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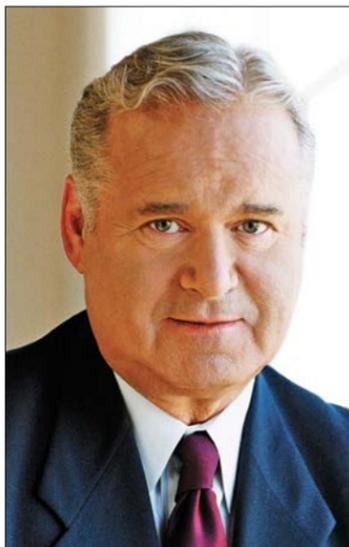
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Luis J. Rodriguez and Robert K. Tanenbaum to headline Festival of Authors Sat., Oct. 5

Bestselling crime writer, Robert K. Tanenbaum, and poet, activist, and award-winning author, Luis J. Rodriguez will headline the 11th annual Duarte Festival of Authors on Saturday, Oct. 5. The festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Westminster Gardens, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave. in Duarte. Admission and parking is free.

The Duarte Festival of Authors presents a unique opportunity in an intimate setting for the public to meet and hear from some of Southern California's top writers as well as exciting, new talents.

More than 50 authors will participate in talks, panels and book



ROBERT K. TANENBAUM

signings throughout the day at the festival presented by the Friends of the Duarte Library. The festival showcases a rich sampling of the diversity of literary talents and books to appeal to a wide variety of tastes: fiction and non-fiction, adventure, suspense, romance, travel, mystery, inspirational, spiritual, poetry, educational, historical, young adult and children's titles.

There will be fun activities

for children at the festival's Kids' Corner including games, story reading, and face painting. Children can read aloud to therapy dogs, have their picture taken with their reading buddy and keep the book, all for free. Festival-goers are in for a host of other treats as well with an on-site book store and a choice of food and refreshments served up by the popular Pie'n Burger restaurant truck and Duarte's Lemonade Brigade.

Robert K. Tanenbaum, a real-life crime fighter as well as crime writer of 25 novels and three non-fiction books, is one of the country's most successful trial lawyers, having never lost a felony case. To readers he is best known for his bestselling series of novels featuring Butch Karp and Marlene Ciampi, lawyers for the New York District Attorney's office. His latest novel, *Tragic*, a murder mystery, was published this August. *Echoes of My Soul*, published in May, is considered his signature masterpiece. It is the true story of one of the most intense manhunts in police history and of the young D. A. who exonerated the unjustly accused,

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ROUTE 66 PARADE "Community Grand Marshals" Alan and Claudia Heller.

Route 66 Parade, Duarte's Anniversary Celebration Sept. 28

Celebrate Duarte's 56th anniversary of incorporation with a fun "Gateway to Hope" Salute to Route 66 Parade Sat., Sept. 28, along Huntington Drive beginning at 10 a.m., followed by the "Duarte: City of Health/City of Hope" annual picnic celebration at Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dr. Rahul Jandial, M.D., Ph.D., will lead the festivities as the parade's Grand Marshal. He is a neurosurgeon and scientist who is also KTLA's Morning News health expert.

This year the parade will also feature "Community Grand Marshals" Claudia and Alan Heller, renowned Route 66 authors and historians.

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.

Funding for the parade is provided by corporate sponsors, individual donations and various fundraising efforts. Major sponsors this year include, but are not limited to: City of Hope, Southern California Edison, StorAmerica, Burrtec Waste, Sierra Autocars, Jan's Towing, Bowden Development, and Duarte Elks Lodge 1427.

Following the parade enjoy dozens of food and display booths, live music and entertainment on the main Celebration Stage, and more fun on the Children's Stage. There will be a vintage car show displaying dozens of classic cars, an arts and crafts show, antique machinery display, school band recognition, and more to com-



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Route 66 Parade
Grand Marshal**

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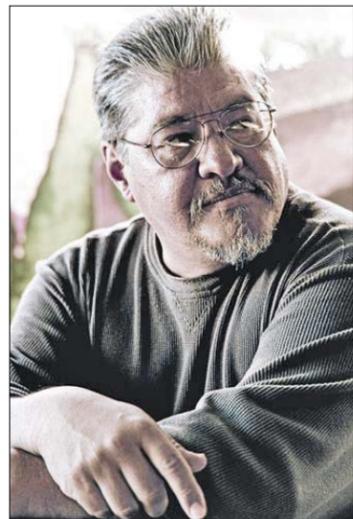
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Beginning at 11 a.m., bring the family and join your friends and neighbors for hours of live stage entertainment on the main Celebration Stage. There will be performances by Chico, FUSIONBeat as well as several more bands and performers! Also appearing will be talented local performers who will entertain and amaze. Bring your lawn chair, blanket and umbrella. Dance away on the dance floor and enjoy a day of fun, food and great music!

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A variety of Duarte Recre-

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LUIS J. RODRIGUEZ

Candidates Forum for School Board, City Council Oct. 17

The Duarte Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters will host a Candidates Forum for Duarte Unified School District Board and Duarte City Council candidates contending in the Nov. 5 election.

The Candidates Forum will take place on Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr. Six School Board candidates vying for two seats on the board will be talking and answering questions from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The School Board candidates are incumbents Kenneth Bell and Reyna Diaz, running for re-election, and Jim Dinsmore, A. David Hall, Jack Ochoa, Dolores Ortiz. The eight candidates running for

three City Council seats will also be talking and answering questions from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The City Council candidates are: Margaret Finlay, Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, and Phil Reyes, running for re-election, and Nick Zigic, Allen A. Field, Sheryl Lefmann, Henry Baltazar, Jr., and Samuel Kang. The public will be invited to submit written questions to the candidates that night.

Both forums will be videotaped by Duarte Public Access, DCTV for cablecast on Charter Cable Channel 3 in Duarte and on the web at www.dctvduarte.com.

For more information, call the Duarte Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333 or www.duartechamber.com.



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SBDC now in Duarte City Hall

Duarte City Hall now houses a satellite office of the Small Business Development Center hosted by Pacific Coast Regional (PCR-SBDC), where small business owners will be able to access free help and guidance from a team of qualified business consultants. The next orientation for the office and its services will be on September 26 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Duarte Community Center.

Funded by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) and grants, the PCR-SBDC



Los Angeles Regional Network

office is scheduled to open in August, and will offer conveniently located assistance to businesses in Duarte and the surrounding east San Gabriel Valley cities. The establishment of the PCR-SBDC office in Duarte is the result of a collaborative effort by

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One young Rotarian making a difference in the world



A young Rotarian made a wonderful presentation to the Rotary Club of Duarte on the work she is doing in Peru. However, this story began in June 2012 when Emily Fe Ediger Sandoval graduated from high school with the dream of becoming a doctor and helping people who lack the means to offered medical care.

Emily made her dream known to the Azusa Rotary Club, who nominated her for the Rotary Ambassadorial student scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a student who shows great promise and commitment to making a difference in the world. The scholarship provides an opportunity for students to study their chosen field outside the United States.

Emily chose to study medicine in Peru, a country she loved as her mother was born there and her father worked there many years. Emily recalls with great fondness the years she spent in Peru as a child but also remembered the tremendous needs that many of the people have in the

country. The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship now gave her the opportunity to begin fulfilling her dream.

She arrived in Peru in August 2012 to begin her medical studies and was quickly adopted by the local Rotary club. The club helped her get acquainted with the town and get settled at the university. They also made her a part of the many activities the club provides for the local residents.

Emily also had her own ideas of how the club could serve the community. She and some of her medical students, with the help of their teachers and the Rotary club, began going out to poor neighborhoods and offering free medical care.

At first the residents were not sure about this program but Emily and her friends would not be deterred and now the clinic has long lines and people come from miles to receive medical care.

Emily is one Rotarian that truly believes/lives the Rotary motto "Service Above Self".

Duarte dogs bark, walk for a good cause



Duarte's first Bark for Life event took place on Saturday morning, August 24, in Royal Oaks Park when dozens of dogs joined together to walk along the hiking trail and enjoy contests and prizes under the gazebo at Royal Oaks Park. Bark For Life is a dog-centric event to raise money for the American Cancer Society and is an ancillary project of that organization's Relay for Life. Close to \$1000 was raised to support the Society's cancer research and patient support services.

