working to clear four designated hillside areas adjacent to homes. The utilization of goats for brush clearance is considered to achieve better results than mechanical means and is less costly.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 454. L-R, front row: Mikayla Morris, Katie Richards, Jacqueline Stumbaugh, Dominique Stumbaugh and Rebecca Bibb. L-R, back row: Sarah Bibb, Vanessa Stumbaugh and Duarte Mayor Lois Gaston. Mayor Gaston recently served as "leader for the day."

Duarte Mayor mentors Girl Scouts

Lois Gaston has worn many hats in her years of distinguished public service, and the Duarte Mayor added a new one recently as she stepped into the role of "Leader for a Day" for Girl Scout Troop 454. The mayor was one of the first participants in Girl Scouts

– Mt. Wilson Vista Council's new program that brings community leaders of today together with Girl Scouts, the leaders of tomorrow.

Mayor Gaston talked about her career experience and fielded questions from the girls about leadership, achieving success, and the importance of community service.

In its first year, the council's Girl Scout Leader for a Day Program brought prominent members of local communities together with 28 Girl Scout troops across the San Gabriel Valley. Fire Chiefs, School Board Members and Superintendents, Police Officers, Mayors and City Council Members were among those who visited Girl Scout meetings to discuss their profession, views on leadership and teamwork, and often to lead a troop activity. Many of the guest leaders had grown up in Girl Scouting themselves and shared its positive impact on their lives.

Girl Scouts – Mt. Wilson Vista Council serves nearly 9,000 girls and young women, ages five to 17, in 23 communities throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The council is chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA, the world's pre-eminent organization for girls. Today, as when founded in 1912, Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

For more information on becoming involved with the Leader for a Day Program or how to register your daughter, volunteer your time or donate to the Girl Scouts, call (626) 445-7771 or visit the GSMWVC Web site at www.gsmwvc.org.

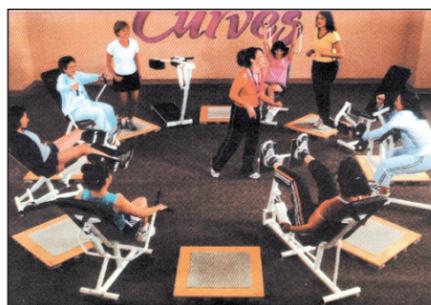
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- Must be registered for study by October 31, 2007
- \$20 deposit fully refundable upon completion of study
- Volunteers will have full club membership privileges during the study
- Curves membership not required
- Must be first-time guests

Individual results will be kept confidential; group results will be used as part of an interclub fitness research project.



Duarte Chamber of Commerce in new office

August 6 marked the official opening day in the new offices for the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. Needless to say all staff members are happy to be in a new, freshly painted, carpeted, tiled office that is far more conducive to doing business in a professional manner than in its previous office.

The new location address is 1105 Oak Ave., Duarte. The mailing address remains the same at P.O. Box 1438, Duarte, CA 91009-4438.

The phone number remains (626) 357-3333. Business hours also remain the same at Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Please Call Us to Volunteer Today!

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From My View...

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

HAVE you ever awakened with a thought immediately in your head, you know the thought is right, and you want to act on it now? That happened to me a few days after the 2006 Hats Off to Duarte. I woke one morning and immediately popping into my head was --- "Let's go to Alaska next summer."



JAN WIGHT

Every fiber of my body, brain and being knew this was the right thing to do. So much so when I approached Bob about it later that day, I didn't ask, I said, "We need to go to Alaska this summer." Being a man, the first thing out of his mouth was, "We were just there last year, we really shouldn't spend that kind of money again so soon." Do you think that stopped me? Absolutely not, I drove myself down to Auto Club, plunked my money down and made our reservation. My rationalization was we would be seeing different cities from those we saw in 2005. I knew the real reason was everything about my being told me we needed to go on this vacation, it was the right thing to do.

Eight and a half months later we packed, woke at 2 a.m. to be picked up at 3 a.m., and we were off to Ontario Airport. We went to check in at Alaska Airlines and the woman at the counter asked if we would rather have a direct flight. Are you kidding? Absolutely!

So, off we went to Seattle without stopping in Portland. That was a good thing.

Another good thing, our luggage arrived with us.

Mind you, we had about two hours sleep before leaving, and we arrived at our hotel in Seattle at 9:30 a.m. All we wanted to do was check in, eat breakfast and take a nap. At our age we cannot go all day on 2 hours sleep. What hotel lets people check in and go to their rooms at 9:30 a.m.? I knew that would not happen. We were pleasantly surprised, The front desk checked us into this beautiful hotel, took us to our equally beautiful room and told us where the hotel restaurant was located. We ate and went back to our quiet room and had a four hour nap. All this good luck happening – my initial thought back in November must have been right.

The next morning we went down to the street to be picked up and taken to the docks. Voila, we didn't get on the first very loaded coach, we got the next one with just a few of us on board. That meant when we reached the dock there were very few people ahead of us. This trip is getting better and better, the right thing to do.

When we checked in at the dock the young man keyed us into his computer, and immediately said, "Wow, did you get an upgrade!" He gave us our key card and said not to worry our luggage would be delivered to the new room number. We noticed the key card was for the seventh deck, the highest deck, another good thing.

The rooms weren't ready yet, but lunch was being served by the pool. Off we went to lunch. Shortly thereafter, our rooms were ready and we proceeded to the seventh deck.

Bob opened the door to the suite without looking in. I walked in and couldn't believe my eyes. My gasp brought Bob in, and he gasped. We had approximately 700 square feet of living space, a huge amount on a ship.

In that square footage we had a bedroom area and a large living area, a bathroom with a full shower, a separate Jacuzzi tub, a dressing room with vanity, his and hers sinks, his and her hair dryers, a full closet the length of the dressing room, a separate coat closet in the marble floored hallway, a large verandah, a granite wet bar, refrigerator, and a safe (like we need one). All of these items were good things.

You have to understand we only paid for and reserved a small verandah suite. This was like walking into a mansion. By looking at the map we figured out the only rooms bigger than ours were the penthouse suites.

This was probably the best trip we have had in the last 20 years. We thoroughly enjoyed everything, the suite, the awesome beauty of Alaska and the people. Did I mention we had great dinner tablemates, too?

All of this told me the first thought in my head that long ago November morning was right. Follow up your first thoughts.

That's the way it is from my view

DYAC set for 55th season



EARLY DYAC/DYAC PLAYERS, organizers and supporters are shown at a reunion on home plate at the 2007 Opening Day festivities.

Duarte Youth Athletic Club (DYAC) will be celebrating its 55th season of youth baseball in 2008. It kicks-off with the Route 66 Picnic on Saturday, September 22. We will be selling hot dogs, chips & soft drinks. Registration flyers will be available, as well as a raffle for a set of 4 tickets to a Sept. 30 Dodger game. In its continued celebration of Duarte's 50th birthday and the up-coming DYAC 55th season, DYAC is having a logo/mascot contest. It's open to all. For further information please stop by our booth for more details. A prize will be awarded to the winner and acknowledged at our Opening Day Ceremony.

This is a time where we ask our community for their support in our baseball/softball program of 300 kids. Our program is starting to expand, as we have dedicated coaches and parents that are interested in playing year-round, or in the form of a travel team. We are currently looking for board members to improve DYAC with fresh ideas, and provide our kids unique opportunities and experiences. There are still openings for those interested in coaching kids from ages 5-14.

As a non-profit organization, we seek support from our business leaders with sponsorships and/or donations. Through your generosity, we are able to provide quality baseball/softball, and a safe place to play. A note to our past and current sponsors.... **THANK YOU!**

Here is a list of events coming in the 2008 season:

Registration – Sept. 22 (City Picnic), Dec. 1, 8, 15 (in 2007) and Jan. 12, 19 (in 2008) all dates from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Duarte Sports Park, behind the Bank of America.

Our 2nd Annual Pepsi Pitch, Hit, & Run Skills Competition; our 5th annual Duarte Dodger Family game in April.

DYA/DYAC 1st Annual Golf Tournament (spring time); and a Fun Bus Turnaround – date to be

determined.

For further information please contact Miguel Mejia at CoachMRM@msn.com or (626) 676-8737. Please also visit our website at www.leaguelineup.com/DYAC.

City of Hope Names New Executive Officer of Medical Center

Elizabeth Dunne has been appointed executive officer of the medical center at City of Hope. She will provide operational oversight and work to ensure excellence in patient safety and quality efforts. She will also foster education and training of medical center staff and collaborate on institutional strategies and governance. Dunne was formerly senior vice president and chief operating officer of Anaheim Memorial Medical Center. She began her appointment in late August.

"Elizabeth Dunne has extensive experience in managing health care operations and will help to ensure that City of Hope continues to provide outstanding care and services for our patients," said Alexandra Levine, MD, chief medical officer, City of Hope.

At Anaheim Memorial, Dunne was the key leader responsible for the operational vision, strategic planning and execution of a number of quality and customer services initiatives. As a result, in 2005 and in 2006, Anaheim Memorial was selected as a recipient of Total Benchmark Solution Top 100 Quality Award for Heart Attack Care, Heart Failure Care and Pneumonia Care—the only facility in Southern California recognized two years in a row. Dunne also led

the creation of a limited liability company with top ambulatory surgeons, oversaw the implementation of a documentation improvement program and developed a state-of-the-art breast cancer center.

Virginia Opiare, executive vice president and chief operating officer, City of Hope, said Dunne has experience improving patient satisfaction while keeping costs under control.

"Patient safety and satisfaction are paramount, and Elizabeth will help City of Hope, said Dunne has experience improving patient satisfaction while keeping costs under control.

Prior to Memorial, Dunne held a variety of health care positions and became accomplished in successfully implementing positive changes in a variety of settings including her health care related careers in the military before retiring as a lieutenant colonel in the US Air Force Reserves. She also ensured efficient operations for client retention and operations at UCI Medical Center and Redlands Hospital for Marriott Corporation's Management Services.

Dunne received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Queens College in New York and her master's degree in computer resource management from Webster University in St. Louis. She is a member of the American College of healthcare Executives, the Hospital Council of Southern California and a graduate of the Memorial Care Leadership Academy.

City of Hope is a leading research and treatment center for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases. Designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center, the highest honor bestowed by the National Cancer Institute, and a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, City of Hope's research and treatment protocols advance care throughout the nation. City of Hope is located in Duarte, and is ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" in cancer and urology by *US News & World Report*.

Founded in 1913, City of Hope is a pioneer in the fields of bone marrow transplantation and genetics. For more information, visit www.cityofhope.org.

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children and make a craft for someone special or just for you! There will be four mini-carnival games for prizes and fun and they're free!

PLAYGROUND GAMES

Join the Duarte Parks and Recreation leaders for some fun, free games and activities! There will be challenging playground games like mini soccer, table games, ping-pong, chess, checkers and more. Don't miss all the fun in the middle of the picnic area!

GIANT SLIDE AND LASER TAG

The giant inflatable slide will be back by popular demand and it will be free for everyone to ride again and again! **The slide is gigantic and is recommended for children 6 years and older.** Added this year for the 50th Anniversary Celebration will be a Laser Tag play area located on the tennis courts. **This free activity is designed for kids 8 years old and older.**

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY PIE AND CAKE BAKE OFF

Do you bake? If you think your pie or cake tastes the best then enter this contest for cash prizes, \$100 to first place and \$25 to second. Judging will take place at the city picnic. Entry deadline is September 13, 2007. Applications are available online at www.accessduarte.com.

For more information on this year's 50th Anniversary Celebration City Picnic, please call Duarte Parks and Recreation at (626) 357-7931.



California American Water®

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.

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LARRY WILSON

2007 ROUTE 66 PARADE GRAND MARSHAL

IN JULY, Larry Wilson was appointed the public editor of the San Gabriel Valley Newspaper Group, overseeing opinion coverage on the Web and in print for the Pasadena Star-News, the San Gabriel Valley Tribune and the Whittier Daily News.

For a dozen years before that, he was the editor of the Star-News, direction local news coverage. For 20 years, beginning as the editorial page editor, he has been writing regular columns and editorials for the papers.

There is a natural tie between the papers of the San Gabriel Valley Newspaper Group and historic Route 66. The Pasadena Star-News was founded in 1884 and has chronicled all the coming and goings for the entire 81 year history of

Route 66, as well as Duarte's 50 years.

Larry has often written about the City of Duarte, Route 66, including the recent preservation movement and the parade.

Larry has also worked as a freelance journalist, a copy editor at Rolling Stone Press in New York City and a technical writer for Parsons in Pasadena and Saudi Arabia.

A fourth-generation Pasadenan, he graduated from Blair High School in 1973, received a Bachelor's degree in English from UC Berkeley and a Master's degree from the American Graduate School of International Management. He now lives in the Linda Vista neighborhood with his wife and daughter.



SOME OF THE ENTRIES from the 2006 Route 66 Parade.



Useful Information to Help You Enjoy Duarte's Salute to Route 66 Parade, Picnic and Car Show

STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS (Saturday, September 22)

6 a.m.-noon Saturday No street parking permitted on Huntington Dr. between Buena Vista St. and Mt. Olive. Same restrictions apply to Cotter St. north of Huntington Dr. and Highland Ave. south of Huntington Dr.

ROADBLOCKS (Parade Day)

7 a.m. Staging Area. Access to Cotter will be blocked at Royal Oaks Drive to Huntington Drive and at all adjoining side streets (First, Second and Third streets). Each neighborhood will be provided with alternate routes to and from their homes.

8:15 a.m. Huntington Drive will be closed to all east and west traffic between Buena Vista Street and Crestfield Drive. Eastbound traffic will be detoured north and south at Buena Vista Street. Westbound traffic will be detoured south to Central Avenue at Crestfield Drive. Side street access to Huntington Drive will be closed off from Highland, Oak, Bradbourne, Amberwood, Elmhurst, Santo Domingo and Pops Road. Mt. Olive access will be blocked at Royal Oaks Drive and from all adjoining side streets between there and Huntington Drive. Access to the 605 and the 210 freeways at Mt. Olive will also be closed. All Mt. Olive off ramp traffic will be detoured east on Huntington to Crestfield. *Access to Central Avenue and the Buena Vista on ramp may be reached by traveling south on Crestfield to Central Avenue or one may travel east on Huntington Drive to*

the Irwindale on ramp.

PARADE START (Parade Route)

9 a.m. Three-quarter mile long parade to proceed east along Huntington Dr. from Cotter St. to Mt. Olive Dr., then north on Mt. Olive Dr. to disbursement area. **Special Note:** Parade will travel along the north side of Huntington Dr.

PARADE PARKING

Highland Ave., north of Huntington Dr., and Santo Domingo Ave., south of Huntington Dr., offer some of the best parking options. Parking is also available at Royal Oaks School, adjacent to the City Picnic area at Royal Oaks Park. Bus shuttle service is available to the Park from Royal Oaks School.

BEST PLACES TO VIEW THE PARADE

Anywhere along the north side of Huntington Drive. *Huntington Dr. across from City Hall:* parade announcers are located here. *Highland and Huntington Dr.* area for early birds. Duarte cable station DCTV will be taping the parade from this location. *Westminster Gardens* area: plenty of shade and space along this section. *Mt. Olive* area: one of the best areas to be, also one of the hardest to get to unless you are early. Curbside seating. Parade announcers here. Bring blankets, pillows or lawn chairs to add more comfort to your space.

REFRESHMENTS

Many fast food places and restaurants will be open for business.

CONVENIENCE FACILITIES

Portable toilets will be set up along the parade route.

TRASH CONTAINERS

Please help keep our city clean. For your convenience, trash containers will be set up all along the route.

ROADBLOCKS DOWN

All roadblocks will be removed as soon as possible once the parade comes to an end. Public safety is the first concern, so please be patient.

ROUTE 66 CLASSIC CAR SHOW (DUARTE ANNIVERSARY PICNIC)

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Get more kicks at the *Route 66 Classic Car Show* and Duarte City Picnic at Royal Oaks Park, located on Royal Oaks, just north of Huntington Dr., at the corner of Las Lomas. Admission is free. See many of the antique and classic cars featured in the parade, along with Route 66 memorabilia on display and Route 66 T-shirts, commemorative lapel pins and related items for sale. Live entertainment throughout the day, food and refreshment booths, games, arts and crafts, petting zoo, and more. Parade awards will be announced at the picnic.

Duarte's 12th Annual Salute to Route 66 Parade and Classic Car Show



Saturday September 22nd

9:00 AM Huntington Dr.

Picnic and Car Show immediately after at Royal Oaks Park

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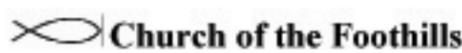


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Duarte students dip into university life this summer

By Janelle Sales

This summer from July 14 to July 17, a group of 20 students received the opportunity to live as college students on the Fresno State University Campus.

This college preparation seminar was titled "Life After High School" and was sponsored by, "CAL PAL", The California Police Activities League.

It was a 4 day, 3 night seminar where we experienced living in real college dorms, attending informative workshops in lecture halls and college classrooms, and eating in the college cafeteria.

We all met at Duarte Public Safety early Saturday morning to eat breakfast and prepare for a 4 hour road trip.

There were several other California CALS represented at this weekend activity, with nearly 300 youth total.

We met groups from Oakland, Richmond, Pasadena, Santa

Monica, and Fresno.

The first day consisted of several interactive ice breakers to allow everyone to get acquainted with each other. This was followed by a session on planning our future and living on minimum wage as an adult, which is very difficult!

We split into groups based on our grade level to discuss preparing for college, the requirements, the types of colleges, and living on or off campus.

At the end of the day, there was a tour of the campus, which ended with dinner and free time.

On Monday, July 16, the workshop continued after breakfast. There were several current students and graduates from other colleges such as UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, and Fresno State that came to speak to us about interviewing skills, college life, and athletics.

After dinner we all went back

to our dorm rooms to get ready for the dance that was to end the last night of the program. The music was great everything went smoothly, and all of us had lots of fun.

The next morning, we returned our room keys and linen, packed up, and attended the Good Bye session. Although it was hot and humid the entire trip all of the youth enjoyed themselves through the various activities and received a lot of information from the lecture and workshops.