Dogs and their people enjoyed

dog demonstrations of security dogs and agility maneuvers and visited sponsor booths from area businesses. Contests, and prizes were awarded to the VIPs (very important pooches) in attendance. This was the first Bark for Life event in Duarte and the convenors, NRS Design Studio and Wonder Dog Ranch Dog Day Care and Boarding, hope to make it an annual event.

Key sponsors included EZ Dog Wash, Unleashed by Petco, Lending a Paw Therapy Dogs and Zevia Soda. Additional booth

sponsors and contributors included: Great American Deals, Bubba Pack, Lait Animal Massage, Easing Paw Animal Therapy, Eric Bravo's Advanced K9 Training, Body Burn Bootcamp, Judy Peterson's Dog Training, Pawmazing Pet Photography, The Dog Zone, Two Dogs Petsitting, and Levon Productions.

The convenors are already planning for Duarte Bark for Life 2014. If you would like to join the planning committee, please contact Wonder Dog Ranch at (626) 205-2501 or 855.DOG.RANCH.

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Duarte Senior Center plans two-day Route 66 trip to Oatman, Arizona

It is the time of year for Duarte to salute Route 66, and the Duarte Senior Center will champion the cause. An overnight bus trip on the Mother Road is planned for October 23 and 24 and will be led by Duartean Alan and Claudia Heller, authors of "Life on Route 66." A power point presentation featuring the sights that will be visited on the trip will be presented by the Hellers at 10 a.m. on September 26 at the Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Drive. Admission is free. Trip sign-ups begin September 9.

"We will visit and photograph many iconic towns along the Route," says Claudia, "and the highlight will be our stop at the Route 66 Arizona town of Oatman where burros roam freely and the atmosphere throws you right back to the gold mining era."

Heading east from Duarte, the first stop will be in Barstow at the 1910 Santa Fe depot and former Harvey House where the group will visit the Barstow Route 66 Museum followed by a stop in Daggett and then lunch at the Bagdad Café of movie fame. Photo stops at the Route 66 towns of Amboy, Chambless and Essex will culminate in a tour of Goff's, home of the Mojave



Desert Heritage and Cultural Association. Working stamp mills, the renovated 1914 school house which serves as a museum, and dozens of outbuildings and desert mining equipment will make this stop a photographer's dream.

After a stay at The Avi Hotel and Casino on the lovely Colorado River, the group will visit the dusty gold mining town of Oatman and learn about the history of the area while strolling along the main street.

Once boasting a population of 40,000, Oatman presently houses only 100 souls. The 1902 Oatman Hotel still stands and features meals, drink and live entertainment. Not quite a tame town today, shoot outs seem to occur when tourists visit, adding to the excitement. This is the place to purchase Route 66 souvenirs. Heading home the group will enjoy lunch at the historic Ludlow Café and then visit the Route 66 Museum in Victorville.

The two-day narrated trip includes breakfasts and lunches, hotel room, and bus ride at the cost of \$135 (double occupancy), \$175 single. For sign-up information call the Senior Center at (626) 357-3513.

Ricardo Solorio hits walk off grand slam to give Duarte All Stars the win

On June 29, 2013, our Duarte Youth Athletic Club (DYAC) Shetland Division All-Star Team with Manager Johnny Oseguera faced off against Monrovia Green in Game 6 of the Section 1 Pony Sanctioned All-Star Tournament. The tournament was hosted by neighboring Pasadena at Jackie Robinson Park.

It was the bottom of the 5th inning; the Duarte Shetland Team was down by one with bases loaded. Ricardo Solorio (7 years old) came up to bat and hit a walk off grand slam that cleared the homerun fence, giving Duarte the win and eliminating Monrovia Green. Ricardo was awarded a certificate by the PONY Officials and will be in the Shetland Division Hall

of Fame.

Ricardo, along with approximately 250 other boys and girls that Live and Play in Duarte, play baseball and softball for DYAC. Our DYAC Registration Team will be waiting for you at the end of the Route 66 Parade at the Royal Oaks Park on Saturday, September 28. Please look for our flyers with more registration dates that will be handed out to our school community soon.

Come sign your Hall of Famer up! For more online information please visit our website at www.DYAC.info. Contact us at 866-693-0227 or find us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/DYAC-Baseball-Softball/382488158493053>.



DYAC SHETLAND DIVISION All-Star Team Manager Johnny Oseguera (left), Hall of Fame Member Ricardo Solorio, and Pony Director Stephen Lange.

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the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, City of Duarte, the Foothill Workforce Investment Board and State Senator Carol Liu's office to help struggling small business owners succeed. Initially, the office will be open on the second and fourth Thursdays a month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. offering by appointment, one on one consulting services on matters including strategic planning, financial software and social media training, development of a business plan, and guidance on obtaining capital.

PCR-SBDC originated the small business consultation program in Pasadena three years ago to help business struggling in the difficult economy, said Constance Anderson, PCR-SBDC Executive Director. Many small businesses have benefitted from the program and the demand for services has grown. To make the program available to as many businesses as possible,

and to offer a convenient location for small businesses east of Pasadena, the PCR-SBDC approached the Duarte Chamber of Commerce and City of Duarte to learn if Duarte would be interested in providing office space for the program. It was just what the Chamber and City had been looking for as a way to help support local businesses.

"We're very pleased to have this resource come to our city. Successful businesses help cities grow and thrive. We want to do everything we can to support them," said City Councilmember Tzeitel Paras-Caracci.

Local businesses received their first introduction to the program on July 16 from PCR-SBDC Executive Director Anderson at the Duarte Chamber monthly networking breakfast at California Skewers restaurant. Natalie Orta of the SBA also promoted the program at the Chamber's Quarterly Small Business Seminar at the Duarte Community Center Aug. 14. For further information, call the Duarte Chamber at (626) 357-3333 or Duarte City Hall at (626) 357-7931, ext. 221.

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Nextdoor launches Android, iPhone Apps

Now Duarte residents connected to Nextdoor, the private social network for neighborhoods, can stay connected to their neighbors, anytime from anywhere with apps available for Android and iPhone.

The Nextdoor app provides a mobile lifeline to the neighborhood. Neighbors can use their Android phones and iPhone to

send an urgent alert about an emergency situation, share a photo of a lost or found pet, warn neighbors about a street closure, and other information of interest to the neighborhood.

Nextdoor for Android and iPhone is free of charge and available for immediate download at nextdoor.com/mobile.

Nextdoor is available to residents throughout the City of Duarte. The Duarte site is divided

into 12 Nextdoor neighborhoods: Fish Canyon, Area 10, Royal Oaks, Duarte Mesa, Chimes, Rancho Duarte, Beardslee, North of Huntington, Maynard, Evergreen, South of Huntington, and Hope. Since the service launched in Duarte in August 2012, some 452 members among the 12 neighborhoods have registered for the free service, about 9% of Duarte households.

All members must verify that

they live within the neighborhood. Information shared on Nextdoor is password protected and cannot be accessed by those outside the neighborhood or found on search engines. Topics of discussion on Nextdoor are as varied as local events, school activities, plumber,

babysitter and other recommendations, disaster preparedness, recent crime activity, and notice of garage sales.

To encourage more Duarte residents to establish connections in their neighborhood through Nextdoor the City of Duarte and Nextdoor.com are sponsoring a

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Authors

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brought the killer to justice and forever reformed law enforcement practices. Tanenbaum is scheduled to speak at 11:45 a.m.

Luis J. Rodriguez first rose to fame as a powerful voice in Chicano literature by telling his own story in the bestseller, *Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.* The vivid memoir explores the motivation of gang life and cautions against the death and destruction that inevitably claim its participants. His latest book is the sequel to *Always Running*, entitled *It Calls You Back: An Odyssey of Love, Addiction, Revolutions, and Healing*. He is also an accomplished and award-winning poet, his latest being *His Nature is Hunger*. His books for children, *America is Her Name* and *It Doesn't Have to Be This Way: A Barrio Story*, both published in English and Spanish have also won honors. Rodriguez will speak at 2 p.m.