We are very appreciative of the hard work and the time our chaperones put into making this trip happen.

Thank you Temple PAL Coordinator Deputy Art Valenzuela, Public Safety Coordinator Aida Torres, School Resource Deputy Robert MacLean, Probation Assistant Karen Valladares, and Pamela Park Manager Moses Gavian.



THE ENTIRE GROUP departing Duarte Public Safety.



STUDENTS RECEIVING their certificates of completion at the Council Meeting, August 14.

Graffiti on the Rise

In the early part of August Duarte Deputies arrested two juveniles for tagging, "BDF". After investigation, Deputies learned it stands for, "Bombin Da Future". Graffiti was in progress, which made the arrest successful. Juveniles were found tagging along the freeway wall at Duncannon and Evergreen streets.

This arrest was made possible by leads from Duarte's Neighborhood Watch members. Residents were reminded last week during a National Night Out Celebration in the area to make the call. Thank you Neighborhood Watch!

However, we need your help as these juveniles continue to graffiti on our City's walls and streets.

Duarte's Field Service Manager has spotted a trend. Immediately after the arrest, the amount of "BDF" related graffiti has tripled in the city. "BDF" tagging crew seems to be retaliating for the arrests.

The most recent graffiti occurred last night at the bridge just west of Highland and Royal Oaks Drive, as well as the wall directly across the street from the City Yard on Oak St. The damage has been estimated in excess of \$1,200 for this incident alone.

Following are some of the "monikers" or names graffitied. Please aid Deputies in identifying the minors responsible for the vandalism: Assert, Decoy, Infant, Re-Up, Caps, Tips, Remik, and Fallen.

If you can help identify any members of this tagging crew, please contact Sergeant David Bly at the Duarte Department of Public Safety at (626) 359-5671 ext. 304.

You may also contact School Resource Deputy Robert MacLean at ext. 319. You may also leave an anonymous tip.

Simply call the Sheriff Satellite Station Crime Tip Hotline (626) 359-5671 ext. 462.

As residents we must take ownership and take Neighborhood Watch seriously.

If you spot graffiti in progress DO NOT interfere. Call Temple Station at (626) 285-7171 and request immediate assistance. Do not be scared to come forward and later identify the suspects. Be good witnesses.

In the last few months, graffiti arrests have been made possible thanks to the hard work of Neighborhood Watch members. Neighborhood Watch Works! It is a vital asset to law enforcement and the community.

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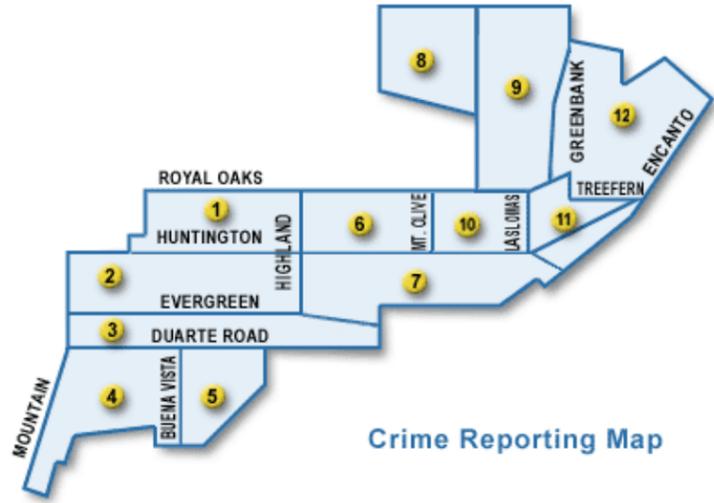
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Reported home burglaries

JUNE 2007: 3 REPORTED HOME BURGLARIES

1800 Block of Delford Ave. – Area 4
On Wednesday, June 6, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked window and stole a handgun, a gold ring, a Gucci watch, a platinum bracelet, and a music magazine with a combining value of \$7,019.

900 Block of Highland Ave. – Area 1
Between Wednesday, June 13, and Thursday, June 14, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unknown point of entry due to no signs of forced entry and stole a computer tower with a value of \$350.

2400 Block of Bloomdale St. – Area 7
On Wednesday, June 27, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home through an unlocked window and stole a laptop computer, and a video game system with a combining value of \$650.

JULY 2007: 5 REPORTED HOME BURGLARIES

2200 Block of Golden Meadow – Area 8
On Thursday, July 5, the unknown suspect entered the home through an unlocked door and stole two dogs, \$4,000 in currency, a laptop computer, a TV set, 1 VCR, 1 computer monitor and 1 computer tower with a combining value of \$9,700.

800 Block of Newington St. – Area 4
On Thursday, July 12, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home after prying the front door open. The victim was unable to determine what items were stolen.

900 Block of Highland – Area 6
On Saturday, July 14, the unknown suspects entered the home through an unlocked door and stole \$20 in currency.

1200 Block of Three Ranch Rd. – Area 3
Between Wednesday, June 20, and Monday, June 23, the suspect unlocked bedroom door and stole an ATM car. The fraudulent charges made to the account amount to \$477.

900 Block of Buena Vista St. – Area 1
On Tuesday, July 31, the unknown suspect(s) entered the home after prying open a rear sliding glass door and stole 2 video game systems with a combining value of \$900.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES YEAR TO DATE			
January to July			
Area	2007	2006	2005
1	3	3	4
2	1	1	2
3	1	1	0
4	4	2	3
5	0	1	3
6	1	1	2
7	3	0	6
8	6	0	0
9	5	0	2
10	2	2	2
11	1	1	0
12	2	3	1
January to July	29	15	25
Year End Totals	Unk.	25	47

Statistician Sonja Tanner

VEHICLE BURGLARIES & THEFTS			
January to June 2007			
	2007	2006	2005
Vehicle Burglaries	29	60	26
Vehicle Thefts	29	51	57
Jan. to June Totals	58	111	22
Year End Total	Unk.	210	185

Statistician Sonja Tanner

National Night Out 2007



THE SIEGEL'S National Night Out Barbeque at Tocino Drive.

By Charlotte San Juan

The wafting aroma of charred burgers on an open grill sparked the atmosphere for laughter and neighborly chatter on Tuesday, August 7, where on the driveways and front lawns of Duarte residents, a gathering of family, friends and neighbors promoted unity and crime prevention awareness.

As the sun set on a beautiful day, the activities carried on strong, and eager listeners turned towards Duarte Deputies, the volunteer youth from Temple's Station Explorer Program, City of Duarte's Community Service Officers, several Target Employees, Aida Torres, Duarte's Public Safety Coordinator all headed by Brian Villalobos The Director of Public Safety Coordination and Sergeant David Bly. The Duarte team filled them in on how their neighborhood could be more prepared and aware about burglaries, graffiti, bears, and answered any questions residents could think of regarding their concerns.



ELDA STREET National Night Out Camp.

The Duarte Public Safety Team split up in smaller groups and ventured to seventeen different block parties around Duarte. They brought giveaways like coloring books, stickers, magnets and pamphlets as informational mementos for participants. The crime rate in Duarte has been decreasing every year and the beauty of National Night Out is that neighbors can look out for each other much like a close family, giving crime less of a chance to thrive in such a tight knit neighborhood.

Duarte's residents also have shown that National Night Out is about servicing the community with a canned food drive. All donations were delivered by Deputies to the Duarte Community Council and will aid families in need.

National Night Out 2007 was an annual reminder of

how building a closer community increases the safety of the entire city, and what better way is there to get to know your neighbors than by celebrating over good food, pool parties, and even a bonfire or two?

A special thanks to the block captains who were responsible for arranging



BLOOMDALE STREET'S National Night Out.

the events in their neighborhoods, the entertainingly informative deputies, our Target sponsors, and to all who participated and had fun supporting a strong and growing community!

New helmets for kids \$5!

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

Local harvest

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

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

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

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

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

DEPUTY SPOTLIGHT

Deputy Thomas Conger

While new to the Duarte Public Safety Team, Deputy Thomas Conger has lived in a foothill community most of his life. As a family man, he and his wife of 24 years chose a foothill community, much like Duarte to raise their two children. Conger joined the Duarte Team in April 2007, and as a day shift crime and traffic car, he keeps busy with traffic collisions and crime reports.

Prior to joining the Sheriff Department Deputy Conger drove an armored truck for 20 years. As a Deputy his first assignment was at Men's central Jail, where he worked for 6 years. After working a variety of assignments throughout the jail. He worked his way up to the jail's training Unit where he trained and oversaw the training of Deputy personnel new to the jail.

His educational background, (which include and Associate of Science in Criminal Justice, and a Bachelor of Arts in Professional Studies from Cal State Long Beach) aided him in this task.

After leaving the jail and completing patrol training at Temple Station Conger patrolled the streets of South El Monte, Rosemead and Temple City prior to coming to Duarte.

Deputy Conger admits that Duarte's small town-feel, and friendly residents, make him feel at home. As a family man his main goal is to make sure families are safe and don't worry for their safety. He would like to encourage Duarte residents to become involved in the community, volunteer through neighborhood watch, take pride in your community, and report crime and any suspicious activity. He would like to remind everyone that involvement makes law enforcement effective. "Remember. We cannot be everywhere at once. Be a good witness! Get that license plate number and give a thorough description! We are here to help you!"