Other authors scheduled to appear include: Mystery writers: Gerald Schiller, Gayle Bartos-Pool, Alice Zogg, Robert Rotstein, Connie Dial, Terry Ambrose, Michael D. Mayo, Anne Louise Bannon, Teresa Burrell, Jim Stevens, Anne Carter, and Gayle Carline.

For those who enjoy reading history, Duarte authors Claudia and Alan Heller will appear with *Life on Route 66: Personal Accounts Along the Mother Road to California*, and *Duarte Chronicles*. Mark Thomas McGee, also of Duarte, has authored 10 film history books. His latest, *You Won't Believe Your Eyes*, relates behind-the-scenes stories about the sci-fi/horror movies of the 1950s. John Jung has published four books relating to the history and contributions of Chinese immigrants to American society, while James Aguirre relates American history from the Native American point of view.

Authors of books for children and young adult readers include Cynthia Andrews, Michael Mullin, Lori R. Lopez, and Evelyn De Wolfe.

A visit to the festival website, www.FriendsoftheDuarteLibrary.com provides visitors with information on all of the author participants and links to their own websites, and other details on the festival.

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Senior Center Activities

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

The phone number is (626) 357-3513.

HOT LUNCHES

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over age 60 or the spouse of someone over age 60. Lunch is served at 12 p.m. and you must be signed in by 11:45 a.m.

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

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PARKING LOT SALE

Come join the Senior Center for fantastic bargains at the annual parking lot sale on Saturday, October 12, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Individuals and groups can rent a spot for \$15 where they can sell their own goods. For any questions, please feel free to call (626) 357-3513.

BONE DENSITY TEST

Come join the Senior Center for Bone Density Test on Tuesday, October 8, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. For any questions, please feel free to call (626) 357-3513.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Come join the Senior Center for FREE flu shots to the first 100 people to make a reservation at the senior center. Flu shots will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. For any questions, please feel free to call (626) 357-3513.

55 ALIVE DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

The Duarte Senior Center, in cooperation with AARP, will be

offering a 55 Alive Driver Safety class for persons 55 and older on Tuesday, September 17 and Thursday, September 19 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This eight-hour class, split up in two four-hour sessions, is a comprehensive classroom driver re-training course geared to the specific needs of older motorists. Auto insurance companies are required by law to offer discounts to course graduates. Attendance is required at both sessions. The cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members and reservations are required. For more information, please call the Center at (626) 357-3513.

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A.A.R.P. is offering a 4-hour refresher course for those who have already completed the 8-hour course. The class will be held on Thursday, November 7, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. The cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members, reservations are required; please call the Senior Center for any questions at (626) 357-3513.

ADULT EXCURSIONS

The City of Duarte Parks and Recreation Department began taking registration for fall trips on September 9. Brochures with in-depth information regarding the trips are available at City Hall or the Senior Center.

Trips offered include:

Get Your Kicks on Route 66 Overnight Trip with meals on your own on Wednesday, October 23 from 8 a.m. – Thursday, October 24, 6:30 p.m. Fees are \$135 per person (double occupancy) and \$175 single occupancy.

Viejas Casino in Alpine (near San Diego) with meals on your own on Wednesday, November 6 from 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. for \$8.

Candlelight Pavilion "Because It's Christmas" with lunch included on Wednesday, December 18 from 10:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. for \$72.

NO REFUNDS: In the event of a participant cancellation, an attempt will be made to fill the spot from the waiting list. If successful the participant will receive a gift certificate equal to the amount of the trip minus a \$10 service charge. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for purchases over \$25.

ADULT EXTENDED EXCURSION

Northern National Parks - 8 days, 11 meals (7 breakfasts and

4 dinners), September 5-12, 2014. Fee: \$1,999 per person (based on double occupancy); \$2,499 (based on single occupancy). Includes hotel accommodations and round trip airfare from LAX.

Highlights: Salt Lake City, Jackson Hole, Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful, Grand Teton National Park, Park City.

For more information call (626) 357-3513.

SENIOR CENTER CLASSES/ACTIVITIES

Registration for the fall session of classes began September 9. Classes begin the week of September 23. All classes are for adults 55 years and older. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.

The following classes offered this fall at the Senior Center:

Fee Classes: Art Appreciation, Chair Yoga & Meditation, Cross Fit, Exercise with Shelly, Get Fit, How to Write Your Own Life Story, Intro to Computers, Music Appreciation, Piano/Keyboard, Sewing, Strength Training, Western Line Dance, and Yoga.

Free Classes: Cardio Dance, Ceramics, Digital Photography, Guitar, Knitting, Spanish–Level I (beginning) and Level II (intermediate/conversational), Race Walk, Tai Chi, and Watercolor.

Picnic

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ation class demonstrations, a children's show with clown and much more will be part of a full day of children's entertainment beginning at 11:00 a.m. The free Arts & Crafts area will be located right next to the Children's Stage, and mini-carnival games for candy prizes will round out a great day of fun. Don't miss the green tent special activity: **Duarte! "Let's Move!"** The "Let's Move!" initiative was launched by First Lady Michelle Obama, dedicated to solving the problem of obesity within a generation, so that children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams. The Duarte Nutrition Council will conduct activities and provide education on healthy living and exercising and there will be a fruit stand as well. Join us for informative nutrition information, fun fitness tests and contests and lots of family activities.

FOOD BOOTHS & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Delicious food, fun games, and helpful information will be provided at dozens of booths operated by local Duarte and regional non-profit groups!

Mouth-watering foods including barbecued meats, tacos, tostadas, snow cones, pizza, hot dogs, hamburgers, healthy choices and much more will be sold.

Fun and informative booth displays and activities will include local college and university information, drug awareness and prevention literature, and many booths will provide giveaways. Kids, join the Duarte Parks and Recreation leaders for some fun, free games and activities, including challenging playground games like mini soccer, table games, and ping-pong! The giant inflatable slide and video gaming trailer will be back by popular demand and it will be free for children. (Children must be able to climb the slide without assistance.)

For more information on the City Picnic please call (Para más información llame) (626) 357-7931. For Parade information call the Route 66 Parade Committee at (626) 940-7845.

Duarte Elks Lodge

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Mondays, 5pm – 9pm
All you can eat \$6.00
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BINGO
3rd Wednesday
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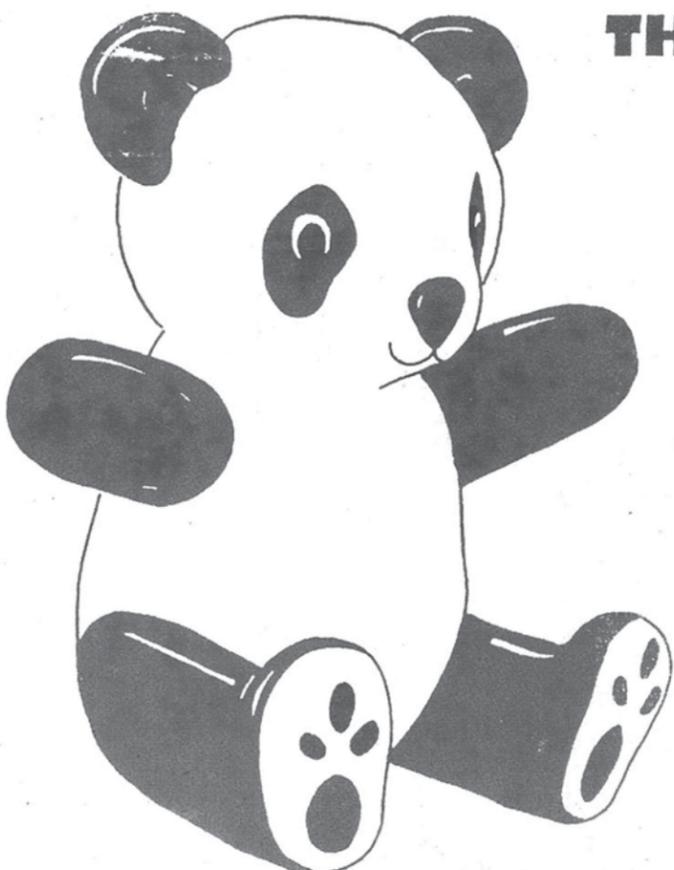
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Previous Route 66 Parades



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

STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS (Saturday, September 28)

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.

9:15 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)

10 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 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 18th Annual Salute to Route 66 Parade



Saturday September 28th

10:00 AM Huntington Dr.

City Picnic and Car Show immediately after at Royal Oaks Park

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The Right Start to Our Best School Year Yet

Dr. Terry Nichols, Superintendent,
Duarte Unified School District

I always look forward to the excitement and promise that comes with each new school year. However, I have never been more proud or eager to welcome our staff and students back as I was this year. In just the few short weeks since school has been back in session, I am astounded by the many accomplishments our learning community has already achieved district-wide. I know this will be the best year I have ever had the great fortune to experience as Superintendent of Duarte Unified, and it is because of the unwavering commitment and collaboration of our School Board, staff, students, families and community. Everywhere you look this year, across DUSD you will see the results of their dedication and hard work that are earning our district local, national and international recognition.



DR. TERRY NICHOLS

This year our students will benefit from the completion of nearly \$100,000,000 in improvements to the infrastructure, buildings, and technology to our learning environment that our Board of Education has dutifully overseen for the past ten years. District-wide, several new buildings have been added including the architectural award winning gymnasium and cafeteria/multipurpose buildings at Northview Intermediate. Duarte High School now has a new state of the art athletic stadium that is attracting state competitions for marching band and track and field.

Maxwell Elementary has a newly remodeled front and entrance area in addition to a completely remodeled office building. Maxwell also received a brand new library media center with an outdoor classroom area. Other improvements include a team and weight room, culinary arts room and bio-technology lab at Duarte High.

In addition to these structural improvements, I am thrilled that the academic achievements of our students continue to rise. While API scores dropped in 75% of districts across the state, Duarte Unified maintained an API of 784, the highest API in the history of the district. Most local area high school API scores also dropped, but Duarte High increased their API by 12 points to the highest level ever achieved by the school. Four of our five elementary schools maintain APIs above 800 and both Duarte High and Mt. Olive Alternative High met or exceeded their graduation rate goals. Duarte High School, Valley View Elementary and Beardslee Elementary have all received California Distinguished School recognition and Royal Oak Elementary has been designated a Title I Achieving school for many years.

Moving forward, Duarte Unified has joined the national network of school leaders, EdLeader21, to integrate the 4 C's (Creativity, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Communication) fully into the district culture, and we are a 21st Century skills district encompassing Global, Financial, Environmental, Health, and Civic fluencies. I am proud that Duarte Unified is taking the lead in implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) with Kindergarten through 8th grade transitioning to CCSS during this school year.

We are creating a 21st Century learning environment district-wide in Duarte Unified that includes the largest and smartest technology roll out in the history of the district. All classrooms Pre-K through 12 currently have Smart Boards with document cameras, teacher laptops and surround sound. The high school boasts 5 full computer labs, and computer classes in bio-tech, CAD, web design, graphic design, digital photography, and business technology. Several schools already use iPads and chrome books to support student learning, and this year 2,000 HP Notebook computers have been purchased for all students in grades 3, 4 and 5 with a 1:1 program of HP Notebooks being implemented in grades 6, 7 and 8. Students in grades 6-8 will take home their Notebook computers and work on projects via Cloud communication, which will provide computer access to many homes that are currently part of the great "technology divide."

We are very fortunate to expand existing collaborations and to have formed new partnerships foundations with esteemed organizations at the local, national and international levels. Our relationship with City of Hope has grown to include paid student internships and a multi-million dollar science grant in which student at the elementary and secondary level receive science instruction from City of Hope scientists. Our partnership with Citrus College provides the only Early College program in the area.

And, this year Duarte added a partnership with the nationally renowned Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, starting with a \$97,693 grant for musical instruments to support Northview and Duarte High's band programs. While many districts are dropping their music programs, Duarte Unified has created a brand new elementary music program that includes instruction in choral music, rhythm and instrumental music.

Also, Maxwell Elementary School is pursuing authorization as an International Baccalaureate World School and is a candidate school for the Primary Years Programme. These are schools that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging international education that Maxwell Elementary School believes is important for students.

Our students will continue to receive additional support by community mentors and Think Together, a free after-school program that includes child-care, homework support, nutritious snacks, physical education and enrichment. Both the intermediate and high school have active AVID programs that guide students to becoming first generation college graduates.

All of these fabulous outcomes help to support the goal of our district, for all students to leave DUSD as "Shoulder-Tapped Graduates" actively recruited by outside organizations because they are passionate about their interests, prepared for the 21st Century, and able to work, lead and make positive contributions to the world. We are dedicated to the success of our students while they attend school, once they have graduated, and into the lives they create for themselves beyond our school walls.

Already, the 2013-2014 school year has been full of hope, promise and opportunity. We have made the right start, and I believe the best is yet to come!



Two Duarte Unified schools awarded instruments to the tune of \$97,693 by The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation with support from The Green Foundation

Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) is ecstatic to announce that Duarte High School and Northview Intermediate School will receive 67 instruments from The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, which donates new and refurbished instruments to under-served music programs. Funding for these instruments – valued to be worth \$97,693 – was generously provided by The Green Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting institutions that focus on arts outreach and education. Duarte Unified School District has also entered a formal long-term partnership with The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation to support the on-going development of the district's music education programs.

"The donation of these instruments by The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation will make a world of difference to our students, and we thank The Green Foundation for their support and tremendous generosity. This gift comes at an optimal time for our district," said Superintendent Terry Nichols. "Many districts are cutting the arts and music from their schools to balance budgets, but at DUSD we are making them a district priority." Duarte Unified is currently mobilizing to implement a comprehensive district-wide K-12 music education program, and the donation from The Green and Holland's Opus Foundations will be used to sustain and expand the band programs at the secondary level.

The instruments donated to Duarte High and Northview are a much welcome relief. The high school and middle school band programs had been making do for many years with a limited inventory of instruments that were old and in poor condition, and increased enrollment in the secondary music programs made it necessary for students to share.

In addition, over fifty percent of the students served by Duarte Unified qualify for the free-reduced meal program with many unable to afford to purchase or rent an instrument from a private vendor. Maintaining an inventory of instruments supplied by the schools for students to borrow is essential for the success and expansion of our programs.

"Without the instruments supplied by The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, the district would have been hard pressed to find the funds

to purchase them ourselves," said Superintendent Terry Nichols.

The Principals and Band Instructors at both recipient schools were directly involved in the application process and expressed their delight and gratitude upon learning of the awarded donation.

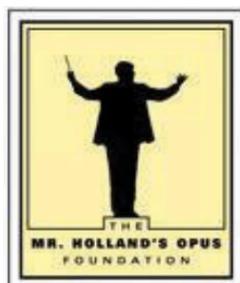
Northview Intermediate Principal Michael Chavez said, "The opportunity to have an instrument to learn to play should be part of every child's well-rounded educational experience, and now our students will have this chance. We thank The Green Foundation and The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation for the positive impact their donation will make to the educational experience of our current and future Northview Intermediate students."

In her statement, Duarte High School Principal Robin Nelson affirmed, "The opportunities and inspiration our music students will experience thanks to this generous grant will impact their lives forever. We are so grateful to The Green Foundation and The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation for supporting our students and keeping music alive in our school."

Duarte Unified is also privileged to be joining an exclusive group of districts from across the nation selected by the Holland's Opus Foundation as a Music Education Commitment Partner. Duarte Unified and the Foundation will be collaborating to sustain, protect, and further develop music education in DUSD. "I am elated that The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation has recognized our district's commitment to building and expanding the music programs in our schools. The partnership with The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation is a priceless opportunity that we are thrilled to begin," said Superintendent Terry Nichols.

Duarte Unified will be hosting a celebration to showcase the instruments donated by The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation and to properly thank The Green Foundation and all of the individuals involved in procuring this grant when they are delivered to the school sites. Event information will be issued to the public at that time.