DEPUTY SHERIFF THOMAS CONGER

Citrus Community College

By Michael J. Viera, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President of Citrus College

The word “progress” has several meanings. It can be defined as continuous improvement, movement toward a goal or, simply, growth. During the 2007-2008 academic year at Citrus College, “progress” will mean all of these things.

CONTINUOUS TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENT

Two years ago, our faculty and staff embarked on a project to improve and update the college’s computer system. Summer 2007 was the first class session in which this new system, WingSpan, was implemented. As a result, our campus has gained an online environment that brings information, service and communities together on a single network. As we begin the fall 2007 semester, Citrus College continues to make strides in the implementation of WingSpan. Our employees have worked diligently to ensure the success of the new system, especially throughout the current fall registration process.



DR. MICHAEL VIERA

Another improvement in the area of technology is also on the horizon. Citrus College will soon introduce an award-winning computer system to facilitate curriculum development. This system, CurricUNET, will automate the entire process of submitting course and program proposals via a web browser. Our hope is that CurricUNET will be a significant enhancement to the method in which curriculum is developed at Citrus College.

MOVEMENT TOWARD OUR GOALS

On May 1 of this year, Citrus College took a major step toward fulfilling our institutional goals. More than 100 employees and students gathered in Monrovia for a Strategic Planning Retreat that explored the nexus between last year’s Citrus College Employee Survey, the Community College Survey of Student Engagement, and the Accountability Report for Community Colleges. The retreat was followed by a debriefing meeting on May 18.

Using the survey results and meeting discussions, four themes were identified: student success, student learning outcomes, fiscal transparency, and open communication.

Student learning outcomes (or SLOs) is a concept that will be highly discussed on campus this year. Student learning outcomes are defined in terms of the knowledge, skills, and abilities that students attain as a result of their involvement in a particular set of educational experiences. This year, the campus will assess student learning outcomes, analyze the results, and then use the results to implement changes.

Preparing for our upcoming accreditation is yet another goal that Citrus College has established for the 2007-2008 academic year. Our campus will receive its next review in fall 2009. The typical timeline for an accreditation visit is eighteen months, which means that Citrus will begin the process in spring 2008.

CELEBRATING OUR GROWTH

Over the past few months, Citrus College has seen growth in a variety of areas. This growth has included the construction of new facilities, the development of a new academic calendar, and the introduction of a new computer system. It has also included the creation of new programs, such as the Associate Degree in Nursing Program. One such program, entitled “The Citrus College Summer Math Program,” made its debut this summer.

The Citrus College Summer Math Program was designed by Citrus College mathematics instructor Esmeralda Medrano. When she joined the college’s Mathematics Department last year, Esmeralda brought with her a desire to help students improve their performance in mathematics. She also brought with her experience as an instructor at East Los Angeles College’s popular Jaime Escalante Math Program.

As a result, she created a program at Citrus College with the purpose of preparing local students, grades 6 through 12, for success in math and math-related fields of study.

This summer, the program served 285 students from 19 different schools. I am proud to report that several students from the Duarte Unified School District were among those that participated.

On August 30, we celebrated a different type of growth as we welcomed new employees into the Citrus College family.

This year, we have added seven new faculty members; each a dedicated professional who will help maintain the quality of instruction our campus has become known for. In addition, four new managers and two new supervisors have joined our ranks during the past year.

Finally, we welcomed 31 new classified staff members. Each of these new employees will play an instrumental role in this era of progress at Citrus College.

English philosopher Alfred North Whitehead once stated that “the art of progress is to preserve

order amid change.” While a variety of new beginnings will take place during the upcoming academic year, Citrus College will continue to maintain the professionalism and sense of community that has made it the outstanding institution it is today.

The students, faculty and staff of Citrus College have begun what promises to be an exciting academic year. I would like to personally invite the citizens of Duarte to visit our campus and witness the progress taking place.

As always, we are your community college, Duarte, and we are here to serve you.

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.

FLU SHOTS

FREE! Flu shots will be given Tuesday, November 6 from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. by the LA Department of Health Services for seniors 60 years of age and older. No appointment is necessary.

FREE ULTRASOUND STROKE PREVENTION TEST

With the use of diagnostic ultrasound, the carotid arteries can be viewed internally as they are functioning. This simple, non-invasive procedure documents the amount of plaque buildup and provides actual photos of each artery for you to forward to your physician. This program is sponsored by Healthcare Partners and will be held at the Center on Thursday, November 15 at 9 a.m. For an appointment, please call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

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 volunteer to pick up meals from a local retirement home and deliver to homebound seniors. (Meals are delivered M-F between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.) No special training is required, just a compassionate individual who will brighten the days of the recipient. For more information call (626) 966-9526.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Duarte Senior Center is always in need of volunteers to help with food preparation, serving, table setups, craft projects, 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 DRIVER SAFETY 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, October 16, and October 18 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.

EXCURSIONS

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

Adult excursions (18 and older): Maritime Museum Tour and Harbor Cruise with Lunch, Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., \$54; "Jersey Boys"-San Diego Civic Theatre, Thursday, November 8, 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., \$75; Palm Springs Follies and Lunch at Cedar Creek, Friday, December 7, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., \$81

Senior excursions (55 years and older): Fillmore and Western Railway Co. with 2-Hour Train Ride Thursday, October 11, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., \$78; Pechanga Resort and Casino-\$5 back, Thursday, November 29, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$10; Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring The Rockettes, Wednesday, December 19, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$53

SENIOR CENTER CLASSES/ACTIVITIES

The Senior Center is currently taking registration for the following classes. Registration hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All classes are for adults 55 years and older. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.

Fall classes include: Arthritis Exercise, Low Impact Aerobics, Piano/Keyboard, and Strength Training.

Ongoing activities include: Art Appreciation, Ceramics, English as a Second Language, Exercise With Shelly, Guitar, How to Write Your Own Life's Story, Knitting, Movies, Spanish, Tai Chi, and Yoga with Weights. Call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513 for class schedules and fees.

PARKING LOT SALE

Come join us for fantastic bargains at our parking lot sale on Saturday, October 20, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. To reserve your own parking space for a \$10 fee call (626) 357-3513

HICAP

There's a lot to know about

Medicare, and now there's someone to talk to about it at the Duarte Senior Center. The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Counselor provides unbiased information, counseling and assistance on Medicare and related health care coverage. For more information contact the Senior 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 p.m.-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.

If you rent, provide landlord's name, address, and phone number. Assistance is done by appointment only, please call (626) 357-3513.

Parade

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Hope. There will also be many other costumed Super Heroes and characters straight from Hollywood Blvd. and other surprises.

Immediately following the parade, festivities will move to Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive in Duarte.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the community at large is invited to attend the Classic Car Show and the annual Duarte City Picnic celebrating the 50th anniversary of the city's incorporation. The picnic will feature music from a live band, food, crafts and game booths.

The winning ticket will also be drawn for the \$1,000 grand prize raffle sponsored by Sierra Autocars as well as a Nintendo Wii donated by Councilwoman Tzeitel Paras-Caracci and family.

Duarte's Salute to Route 66 Parade is presented with the support of the City of Duarte which provides logistics and public safety for the event. DCTV, led by Levon Yotnakhparian, will video the parade and cable cast locally, thanks to sponsor Charter Communications.

Funding for the parade is provided by corporate sponsors, individual donations and various fundraising efforts.

Major donors for this year's parade include California American Water, StorAmerica, Burrtec, WePackItAll, Sierra Autocars, Charter Communications, Grover Manufacturing, Royal Oaks Manor, Foothill Transit, Jan's Towing, Indymac Bank, Cabrera's Mexican Cuisine, Performance Nissan, Inland Community Bank and Duarte Elks Lodge 1427.



DUARTE SENIOR CENTER offers blood pressure checks the second Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. No appointment required.

Best-Selling Authors and “Antique Roadshow” Appraisal Clinic highlight Festival of Authors Oct. 6

Featured appearances by the legendary Ray Bradbury, award-winning mystery writer, Naomi Hirahara, Times columnists/authors Cecilia Rasmussen and Chris Erskine, and “*¡Ask a Mexican!*” columnist/author, Gustavo Arellano, will highlight the 5th annual Duarte Festival of Authors. **Neile McQueen Toffel, (aka Neile Adams) who was the first wife of the late screen star Steve McQueen, will also appear to talk about her book, *My Husband, My Friend*.**

The event will take place Saturday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the historic grounds of Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave. in Duarte.

Admission is free and the venue offers plenty of free on-site and street parking. Duarte transit will provide free shuttle service from the Duarte Performing Arts Center parking lot. City residents can also take the free Duarte transit bus directly to the festival.

In addition to the more than 40 authors who will meet the public, talk and sign their books, this year’s festival also offers another exciting reason to attend: A chance to find out what your antique books and other precious family heirlooms may be worth from expert appraisers from the esteemed Bonhams & Butterfields Auction House, as regularly seen on the PBS television series, “Antiques Roadshow”. Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., appraisers will offer verbal estimates of the auction value of books, manuscripts, glass, decorative arts, bronze, paintings, jewelry and china. A \$5 per item donation will be collected to benefit the Friends of the Duarte Library which helps support the needs of the Duarte Library.

“We’re pulling out all the stops for the fifth anniversary of the festival and in honor of the 50th anniversary of the City of Duarte,” said Nita Norgard, committee chair and chair of the nonprofit Friends of the Duarte Library, sponsor of the event. “A great deal of thanks goes to the City of Duarte which has designated the Festival of Authors as an official 50th anniversary event and has partnered with the Friends of the Duarte Library to help make this the most exciting festival to date,” she said.

Another new addition will be an exhibition of the work of several local fine artists who will display their paintings of local landmarks in the San Gabriel Valley.

The heart of the event remains the authors. This year’s festival will showcase a rich sampling of the diversity of literary talent who live and work in Southern California, offering books expected to appeal to a wide variety of tastes: fiction and non-fiction, adventure, suspense, romance, travel, mystery, inspirational, spiritual, poetry, educational, historical, and children’s titles.

Three recently published Duarte authors are among those who will speak at 10:30 a.m. Julie Davey, who teaches a Writing for Wellness class at City of Hope, will introduce her new book, “*Writing for Wellness: A Prescription for Healing*,” that features a forward co-written by Dr. Michael A. Friedman, CEO/President of the City of Hope and Dr. Lucille Leong, Associate Director of Clinical Affairs, Dept. of Oncology, City of Hope. Julie’s husband and former Duarte Mayor, Bob Davey, a professor of aerospace engineering at Cal Poly and a former Air Force pilot will talk about his new book, “*The Moon War*,” an adventure that takes the fight for control of the world’s energy supply to the moon. Tina Carey, formerly of Mystic Sisters Book Store, draws from ancient teaching and modern day practices for her book, “*God’s Messengers for Today’s Women – Hearing God’s Call through the Bible Mothers*.”

Ray Bradbury, who was recently honored with a 2007 Pulitzer Citation for his lifetime writing achievements, will speak at 3 p.m. It is the second appearance at the Duarte Festival of Authors for the 87 year-old legend who will discuss his long career and latest books, “*Now and Forever*,” a collection of never released novels, to be released in September, and “*Farewell Summer*,” the long-awaited sequel to his beloved classic, “*Dandelion Wine*”.

Cecilia Rasmussen, whose popular column “*L.A. Then and Now*,” appears in the Los Angeles Times every Sunday, is also the author of two books, “*Curbside L.A., an Offbeat Guide to City of Angels*,” and “*L.A. Unconventional: the Men and Women Who Did L.A. Their Way*”. She will appear on a panel at 11 a.m. with fellow Southern California historians and authors Elizabeth Pomeroy, “*John Muir: A Naturalist in Southern California*” and Scott Piotrowski, “*Finding the End of the Mother Road: Route 66 in Los Angeles County*”.

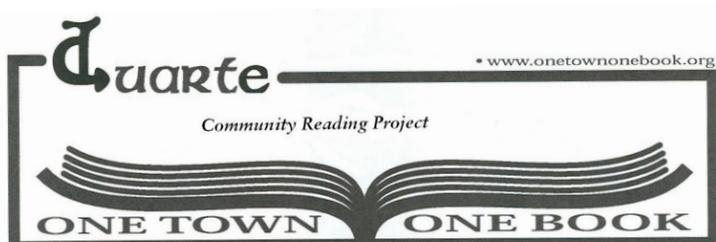
Chris Erskine’s humorous L. A. Times column, “*Man of the House*,” which was turned into a best-selling book by the same name and inspired the NBC-TV sitcom, “*Hidden Hills*,” will speak and sign books at the festival at 12 noon. Erskine’s columns bring hilarious insight into family life today.

Edgar Award-winning mystery writer and native San Gabriel Valley resident, Naomi Hirahara, will speak and meet the public at 1 p.m. Her most recent novel, “*Snakeskin Shamisen*,” was selected as Duarte’s One Town, One Book pick for 2007. Her best-selling mystery series features Japanese gardener/sleuth Mas Arai, like her own real father, a survivor of Hiroshima.

Gus Arellano’s spicy, irreverently funny, politically incorrect newspaper column “*¡Ask a Mexican!*,” started out as a one-time spoof in the Orange County Weekly in 2004 and ended up taking readers by hilarious storm in syndication coast to coast. Arellano uses readers’ questions as a springboard to explore the clichés of lowriders, busboys, housekeepers, drunks and heroes in his nationally syndicated weekly column. A book based on his columns was released on Cinco de Mayo 2007. His commentaries of Latino culture appear regularly on National Public Radio, KABC Radio and the L.A. Times.

Food, light refreshments and wine will be available for purchase at the festival.

For more information call Nita Norgard at (626) 358-1276, Becky Evans at (626) 357-7931, ext. 220, or visit www.duartefestivalofauthors.org.





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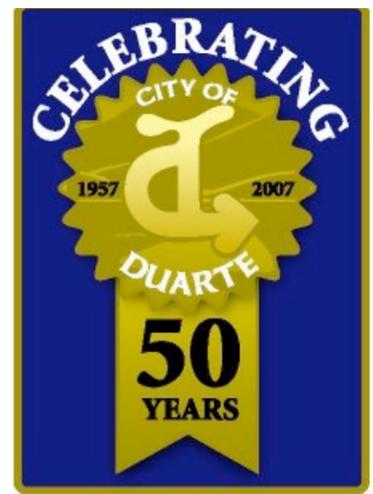
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From the desk of the Superintendent

Dr. Dean Conklin, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

Welcome to another school year! Last year was a banner year for the Duarte Unified School District, and this year promises to be the same. Last year Duarte High was named a California Distinguished High School, and earned the Title I Academic Achievement Award. In addition, Duarte High was also listed by Newsweek Magazine as one of the top 5% of all of the high schools in the country. Our elementary schools, as well as Northview Intermediate and Mt. Olive Alternative also served students with high expectations in a culture of caring and respect.

For the 2007-2008 school year, we intend to follow our tradition of providing the students of Duarte with a quality education. While our test scores are good, test scores are just one measure of the quality of a school. We are committed to looking at the individual needs of every student. We value the relationship between a teacher and student, and I have heard many stories about our teachers and classified staff going beyond the call of duty to make sure that all students have a positive school experience. Many, many teachers have spent time this summer planning for the school year, and you will have an opportunity to visit schools on Back to School Night, which will have the following schedule this year:

Thurs., Sept. 20 – Andres Duarte Elementary, Beardslee Elementary, Maxwell Elementary, Royal Oaks Elementary, and Valley View Elementary.

Wed., Sept. 26 – Northview Intermediate

Tues., Oct. 2 – Duarte High School/College Fair

Wed., Oct. 3 – Mt. Olive Alternative

If you are a parent or family member, we look forward to seeing you at one of our schools. For everyone else, thank you for your ongoing support of the Duarte Unified School District. Every time you drive by one of our schools, you can be assured that young people are hard at work, and that we will continue to prepare students to become the leaders of tomorrow.



DR. DEAN CONKLIN

Beardslee rings in a new year

By Wendy Wright, Principal

The fall is always an exciting time at a school. The new year begins with the anticipation of things to come for the next 183 days. Great plans have been put into place for another rewarding and enriching year for our students and their families. We have already had times to meet and greet. In addition to reuniting previous students and staff, Beardslee School welcomed new children and faculty.

As we said goodbye to the 2006-2007 school year, we also bid farewell to Miss Miyoko Itokazu, one of our fourth grade teachers. Miss Itokazu left Beardslee to fulfill a dream of teaching English to Chinese students. We know that her students in China will benefit from her expertise just as Beardslee students progressed

under her tutelage.

Getting things in ship shape for the new year is a large part of the duties during summer. While our custodial staff ensured that our facilities sparkled, small maintenance and construction projects were completed. A newly designed restroom in one classroom to meet the special needs of students was ready for students, as well as re-carpeted classrooms and other cosmetic updates. We look good!

Saying hello to new students and staff is what the beginning of the year is all about. Activities to get the year started began in August. Staff members met, planned and worked together to prepare an academic program that will enhance all students' achievement levels. On the 29th, staff and families gathered in our cafeteria to welcome in 2007-2008. Students discovered their new class assignments, parents were able to talk with previous and new teachers. Our BPSA was on hand to welcome new and returning families and encourage involvement. Just like any other New Year's celebration, we all had a good time ringing in the year.

We are fortunate to have two fabulous teachers joining the Beardslee family: Mrs. Giovanna Arzaga and Ms. Danielle Vollers. Mrs. Arzaga, a graduate of University of California, Irvine, brings a wealth of knowledge with her from her three years teaching experience in Los Angeles Unified School District. Giovanna, not only knows a great deal about instruction in reading, writing and math, but she also loves music, plays the clarinet, was President of the Mountain View High School Band Boosters, plays volleyball. In addition to all that,

she has a two-month-old son that keeps her busy when not at Beardslee. Finding a Special Education teacher is not an always easy task, however Duarte Unified School District and Beardslee School were fortunate to entice Ms. Vollers to work with our students.