"I can't wait to see the smiles these instruments will put on our students' faces and to hear their cheers of joy," said Superintendent Terry Nichols. "That will be music to my ears!"



The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation was inspired by the acclaimed motion picture Mr. Holland's Opus, the story of the profound effect a dedicated music teacher had on generations of students. The film's composer, Michael Kamen, started the foundation in 1996 as his commitment to the future of music education. The foundation donates both new and refurbished instruments to school music programs that lack the resources to keep up with equipment loss due to attrition, depreciation and wear over time, and to accommodate students on waiting lists or who have to share instruments. <http://www.mhopus.org/Home>



The Green Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Leonard I. Green was a pioneer in the development of the leveraged buyout industry and founded his company Leonard Green & Partners, L.P. in 1989. The Green Foundation, with a primary focus on The Arts, Education, and Human Services, seeks to preserve and enhance Leonard's philanthropic vision. <http://www.ligf.org/index.php>

Music will not just survive, but thrive in DUSD!

Duarte Unified started the 2013-2014 academic year on a high note by bringing music education to every school in the district. With strong support from the Board of Education, even amidst budget cuts that have forced many districts across the nation to slash the visual and performing arts, Duarte Unified is firmly committed to keep music alive. "Exposure to music unlocks endless possibilities, all of which enhance our students' learning potential, making music instruction an essential component of our future Shoulder-Tapped Graduates' educational experience," said Superintendent Terry Nichols.

Beginning this year, and for the first time in decades, instrumental and choral music will be taught at every elementary school in the district. Two certificated music teachers have been hired to pilot these newly established programs. Band instructor John Aranda and vocal teacher Lindsey Hardy bring experience and enthusiasm to the job. They are very excited to have the rare opportunity to build a music program from the ground up. Ms. Hardy believes that "by creating this program from scratch, we can make sure that our students get a first-rate and well-rounded music education. This will help our students succeed not only in the music classroom, but in many other aspects of their lives." Mr. Aranda asserts, "Duarte Unified will soon be able to offer the highest quality music and arts curriculum in the San Gabriel Valley."

This dynamic teaching team will travel to a different elementary school within DUSD each day of the week to deliver music instruction. During their choral and instrumental music classes, students will also engage in a variety of rhythm and movement activities and learn about music theory. The district is seeking to

incorporate a wide range of instruments into the programs at each school that presently includes recorders, Orff instruments, and a growing inventory of keyboards and brass band instruments.

In addition, Duarte Unified is dedicated to expanding the music programs at Northview Intermediate and Duarte High. The choral and band programs at both sites are well-established, and have flourished in recent years under the tutelage of choir director Claire Hsu and band instructor Rich Torres, with the support of our dedicated Band Boosters. However, old equipment in poor condition and limited resources threatened the future sustainability and growth of music education at the secondary level.

Fortunately, at the start of this school year, The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation stepped in and selected these schools to receive an incredible donation of 67 instruments – valued to be worth \$97,693 – with funding generously provided by The Green Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting institutions that focus on arts outreach and education. Upon hearing the news of the award, Mr. Torres exclaimed, "We are truly grateful to be the recipients of The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation Grant with support from The Green Foundation. Our students are excited and cannot wait to get their hands on the new equipment so that they can make beautiful music. With the support

from these foundations, we shall continue to advance our music programs in DUSD."

The donated instruments come at a perfect time and will be played proudly at the first field tournament Duarte High has ever hosted. "In addition to our brand new state-of-the-art stadium that has an excellent synthetic performance field, we now

will be held on Thurs., Nov. 7, and will be adjudicated by SCSBOA. The instrumental program at Northview Intermediate will also benefit by having Mr. Aranda join their team on a daily basis as their primary band director, which will allow Mr. Torres to dedicate his time fully to the development of the high school programs.

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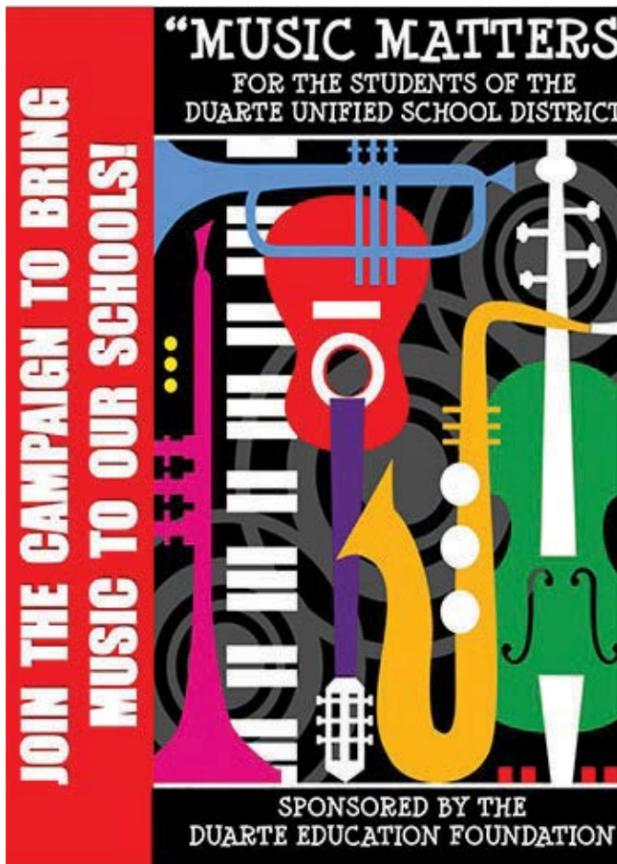
The district is grateful to also have the local support of the Duarte Education Foundation (DEF). In April, DEF launched the "Music Matters" Campaign to rally the support of the community and to raise the capital required to ensure the success of Duarte Unified's music programs for now and for the future. "It is fantastic that the Duarte Educa-

tion Foundation has spearheaded the 'Music Matters' campaign and will lead the movement to provide the funding necessary to sustain and develop music education in Duarte Unified," said Superintendent Terry Nichols. Thanks in large part to those making donations to the "Music Matters" Campaign, funding was provided to purchase the initial class set of instruments – flutes, trombones, trumpets, saxophones and clarinets – that will be used by students at Beardslee Elementary beginning this September.

Moving forward, DEF has assembled the "Music Matters" Committee comprised of interested volunteers from the community and it will be chaired by student advocate Lisa Magno. "Lisa brings passion and purpose to this effort," said Superintendent Terry Nichols. "I am gratified to know she will be chairing this committee and that she will place our students' needs first."

For further information regarding the "Music Matters" Campaign, to make a donation, or to join the "Music Matters" Committee, please visit the Duarte Education Foundation website www.duarteeducationfoundation.org.

Many opportunities to hear our students perform have been scheduled throughout the year, and we invite you to attend to see them sing and play in person. Please visit the Duarte Unified website at www.duarteusd.org for the full listing of dates and times, "like" our music programs on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Duarte-Unified-School-District/249560368424379>, and stay tuned for more DUSD music updates by following us on Twitter at @duarteusd. #musicmattersduarte. Thank you for supporting our schools and for helping to ensure music education continues to thrive in Duarte Unified.



Duarte Falcon Band & Color Guard Schedule

HOME	Aug 30	vs	CERRITOS VALLEY CHRISTIAN – Football Game
HOME	Sept 13	vs	MONTCLAIR – Football Game
Parade	Sept 28		Duarte Route 66 Parade (Duarte)
HOME	Oct 4	vs	WORKMAN – Football Game
	Oct 5		San Gabriel Valley Preview Field Tournament (TBD)
HOME	Oct 10	vs	GLADSTONE – Football Game & Band Senior Night
Parade	Oct 12		Azusa Golden Days Parade (Azusa)
HOME	Oct 18	vs	LA PUENTE (DHS Homecoming Night) – Football Game
	Oct 19		Baldwin Park Field Tournament (Baldwin Park High School)
	Oct 23		Yorba Linda Field Tournament (Yorba Linda High School)
	Oct 26		Patriot Field Tournament (Rubidoux High School)
	Nov 2		Sierra Vista Field Tournament (Sierra Vista High School)
	Nov 7		Duarte Field Tournament (Duarte High School – first time hosting)
HOME	Nov 8	vs	GANESHA – Football Game
	Nov 9		Los Altos Field Tournament (Los Altos High School)
	Nov 15		Parent Showcase (Duarte High School)
	Nov 16		Ramona Regional Field Tournament (Ramona High School)
	Nov 23		UCLA Band Day (UCLA – all day event)
Parade	Dec 5		Monrovia Christmas Parade (Monrovia – PM)
Parade	Dec 7		Whittier Christmas Parade (Whittier)
	Dec 20		Northview and DHS Winter Concert (Duarte Performing Arts – 7 PM)
	Jan 10		Disneyland Performance (Disneyland – all day event)

DUSD Academic Performance Index results released

Results of Duarte Unified School District's 2013 Academic Performance Index (API) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) were recently released by the California Department of Education. The API is based on tests our students took last spring. The index reflects results of the California Standards Tests and the California High School Exit Exam, as well as the California Modified Assessment and California Alternate Performance Assessment given to certain special education students. Test results for each school, and district, are converted into a number ranging from 200 to 1,000. The statewide target is 800.

Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) is pleased to report, that despite a decline in scores this year by many districts across the state of California, DUSD maintained a 784 API. This remains the highest in the history of our district.

In addition, Duarte High School's API grew by 12 points to 759. This is the highest score

achieved by Duarte High since the API system was instituted. Also, four out of our five elementary schools achieved API scores that exceed the state-designated target score of 800 again this year, placing them in the High Performing Schools category.

Important to note, Maxwell Elementary increased by 5 API points and Beardslee Elementary grew a significant 9 points. Please refer to the chart below for further data.

According to a statement made by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, scores across the state of California dropped this year due in large part to budget cuts to education and the transition to the new Common Core Standards.

Torlakson also addressed the use of the state tests to determine the federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the No Child Left Behind legislation. According to the California Department of Education reports, the federal proficiency targets set under No Child Left Behind continued this

DHS Varsity Football Schedule

(All games start at 7 p.m.)

HOME	Aug 30	vs	CERRITOS VALLEY CHRISTIAN
Away	Sept 6	vs	at San Marino
HOME	Sept 13	vs	MONTCLAIR
At Citrus	Sept 27	vs	AZUSA (at Citrus College)
HOME	Oct 4	vs	WORKMAN
HOME	Oct 10	vs	GLADSTONE
HOME	Oct 18	vs	LA PUENTE (DHS Homecoming)
Away	Oct 25	vs	at Sierra Vista
Away	Nov 1	vs	at Bassett
HOME	Nov 8	vs	GANESHA

year to identify an even larger number of schools, including many at or above the state's performance target, for Program Improvement (PI).

The Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) performance targets for 2012-13 identify all Title I schools for Program Improvement unless nearly 90 percent of students attain proficiency. As a result, only 14 percent out of 9,861 schools met the AYP benchmarks this year. Of the more than 6,200 Title I-funded schools, only 10 percent reached federal proficiency and among the schools identified for Program Improvement (PI), 30 percent have an API of 800 or higher. This year, 741 Title I schools are new to PI. This includes five of Duarte Unified's Title I schools and Royal Oaks has been newly classified for Program Improvement Year 1. This legislation is currently being reauthorized in Washington.

"It is unfortunate that officials in Washington continue to enforce

a program they have acknowledged is deeply flawed, and that paints too many high-achieving schools with the same broad brush," Torlakson said. "As an elected official, I'm obliged to comply with the law. But as a teacher, I'll continue to urge Congress and the Administration to get to work, change course, and replace No Child Left Behind with a workable law that fosters rather than hinders the progress California's schools are making."

For now, Duarte Unified will comply with all the mandates of No Child Left Behind including parent notification, school choice and supplementary services.

Duarte Unified will also be entering a new era of standards and assessments starting this school year. The state and district are transitioning to the Common Core State Standards, a set of common standards that will be shared among 45 states that describe clearly and consistently what students are expected to

learn in mathematics and English language arts from kindergarten to 12th grade. The new Common Core Standards are being adopted into DUSD instruction and teachers have been preparing for this conversion.

For more information regarding Common Core, please visit www.cde.ca.gov/re/cc.

"No matter the flaws or changes made to our current standardized testing system, we will continue to strive to refine our programs and practices to ensure that all of our students are achieving at the highest levels. With the exceptional support of our School Board, as well as our parents and community, DUSD will keep moving in a positive direction and our students will keep making academic gains," said Superintendent Terry Nichols.

The newly released 2013 API and AYP scores are now available to the public on the California Department of Education website, <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/>.

API GROWTH CHART	API SCORE 2009-2010	API SCORE 2010-2011	API SCORE 2011-2012	API SCORE 2012-2013	API GROWTH (Since 2009-2010)
Duarte Unified School District	734	768	784	784	+50
Andres Duarte Elementary	755	790	820	813	+58
Beardslee Elementary	745	787	813	823	+78
Maxwell Elementary	713	733	767	772	+59
Royal Oaks Elementary	850	858	879	861	+11
Valley View Elementary	825	856	862	849	+24
Northview Intermediate	697	760	773	751	+54
Duarte High School	711	729	747	759	+48

Foothill Federal Credit Union unveils remodeled staff lounge at Beardslee Elementary School

Foothill Federal Credit Union (Foothill) and CE Fry Construction worked hard over the summer

to complete a break room makeover at Beardslee Elementary School in Duarte. This is the

second break room makeover that Foothill sponsored as a way to give back to the community.

Foothill conducted the contest within 12 foothill community school districts taking submissions just before summer break. The applicants used clever rhymes, humor, and pictures to show Foothill just how much their school's staff lounges needed the makeover.

After Beardslee's principal, Jennifer Janetzke, was informed that her school had been selected, Foothill's Marketing Department crashed a staff meeting to make the announcement.

The Foothill employees arrived at the school wearing construction hats and carried balloons. Beardslee's faculty and staff were elated to hear they would soon have a new break room.

Foothill staff along with Jeff Fry of C.E. Fry Construction met with the school's staff to find out their wants and needs for the project. The room, which doubled as a work room was cluttered with copy machines, cubby boxes and work tables. The staff really wanted the room to be a place they could go and relax while eating their lunch.

FFCU specializes in serving local school district and hospital employees. The credit union strives to exceed its member's expectations.

Several Foothill employees regularly volunteer to participate in community events. With a

zest for serving schools within the credit union's field of membership, Foothill Federal Credit

Union has become a recognized organization within the community.

- BEFORE -



- AFTER -





Pony League So Cal Stars do it again

PICTURED FRONT ROW from left: Jeffrey Daily, Sammy Rodriguez, Logan Barnier, Sennet Schultz, and Tommy Clark. Back row – Manager David Young, Pitching Coach and Kiwanis member Stafford Barker, Duarte Kiwanis President Tina Carey, and Administrator and Assistant Coach Tosh Clark.

The Duarte Kiwanis Club was honored by a visit from our local Pony League Team the So Cal Stars. Administrator, Tosh Clark has been a favorite of the club with his message of service and leadership as well as good grades. The So Cal Stars competed in their leagues World Series recently in San Diego – and won! The additional wonderful news for Kiwanis was that all the boys on the team are carrying a B+ or better average in school!

The Duarte Kiwanis Club has lunch meetings the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month at Westminster Gardens. For further information on speaking or joining the club, contact Dr. Diane Hernandez at drdiane@drhernandezoptometry.com.

Royal Oaks PTA September Cancer Awareness Fundraiser

The Royal Oaks PTA is selling t-shirts and ladies v-neck t-shirts to raise cancer awareness in Duarte. All proceeds will go to the City of Hope.

Orders are being taken during the month of September by Royal Oaks PTA members; at the Royal Oaks School office, 2499 Royal Oaks Dr., Duarte; and at the Duarte Chamber of Commerce office, 1634 Third St., Duarte. The shirts will be available in early October.

The two shirt styles come in two colors, black and pink. Sizes range from small youth to 4XL and range in price from \$10 to



\$16.