Danielle worked in Garvey and San Gabriel at the middle schools for the last several years. She graduated from Cal Poly Pomona prior to getting her Master's Degree from Claremont Graduate School. Besides reading avidly, enjoying roller skating, bowling, poetry and reading, she has served for advocate for autism. We are thrilled to have these new additions to the Beardslee community and know that they will positively impact our school.

On September 5 we happily welcomed almost 400 new and returning students. Excitement rang throughout the halls as we get ready to live our school motto: Greatness begins here!



SPECIAL EDUCATION students will enjoying learning from Ms. Danielle Vollers supervision, as will the staff of Beardslee.



THE NEWEST MEMBER of the Beardslee Family, Mrs. Giovanna Arzaga eagerly welcomes her new fourth grade students.

Maxwell Elementary students continue to make academic gains

By Mary Gonzales, Principal

Maxwell Elementary School along with all other California schools received the results of the California Standards Tests. As the principal of the school, I help teachers, parents and students understand the significance of these reports.

It's important to remember that under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) each school must report its Annual Yearly Progress. Each year schools must meet four sets of requirements to make AYP.

The first requirement is that 95% of all students participate in the Standardized Testing and Reporting program. Maxwell had 100% participation.

The second requirement is that school wide, as well as each numerically significant sub group must meet the NCLB goals of proficiency and advance.

Using this information Maxwell Elementary school must report the results for seventeen sub groups.

At Maxwell Elementary, each sub group met the goals for math and language arts.

The one exception was the English language learners; they did not meet the language arts goal.

The third requirement is that students must meet the Academic Performance Index criteria set by the state of California. School wide, Maxwell students exceeded the state targets. All students and all sub groups had a target of 8 points.

School wide, students

achieved a 22-point growth and the English learners achieved a 33-point growth.

This is significant because we are closing the achievement gap between our different groups of students.

We believe that this significant growth is due to teachers being proactive and not reactive. Maxwell teachers have proactively set in place a program that provides a quality education for all its students.

Teachers continue to participate in a professional development program that refines teaching skills.

Teachers also meet together and plan their lessons during grade level meetings as well as monitor student progress through regular testing.

Students have the required materials, in addition to the extras that enhance learning. Our second, third and fourth grade students participate in Mind Institute – a program that teaches our students to play the keyboard simultaneously strengthening their math skills through the use of computer software.

Kindergarten and first grade students learn math reasoning skills through Cognitively Guided instruction.

Our students have access to a computer lab, the internet, and a well stocked library.

Most importantly, Maxwell students have teachers who believe and know that our students can achieve and meet the goals set forth by the state and No Child Left Behind.

Duarte High

By Bill Martinez, Principal

We are back!!! Can you believe summer is gone? I hope you have had a restful summer full of family fun. We have been busy hiring and preparing for the upcoming year. The awards and championships of the past school year are behind us (**Distinguished School, Title I Academic Achievement School, Newsweek Magazine, Academic Decathlon Competition, the Solar Boat Competition, Jazz Band, Choir, AP program, football, basketball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, swim, and baseball**). History now. As we say goodbye to the past, we look forward to another great year. A record number of students have enrolled this fall. Yes, more than ever before! Again! Thank you for the confidence you have shown in us!

Our fall sports teams are practicing hard to improve on last year's great achievements. Coaches Crutchfield, La Capria, Cardona, Champion and Oseguera have very high expectations after winning championships and/or making the CIF playoffs last year.

A very big focus for us (all of us) during the 2007-2008 school year is WASC. WASC is the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. WASC is an independent organization closely tied to the education departments of the western states and territories. The role of WASC is to examine high schools and colleges and grant them, if they deserve it, a term of accreditation. Each school

going through a WASC, Focus on Learning accreditation, must write a document (an 18 month process) providing the history of the school, data about the school and analysis of the strengths and weaknesses (area-s- for improvement) of the school. Chapter 5, the final chapter in the WASC document, must address the steps the school will take, after the WASC visit, to strengthen the areas of improvement. The critical step in the entire WASC process is the input of all stakeholders in the school. Our last WASC review was in 2002. As part of our WASC process, a visiting team from WASC will be on campus from April 20, 2008 through April 23, 2008. The WASC visiting committee will interview students, parents, staff members, main office personnel and board of education during their visit. I want to count on you. I need to count on you!

As a tradition, I want to share our goals for the 2007-2008 school year:

- We will receive a six year WASC accreditation.
- We will continue our high student achievement in an atmosphere of care and respect.
- We will focus our attention on student learning.
- We will establish common conference periods among our departments to improve student learning.
- We will successfully implement the new science program, adopt new mathematics books, complete the Advanced Placement audit and begin a career

pathway program.

- We will teach parents and staff members to use the new EDLINE software program. We will not have In Touch on Line any more. By using this software program, parents will have access to school and their child's information.

- We will provide support services after school for students who are struggling academically.

- We will provide intervention classes for students who have not passed the California High School Exit Exam.

- We will increase the level of visibility of our security personnel in order to maintain a safe campus for students, parents and staff.

- We will maintain a well manicured campus despite the construction.

As you know, in every issue, I share the calendar of events taking place at Duarte High School. I want to keep you informed so that you can be positively involved!!!

SEPTEMBER –

5 – First day of school; 7 p.m., PTSA meeting, Main office

7 – 7 p.m., Beat Monrovia Day (football), Home

10 – Senior graduation checks begin

15 – 8 a.m., ACT Exam, tbd; 11:30 a.m., Band plays at the LAC Fair

20 – 1:20 p.m., Early Release Day, Library; WASC Focus Groups; 5:30 p.m., 9th grade parents meeting, Library; 6:30 p.m., 10th grade parents meeting, Library

22 – 9 a.m., Route 66 Parade

Child Development

By Bobbi Brzozowski, Director

SUMMER DAY CARE FUN

Summer, 2007 brought tons of fun and an "aye-aye, Matie" to Summer day Care students. From swimming in the city pool, to daring to ride a turn-of-the-century bicycle, to arts and crafts a-plenty, students' summer fun was capped in Debbie Jones' (Miss Debbie) room with pirates treasure, plenty of "It's a Pirate's Life for Me" artwork, and, thanks to Mrs. Young, mother of Sarah and Emily, a treasure chest cake that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Mr. Carl Haren, Andrew's father, day care students experienced a daring ride on a turn-of-the-century bicycle. They gained a greater appreciation for their own bikes and skateboards after this unique experience.

PRESCHOOLERS STILL ENROLLING

Duarte USD Head Start and



TAYLER HALL learns to ride an early model bicycle with the help of Ruth Dennis and Carl Haren.



DEBBIE JONES enjoys the Pirate's Life during Summer Day Care.

State Preschool continue to enroll for this year's program. Head Start teachers and aides worked during the summer to meet with parents and students, getting to know them and helping them with the sometimes difficult transition from home to preschool.

We are delighted to welcome Bianca Palacios as our newest Head start teacher and Vilma Vilar de Winn as our newest Head Start instructional aide.

Former instructional aides Isabel Guzman and Crystal Alatorre, have been promoted and will be State Preschool teachers this year. We are proud of them and know beyond a doubt that 2007-2008 will be the best yet!

To enroll your eligible three or four-year-old child, or to inquire about our programs, please call (626) 599-5121. Habalamos español. Call soon! We serve children who have disabilities. Call Now!

Royal Oaks

By Deitra Reed, Principal

Royal Oaks Elementary School continues to improve with a focus on academic excellence. Increased test scores affirm our rigorous academic programs and high expectations for all students. Teachers prepared for the upcoming year by participating in summer educational opportunities. Many teachers took classes to help students learning English as a second language. Others attended Cognitively Guided Instruction training as we seek ways to build student competence and confidence in math problem solving. Teachers also worked with other teachers throughout the district on Math and Language Arts Task Force to refine our instructional practices.

We are excited to welcome two experienced staff members to the Royal Oaks family. Mrs. Susan Marino returns to Royal Oaks as a second grade teacher and Mrs. Sondra Ramos joins the fifth grade team. Both ladies live in our neighborhood and have extensive ties to the community. These outstanding professionals foster the belief that "Kids come first" and "learning is a reflective, lifelong journey!"

Royal Oaks takes great pride in being a community of learners; a safe, nurturing place to grow and learn. High expectations for behavior and academics set the tone. We are proud of the strong commitment of our families and the accomplishments of our students.



Mrs. Marino and Mrs. Ramos join the Royal Oaks team.

New staff at Andres Duarte

By Joilyn Campitiello, Principal

We have lots of new faces at Andres Duarte.

New to our teaching staff this year is 6th grade teacher Gene Teran. Mr. Teran has prior teaching experience at Beardslee Elementary School and comes highly recommended by the principal and staff. Mr. Teran loves to travel and entered the education field to make a difference in the lives of young people.

Also new this year is Jennifer Barnett. Ms. Barnett served at Royal Oaks School in a long-term substitute position in addition to experience in Upland Unified. She will join our 3rd grade team and is dedicated to capturing every child's imagination and helping them find success.

OutReach Consultant Janeen Lee has returned to her first love, teaching 5th grade, and Pat Kramer has come from the District Office to serve as OutReach Consultant at Andres Duarte starting this September.