For more information contact Kim Clark at Royal Oaks School, (626) 599-5400.

Halloween Howl

Duarte Recreation is hosting the Halloween Howl at Royal Oaks Park, 2627 Royal Oaks Drive, from 6-9 p.m. on Oct. 31. This fun alternative to trick or treating is designed for children 12 years old and younger.

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Duarte Teen Center

The Duarte Teen Center is located at 1400 Buena Vista Street in Duarte. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Holiday and special event hours are subject to change.

All Duarte teens' grades 9 through 12 with school ID are welcome. For more information, please call (626) 303-0863.

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES!

Hip Hop Dance Class

Date: Mondays and Wednesdays, September 9 – 25

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Monday Night Football!

Come out and play some fun flag football! Cost is \$7. Starts September 16 – October 21 from 4 – 5:30 p.m.

NAACP Youth Council Unity March

Date: Saturday, October 12

Time: 9 a.m.

The NAACP Youth Council will host a Unity March and rally to promote peace and unity in the

community, the event will host food vendors, and inspirational speakers.

TEEN CULTURAL AWARENESS

This free activity-based training is designed for youth ages 14-18. Participants will explore cultural differences, discuss respecting and honoring diversity, and examine personal attitudes in regards to intolerance. Call the Teen Center for more information. Wednesday, October 16 from 3:30 – 6 p.m.

Turkey Shoot Contest!

Come and "wet" the hoop in the Turkey Shoot Contest! Each contestant will get 1 minute to shoot as many 3-point shots for a total score, and top winners will receive turkeys to take home to their families for Thanksgiving. Come and get ya hoop on! Thursday, November 21 at 3:30 p.m. Free!

TEEN EXCURSION

On Friday, October 25 the Teen Center will take a trip to Six Flags Magic Mountain – Halloween Frightfest! Plenty of ghost and thrill rides. Get your scream on! The trip departs at 4 p.m. and returns at 12 a.m. to the Duarte Teen Center. Fee is \$34

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

Birthday Tuesdays – On the first Tuesday of each month the Teen Center celebrates the birthdays of all registered teens. Come and enjoy cake for all!

Boys Night Out! – Come join our new club just for guys! Fun trips, group discussions, sports and much more! This program is for high school to 20-year old guys. The group will meet Wednesdays, September 11 & 25, October 9 & 23, November 6 & 20 at 3:30 p.m.

Drama Club – The drama

club meets once a week on Fridays from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. Club members will participate in poetry jams, oratory, skits, and improvisation. Membership fee is \$5 every 6 months.

Nutrition/Cooking Class – Teen can learn to make quick and easy nutritious meals, while having fun with friends. Class meets once a week on Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. Fee is \$2 per class.

Girls Night Out – This free program is for teen girls grades 9-12. Discuss various topics ranging from peer pressure, goals, self esteem, relationships and much more. The group will meet Tuesdays, September 17, October 15 & 29, and November 12 & 26 from 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM

Join the fun and excitement with Duarte Boxing Program at the Duarte Teen Center! Boys and girls ages 8-18 years old are welcome. Participants learn all of the fundamentals of boxing and get in incredible shape!

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The Duarte Teen Center Gym is open Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is a \$10 monthly fee for each participant. Non-residents are welcome for \$20 per month. Register at the Duarte Teen Center.

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A smart back to school start for DUSD Nextdoor

Students attending Duarte Unified School District started the 2013-2014 academic year on Monday, August 26.

“Our faculty and staff have been eagerly preparing for the arrival of our students, and it is sure to be an exciting year full of new learning opportunities. We will be expanding existing programs and launching new ones to provide our future ‘Shoulder-Tapped Graduates’ the means to achieve success in the 21st Century with a focus on global, digital and cultural fluency,” states Superintendent Terry Nichols.

Among the most significant additions to Duarte Unified this year is the revitalization of the district’s music education program at the elementary level. Both instrumental and choral instruction will be added for students in grades K-6, which was made possible in large part by the fundraising efforts of the newly established “Music Matters” program.

In addition, expansion of technology is also a priority. Resources provided by Measure E will be utilized to ensure that every Duarte Unified student has access to a personal computer or digital device to enhance their learning and help them compete at the global level.

Common Core Standards have been incorporated district-wide and will be implemented this year along with the 21st Century Learning Skills needed to prepare our students for college and career.

An innovative community mentor program referred to as S.T.E.P. (Shoulder-Tapped Empowered Protégé) has been created with the assistance of DUSD School Board Member, Ken Bell. This program offers students a support network comprised of over 40 community volunteers from varied professional, service and leadership backgrounds.

S.T.E.P., started originally at Northview Intermediate as the “Yes We Can” event, is expected to grow to include over 300 volunteer mentors and touch the lives of numerous students in the next 3 years.

DUSD has also forged a partnership with Foothill Unity Center to provide medical, dental, vision and mental health services for many of our students and community members who are in need of health care assistance.

We are also very proud to share that, as of September 1, 2013, Maxwell Elementary is a candidate school for the *Primary Years Programme* and is pursuing authorization to become an International Baccalaureate World School.

“All of these notable additions to our current district offerings will complement the stellar programs and teaching practices already in place at DUSD. I am thrilled by the possibilities and opportunities awaiting our students this year,” said Superintendent Terry Nichols.

The district and school offices are now open during regular operating hours. Staff members are available to provide assistance to parents and students prior to the first day of school with information about start and dismissal times, registration, bus transportation, and vaccination requirements.

School sites will be hosting a variety of events this week to welcome students back to campus including ice cream socials and pancake breakfasts. For further information about the activities

taking place at your school, visit the DUSD website www.duarteusd.org.

“We are asking our families to help us start the year off right and make the back to school transition as smooth as possible by arriving

on time and ready to learn. With parents and community members working together alongside our excellent DUSD certificated and classified personnel, I am confident that this will be another very successful school year.”

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membership contest now through Dec. 31. Neighborhoods that increase membership by an aggressive set target based on current membership will be eligible for a drawing to win a \$500 block party grand prize. The top inviter in each neighborhood will

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Campus safety: maintaining a safe environment for college success

By Dr. Edward C. Ortell
Citrus College Governing Board Member

As part of the college mission, providing a safe, accessible learning environment has long been a top priority for Citrus College. The importance of campus safety and how it relates to the larger community has recently been highlighted in national news stories, including a major incident that occurred at Santa Monica College. Emergency preparedness is now, and will continue to be a viable part of standard operations at Citrus College.

Citrus College has had an emergency plan in place for many years. The development of the current plan, which complies with state and federal guidelines, became a college goal in 2008-2009, following the 2008 Chino Hills earthquake. That earthquake, which registered a magnitude of 5.5 and was felt from San Diego to Las Vegas, prompted the college to examine its existing plan for responding to emergencies.

Under the leadership of Superintendent/President Geraldine M.



DR. EDWARD C. ORTELL

Perri, the college contracted with West Coast Consulting Group, a San Diego-based company specializing in community college emergency operations planning and training, to develop a new plan and provide the necessary training for college staff. Since the company began working with the college in 2008, West Coast Consulting Group has provided numerous hours of intensive training to Citrus College administrators, faculty and staff. I am pleased to note that in 2010, the

California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office commended Citrus College for creating and implementing an Emergency Operations Plan that is compliant with National Incident Management System (NIMS) and state Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) requirements.

Since 2008, the college community has maintained its strong commitment to emergency preparedness by participating in on-going professional development training. The Citrus College Board of Trustees also participated by attending emergency preparedness training tailored to community college trustees. My fellow board members and I understand that the institution's ability to respond effectively to an emergency will result in the safety of students, faculty, staff and guests; ensure that the educational process continues; and mitigate property damage and loss. Because of the planning and training that has been done, the college will be able to recover from an emergency quickly and resume our work of supporting student completion and success.

In addition to the college's work with West Coast Consulting Group, Citrus College has put systems in place to deal the practical side of college emergencies. "Citrus Alert," an emergency notification system where students, faculty and staff can receive voice mail, e-mail and text messages informing them of emergency situations on campus, including evacuations and college closures, has been used successfully in actual emergency situations. At the beginning of each semester or session, and as part of enrollment and registration, students are encouraged to

Community Service Recognition Award online nomination form at www.DuarteChamber.com

The 2013 Duarte Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and Community Service Recognition Awards will be held Wed., Nov. 27, at 7 a.m., at the City of Hope. The online Nomination Form for the Community Service Awards is available at www.DuarteChamber.com.

submit their contact information to Citrus Alert and to familiarize themselves with the college's emergency response and safety policies, which are posted on the college's website.

In the event of a major disaster that would necessitate campus closure, such as an influenza epidemic, courses can be taught through Citrus College's online course management system, Blackboard. The college also participates in the annual "Great California Shake Out" and conducts fire drills several times a year. As part of their work to promote personal safety, the Campus Safety Department provides 24-hour services that include vehicle jump-starts, vehicle unlocks, and safety escorts.

On the first day of the 2013 spring semester, Citrus College had cause to activate our emergency procedures in response to a report of a suspicious person on campus. As the result of extensive planning and training, the college's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) team worked effectively with local law enforcement to resolve the matter successfully. Following the incident, West Coast Consulting Group provided the EOC team with a special training session on responding to an "active shooter" emergency, should the need ever arise.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, I appreciate the excellent, comprehensive work that has been done to safeguard the college and protect the public in the area of campus safety and emergency preparedness. As Citrus College continues its efforts to be a College of Completion, it must maintain a safe environment that is conducive to learning and academic success, while ensuring the safety of students, staff, and members of the community.

ber.com. It needs to be submitted by noon Thurs., Oct. 31.

Awards will be presented in the categories listed below. Duarte residents and business persons are encouraged to submit a nomination in one or more of the categories.

The Duarte Chamber of Commerce judging committee will review the submissions and select the winner of each award. Winners are expected to be announced by Nov. 7.

Outstanding Youth Award – An award given to Duarte youth who provide the community with voluntary services, school leadership and demonstrate scholastic achievement.

Outstanding Service To Youth Award – An award given to someone who has dedicated them self to helping the youth of our community.

Outstanding Civic Service Award – An award given to the individual who has been consistently active in the fabric of civic service and/or government affairs for the betterment of Duarte.

Outstanding Humanitarian Award – An award given to that individual who has given of them self unselfishly in the area of humanitarian efforts.

Outstanding Service To Senior Citizens/Disabled Award – An award presented to someone who has dedicated them self to assisting the senior and/or disabled population of Duarte.

Outstanding Business Person Service Award – An award presented to a business person who has given of them self and their resources to aid the improvement of Duarte.

Nominees are being sought in all age levels and from all facets of the Duarte business, education, residential and public service communities. All information must be complete. Any incomplete nomination form will not be considered by the judging committee. Submitting a different entry in each category is permitted.

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Route 66 Blanket Exhibit debuts at Duarte Historical Museum



UNIQUE AND CUSTOM MADE blankets depicting scenes along Route 66 are on display at the Duarte Historical Museum. The collection is on loan from Jennie Avila, long-time Azusa resident, founding member of the California Route 66 Association, and curator of the Azusa Historical Museum.

Photo by Claudia Heller

Jennie Avila has Route 66 covered in more ways than one! As a founding member and past president of the California Route 66 Association and present curator of the Azusa Historical Society, she has promoted the Mother Road for many years. During September, Avila will display her collection of Route 66 blankets at the Duarte Historical Museum, 777 Encanto Parkway, Duarte.

One custom blanket, commissioned by the City of Azusa and the Golden Days Committee to raise funds, depicts scenes of Azusa's stretch of Route 66, and was presented to her by Danny Castro, also past president of the California Route 66 As-

sociation. Another blanket in the exhibit was presented to Avila when she served as the grand marshal in San Bernardino's 2012 Route 66 parade. All of her blankets contain scenes of Route 66 icons. Her exhibit coincides with Duarte's Route 66 parade month.

Avila, past Azusa City Council member, was born and raised in Azusa and remains an active volunteer in town. Her blankets will be on display through October. The museum is open Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and the first and third Wednesday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call (626) 357-9419.

Youth Sports

The Duarte Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registration for Youth Flag Football and Youth Volleyball leagues. This 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. Teams will be formed at Beardslee Park, Royal Oaks Park, Northview Park, Otis Gordon Sports Park and Valley View Elementary School. The fee is \$30 per child and includes a Jersey Top. The programs are open to boys and girls children born 1999-2005 and in a grade no higher than 8th. Register now at your local supervised playground or at Duarte City Hall. Practices will begin the week of September 16. For more information please call (626) 357-7931.



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



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OPEN ENROLLMENT
 2 years old until entry to 1st grade
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DUARTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

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(626) 357-3333 • info@duartechamber.com

Interested in getting your business known the easy way?

Duarte Chamber Ambassadors joined many chambers in the SG Valley at an Ambassador Rally in August to learn about Ambassador programs and benefits of being an Ambassador. **Talk about networking!** That's the way to make things happen.



Duarte Ambassador attendees (pictured right) were: **Nadine Schmidt, NRS Design Studio; Carol Haynes, Trilogy Financial Services; Rona Lunde, Jan's Towing; Diana Burckhard, Duarte Chamber; and Pat Miller, New York Life**

- It's easy to network. Give us a call about the joining the Duarte Chamber Ambassadors (626) 357-3333 -

See you at the Chamber's GREAT Networking Events!



Chamber Networking Events

September 17 – 7-8:30 am
NETWORK BREAKFAST
Come meet new members and network your business!
at California Skewers Restaurant
1845 Huntington Dr., Duarte
Meets third Tuesday of the month, does not meet in December

September 19 – 5:30-7:30 pm
MEGA CHAMBER MIXER
at AmericanWest Bank
1801 Huntington Dr., Duarte
Enjoy food, beverages and great conversation with other local business leaders.

September 24 – 12-1 pm
LADIES BROWN BAG NETWORK LUNCH
at Duarte Library / Hosted by Friends of the Duarte Library
1301 Buena Vista St., Duarte
Meets last Tuesday of the month, does not meet in December

Make your reservations through the online calendar at www.duartechamber.com or call (626) 357-3333

Duarte High School Seniors Want to Connect With Business Partners

If you would like to help, we invite you to share your expertise. It only takes a minimum of 1-2 hour time investment.

The Capstone Senior Project involves... Developing an extensive research paper, creating a fieldwork based portfolio, and providing a descriptive presentation, all delivered to a panel of Duarte Unified School District staff and Duarte community members by Duarte High School seniors.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to make a positive impact and an enriching difference in the life of a high school senior.

- *Job Shadowing Opportunities
- *Interviews with business people
- *Information about careers

If you can help or want additional information
Contact Robin Nelson
Duarte High School Principal
(626) 599-5701
nelson@duarteusd.org

Or the Duarte Chamber of Commerce at (626) 357-3333

Simplifying Small Business Success

November 13, 2013

"The Role Human Resources Plays in Your Success"

Time : 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Lunch will be provided

Where: Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Dr., Duarte

R.S.V.P via email to Diana Burckhard: Diana@duartechamber.com or register online at www.duartechamber.com, or by calling 626.357.3333

Limited Space

Presented by:
Duarte Chamber of Commerce
City of Duarte Economic Development Commission
Foothill Workforce Investment Board

Duarte Chamber Members: Free Member Workshop!

Learn how to complete and optimize your Membership Traffic Catcher Promotional Page!

Wed., September 25 11:30 am– 1 pm
At the Duarte Chamber office 1634 Third St.,
Reservations required (626) 357-3333

Small Business Development Center "NEW CLIENT ORIENTATION"

September 26 10-11:30 am
at Duarte City Hall, 1600 Huntington Dr., Duarte
Reservations required - call 866-301-9989
www.pcrsbdc.org

How does anyone know you're there?

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will be held on
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at the Chamber office. Please RSVP

Heart of the South
May 2014
\$1,499 (members pp dbl occ) (land only)

Contact the Duarte Chamber
(626) 357-3333

Starting a business or already have a business but don't have a Website Domain Name?

Call the Duarte Chamber
It's FREE with your membership!
We're here to help!

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