MT. OLIVE HIGH

Making new plans and meeting new goals

By Kevin Morris, Principal

The Mount Olive High School staff welcomed the 2007-08 school year with the anticipation and excitement of great things to come. The Annual District Orientation/Site Meeting Day on August 30 got us off to a great start. Our site meeting allowed certificated and classified staff members to work together and strategize for the 2007-08 year. The path we follow this year reflects the goals and objectives of our WASC Action Plan, which is the road map for what we want to accomplish.

Mt. Olive will continue to offer "varied educational options" to meet the needs of our diverse population. Mt. Olive operates the following programs from 6th grade through Adult School: the continuation high school; a drop-out prevention and recovery program; an adult school program; the 6th-8th grade opportunity program; an Independent Study School and Special Education Program. These unique programs are designed to meet individual needs and ensure that all students are successful. We will continue to offer the Citrus Community College Non-Credit Tutoring Program to help students pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). Students who attend our program regularly have shown a great improvement in both English and Math profi-

ciency. In addition, Citrus College offers our students free workshops such as Handling Test Anxiety, Time Management, and the Power Math Workshops, just to name a few. We will also continue with our monthly Mt. Olive BBQ's, guest speaker program, and the Mt. Olive Job Club.

New to Mt. Olive this year is **Learning for Life** which teaches character development, career education, life skills, and academic learning through a comprehensive program geared to reinforce social skills, critical and creative thinking, ethical decision making, conflict resolution, and self-esteem. The program's aim is to prepare tomorrow's workforce through exposure to career management activities, field trips and skills.

Also, **Community Union**, a nonprofit corporation, is providing free computer technology training, public speaking and business training for our students.

We also believe success can be accomplished through:

- A safe and nurturing learning environment
- Parent and community Involvement
- Shared decision making
- Strong standard-based curriculum
- Meaningful professional development for staff
- Supportive counseling and family services
- Directed-instruction
- Effective academic intervention programs
- Comprehensive pre and post assessment system that measures program effectiveness

These key factors will move Mt. Olive closer to becoming one of California's more notable Continuation High Schools for years to come. We are a team of dedicated educators who are committed to teaching and preparing our students for life after high school as socially conscience and productive citizens in today's society. That is our commitment to every student. **The Mount Olive Family is a community of success and nothing less!**

Welcome Back to Valley View

By Robin Nelson, Principal

September is full of new beginnings at Valley View. Our talented staff came back rested, rejuvenated and ready to serve our community. The children are eager to learn and we welcome two new teachers.

Plenty of hard work happened over the summer that insured a beautiful campus to welcome our children on September 5.

Our custodians, **Ralph McCravey and John Camarena**, worked tirelessly to create an inviting place for our students to learn.

We had tremendous support from the district to beautify our campus.

We are fortunate to welcome two new teachers to our staff, **Em-**

ily Morris and Lauren Anaya.

Mrs. Morris is teaching first grade, as an experienced teacher from Los Angeles Unified School District, she is the perfect addition to our fabulous grade level cadre.

Ms. Anaya is our new second grade teacher coming to us from the Stowell Learning Center; she too is a compliment to a terrific grade level.

On August 27, we had an Open House to welcome back our returning students and greet our Kindergarten and families new to Valley View.

Everyone had the first peek at the class lists, and the children were excited to see their classmates and teachers.



EMILY MORRIS AND LAUREN ANAYA, our new Valley View teachers.

Northview Intermediate

By Miriam Fox, Principal

As a child one of my favorite times of years was of course, summer vacation. However, I also recall the excitement that I felt as the opening of school approached. More than forty years later that same pattern of anticipation and excitement has continued in my life each summer and fall. This fall was no exception, especially since we had exciting news to share with our community. The most exciting news involved the results of our spring California Standards Tests. For the second year in a row Northview has not only met but exceeded our state Academic Performance Index target goals. Over the past two years we have grown by 54 points! This rate of growth based on the most recent information available indicates that we are progressing at a significantly faster rate than

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most middle schools in California. For example last year's results reflected Northview's growth to be approximately five times higher than the growth of the average middle school in California! This year we exceeded the growth target set by the state for our school by 150%! Proficiency rates on this state assessment for Algebra I (the math course required for 8th graders) doubled! Does the number of exclamation points I have used in this newsletter indicate how proud and excited I am? Moving on to other news let me close this topic by saying that we are making academic plans that will ensure that this significant upward achievement trend continues during the 2007-08 school year. As we continue on our lofty mission, we have had a few new members join our team they include: Nicholas Uranga who will be our new Resource Specialist Program teacher and who will be assisting with our after school sports program. Yvette Martinez who has served as a very successful long-term substitute with us in the past has now been offered a permanent position in our English department. Lastly (but certainly not least), we are welcoming new team members to our fine arts department, Heather Messner is our new Art teacher and Diana Diaz will be our new music teacher. We are looking forward to this year and continuing to provide exemplary service to our clients, the youth of Duarte!

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28 – End of Progress Report period 1

OCTOBER –

2–5 p.m., College Fair, Quad;
6:30 p.m., Back to School Night
3 – 7 p.m., PTSA meeting, Main office
4 – 1:20 p.m., Early Release Day, Library; 8:30 a.m., Exito Latino meets, Main office; Mail Progress Report Grades
6–8 a.m., SAT Exam at DHS, Main office; 10 a.m., Festival of Authors, Westminster Gardens
8 – Homecoming Week Begins
9–College Application workshop
10 – Hearing testing
11 – College Application workshop
12 – Homecoming Pep Rally, Gym
13 – 7 p.m., Homecoming Dance, Santa Anita Race Track
17 – 8 a.m., PSAT Exam
18 – 1:20 p.m., Early Release Day, Library
24 – Hearing testing follow up, tbd; Red Ribbon Week begins
27 – 8 a.m., ACT test, tbd
28 – 8:45 a.m., City of Hope Walk for Hope, City of Hope

NOVEMBER –

1 – 8:30 a.m., Exito Latino meets, Main office
3 – 8 a.m., SAT Exam, tbd
6 – 8 a.m., CAHSEE English, tbd
7 – 8 a.m., CAHSEE Mathematics, tbd; 7 a.m., PTSA meeting, Main office
8 – 1:20 p.m., Early Release Day, Library
9 – First Quarter ends
12 – Holiday/No school
Until next time, I leave you with a quote from Louise Heath Leber: "There is always room for improvement, you know – it's the biggest room in the house."

Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center is ready for fall and the new school year to begin! The Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street and is open Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Please call for special holiday and non-school hours.

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

For more information call (626) 303-0863.

COMPUTER LAB

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

ACTIVITIES

The Teen Center is looking forward to seeing returning students as well as meeting the new ninth grade class! Fun activities are scheduled all year. Movie Mondays are September 10 and 24, October 8 and 22, November 12 and 26. Movies begin at

3:30 p.m. There is no charge for viewing and refreshments will be sold.

On the first Tuesday of the 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.

Challenge your friends to a game of Air Hockey and Foosball on Thursday, September 13. There is a PS2 tournament on Tuesday, September 25, and a Ping Pong Tournament will be held Tuesday, November 16. All tournaments begin at 3:30 p.m. and trophies or prizes will be awarded to the winners. Sign up at the Teen Center. There is no fee to enter tournaments.

How good are your team skills? Come show you class spirit and participate in traditional team field games, such as tug of war, on Wednesday, September 19, at 3:30 p.m. The class with the most points wins a pizza party at the Teen Center.

Enjoy great food and music at the Teen Center barbecues on Friday, October 19 and November 16. The barbecues will start at 4 p.m. and a \$1 fee will include a hamburger, chips, fresh fruit and drinks.

YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM

This is an excellent program to help boys

and girls ages 8-17, develop their self-esteem and self-discipline. Our knowledgeable instructors are here to teach the fundamentals of boxing while developing footwork, speed, and upper body strength. The training program will also help your child gain physical flexibility, stamina, and coordination. Classes are scheduled Monday through Friday. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each student. Registration is held at the Duarte Teen Center.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Come celebrate and promote health and well-being at our second annual Teen Health Day Thursday, September 21, at 3 p.m. There will be healthy food tasting, blood pressure checks, rock-climbing wall, free brochures, and much more!

The Teen Center's Halloween Party will be held on Tuesday, October 30, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. There is a \$1 fee, which includes food, snacks and drinks. A prize will be awarded for the best costume.

The Teen Center will have several activities to welcome back students this fall. Get together with friends for a classic game of Dodgeball Thursday, October 4, at 3:30 p.m.

Don't forget to stop by the Teen Center booth at the Duarte Picnic Saturday, September 22, for face painting!

Northview students can come to the Teen Center for games, tournaments, snacks, and music. Take a tour of the Center and hang out with friends during Northview Day on Friday, October 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

So you think you can dance? Prove it at our Dance-off Wednesday, November 28. Or if you can sing, join us for Karaoke Thursday, November 8 and 15, at 4 p.m.

EXCURSION

Halloween is in the air; join us at the scariest place on earth, Knott's Scary Farm in October. Call the Teen Center for more information. Travel with us if you dare!

A Teen's View

Teenage Responsibilities

By Jeremy Eldridge

Many adults have lots of responsibilities and important decisions they have to make in their life and on a daily basis. Many adults do not realize that teenagers have responsibilities and difficult decisions of their own.

During most of the year, teens have to wake up early and get an education, which is equally as challenging as a full time job. While at school teens have to deal with the pressures of class work, homework, grades, tests, graduation, and their social life.

When 3 p.m. comes around and school is over, teens have to figure out what to do until their parents come home. Some tasks teens have to take care of before any leisure time are to get homework done, work after school jobs, cook dinner, watch younger siblings, or clean up the house.

Finally, when all these jobs are done and teens have time of their own, they can be free for a few hours. Then teens go home, go to sleep, and get ready to do it again the next day. After nine hard months of school, summer comes around and many teenagers have to deal with summer school and the same pressures again. The teens without summer school try to get a summer job to have a little extra spending money. They have to deal with the pressures of having a job.

If you're an adult and you think a teenager does nothing but make trouble or do nothing with their time, maybe this will enlighten you. To teenagers that are reading this, next time an adult says you need to make better use of your time, tell them what your schedule is really like.

When I hit it, I couldn't believe I hit it. Everything was in slow motion. It looked like it was stopped in midair. Then I saw it went past those people (on the left field wall), and I thought, "Wow! I did it!"

– Barry Bonds,
on hitting his record 756th home run

It took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course.

– Henry Aaron,
former holder of the career home run record

A good hockey player plays where the puck is. A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be.

– Wayne Gretzky,
holder of 61 professional hockey records



TEEN CENTER staff member Katrina Abello providing face painting at the Duarte Picnic.

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USGVMWD is also the proud sponsor of the
"5K HEALTHY PARKS YOUTH WALK"

Come early and join us at the 5K Walk at Arcadia County Park on the same morning from 8-10 am. With a \$10 registration fee per person you will receive a T-shirt and other goodies. The proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association and the Los Angeles County Healthy Parks Program. To register for the 5K Walk, participants can download a registration form on www.usgvmwd.org or sign up at the walk.



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Duarte Recreation Class Registration



Children ages 2-8 learn the fundamentals of soccer through non-competitive, age appropriate activities in the Kids Love Soccer classes.

Duarte Recreation is kicking off the fall session of classes for all ages! Registration begins on Monday, September 10, at Duarte City Hall Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Huntington Drive.

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Mail in registrations may be sent to the Duarte Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010-2592. Please include the participant's name, address, daytime telephone number, age, class, time, and class fee.

If you would like a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. (Registrations received prior to September 10 will be returned.)

You can also register by phone with Visa or MasterCard for purchases over \$30 beginning Tuesday, September 11, (626) 357-7931. Classes will begin the week of September 24.

Youth classes offered include ABC's of Children Managing Money, Arts and Crafts, Amazing Arts, Babysitter Training, Ballet, Cheer & Dance, Guitar, Hip-Hop Dance, Kid's Healthy Cooking, Karate, Mini Picassos, Skateboarding, Kids Love Soccer, Tennis, Theater, and Tumbling.

Adult and Family classes offered this session are Comedy Improv, Dog Obedience, Guitar, Merengue, My Little Artist and Me, Polynesian Dance, Racquetball, Salsa, Swing, and Tennis.

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

Supervised Playgrounds

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is currently providing drop-in recreation programming Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m.-5 p.m. at Beardslee, Encanto and Royal Oaks Park.

Recreation leaders will supervise children in crafts, games, and sports activities. There is no fee for this fun program. Open to children 5 years old and older. Join your local Recreation Leader for fun and excitement.

For more information call (626) 357-7931.

Youth Sports

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registration for Youth Flag Football and Youth Volleyball leagues.

Here is a great opportunity for children to participate in a fun and exciting activity, develop a sports skill, and learn good sportsmanship. Practices are held on weekday afternoons.

Volleyball games will be on Tuesdays and Saturdays at Encanto Park, and football games will be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays at Otis Gordon Sports Park.

Teams will be formed at Beardslee Park, Royal Oaks Park, Northview Park, Otis Gordon

Halloween Howl



THE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL is a great place for your children to enjoy a safe Halloween.

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department will once again host the Annual Halloween Howl at Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal

Sports Park and Encanto Park. The fee is \$20 per child and includes a T-shirt uniform. Van transportation to and from weekday games will be provided. The programs are open to boys and girls born 1994-1999. Register now at your local supervised playground or at Duarte City Hall. Practices will begin the week of September 17. For more information please call (626) 357-7931.

Oaks Drive, from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31. This fun alternative to trick or treating is designed for children 12 years old and younger. Among the many fun activities will be a FUN ZONE with different inflatable and interactive attractions that will cost \$2 per person, carnival-style games at 25 cents each, a costume parade with free candy for participants, music, refreshments, and much more. For more information please call (626) 357-7931.



FLAG FOOTBALL is coming this fall to a local park near you!

Duarte Fitness Center

The Duarte Fitness Center, located next to City Hall at 1600 Huntington Drive, offers a wide variety of activities including racquetball/wallyball and aerobic classes.

The facility has Life Fitness strength equipment 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.

The pool is open through September 30 for daily lap swimming, and recreational swimming on weekends. Water aerobics are offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Fitness Center membership prices can't be beat! Regular annual membership fees for Duarte residents begin at \$125. The Fitness Center has several membership sales each year offering a 20% discount! Please stop by or call the Fitness Center to find out more about the sales. An upcoming sale will be held the entire month of December. Daily drop in rates are also available.

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



The Fitness Center has racquetball courts available for patrons to get a great workout!

City of Hope Receives \$500,000 Grant for Potential New Cancer Therapies

City of Hope has received a two-year, \$500,000 grant to support early stage testing and development of potential new cancer therapies from Phase One Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to medical advances in cancer care.

The grant was awarded to Robert Figlin, MD, chair of the Division of Medical Oncology & Therapeutics Research, associate director for Clinical Research in the City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Arthur and Rosalie Kaplan Professor of Medical Oncology.

"I am honored to receive this grant from Phase One Foundation in support of City of Hope's efforts to identify and develop new, targeted anticancer therapies," said Figlin.

"Our multidisciplinary approach to cancer treatment incorporates laboratory research with clinical practice to help speed our discoveries to cancer patients in a rapid, safe and effective Phase I program."

The Phase One Foundation grant will fund collaborative projects, clinical trials, experimental protocols and translational research. City of Hope will establish institutional grants

to support novel Phase I clinical trials developed in collaboration with the Department of Clinical and Molecular Pharmacology and new programs that can reach the clinic during the two years of the award.

Funds also will establish competitive awards in the Developmental Therapeutics and Hematologic Malignancies Programs to help investigators work collaboratively to develop their lab research into clinical treatment.

"Phase One Foundation and City of Hope share the same vision of bringing research breakthroughs to clinical use rapidly for the benefit of patients," said Ed Sachese, Phase One Foundation board member and head of public relations for the organization.

"Through collaborative efforts between laboratories and physicians we can help in the development of new treatments for cancer, and perhaps a cure."

For any experimental new medicine to be approved for use by the US Food and Drug Administration, it must pass through three phases of clinical testing.

In Phase I trials, researchers look at dosing and scheduling of

how much and how often a patient can safely take a product.

Phase II trials look at whether a product works, and Phase III trials, which can involve thousands of patients worldwide, look at whether it works any better than current therapies.

Phase One foundation is a nonprofit organization founded in 1999 and based in Santa Monica, California. It is committed to supporting Phase I clinical trial research and treatment programs for patients with cancer.

City of Hope is a leading research and treatment center for cancer, diabetes and other life-threatening diseases.

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Rubber Duck Dunk benefits nonprofit Santa Anita Family YMCA



LAUREN LEE, age 9, retrieves a lucky rubber ducky from the Santa Anita Family YMCA swimming pool in the culmination of the Rubber Duck Dunk fundraiser. The event raised more than \$6,000 to help support the programs of the nonprofit SAFYMCA.

Duarte celebrates

DUARTE CITY MANAGER Darrell George meets one of his predecessors, Bill Mitchell, who was City Manager in the mid 1960's early '70s.



RESIDENTS AND CITY LEADERS assemble for a group photo on the steps of Duarte City Hall at a 50th anniversary reception in the courtyard.



ASSEMBLYMAN ANTHONY PORTANTINO presents 50th Birthday proclamations to the cities of Duarte and Bradbury at the co-celebration on the Oak Avenue Bridge. Hundreds of Duarte and Bradbury residents turned out for an afternoon and evening of musical entertainment and fun for the whole family.

Levon Yotnakhparian recognized

DUARTE PUBLIC ACCESS channel DCTV and studio manager Levon Yotnakhparian were recently presented with a Business and Industry Recognition Award by the Los Angeles County Regional Occupation Program. DCTV and Mr. Y were honored for the support and training in television production that DCTV gives to Duarte High School students. Since Mr. Y began teaching the ROP television production class at DHS in 1997, more than 200 students have trained at DCTV. Below, from left, Clarke Stephens, coordinator-in-charge, Regional Occupational Programs, Los Angeles County Office of Education; Al Scalise; Mr. Y; and Michelle Trail of DHS.



LEVON YOTNAKHPARIAN



Duarte of Authors Festival

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Naomi Hirahara Edgar
Award-Winning
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"Ask a Mexican"

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