



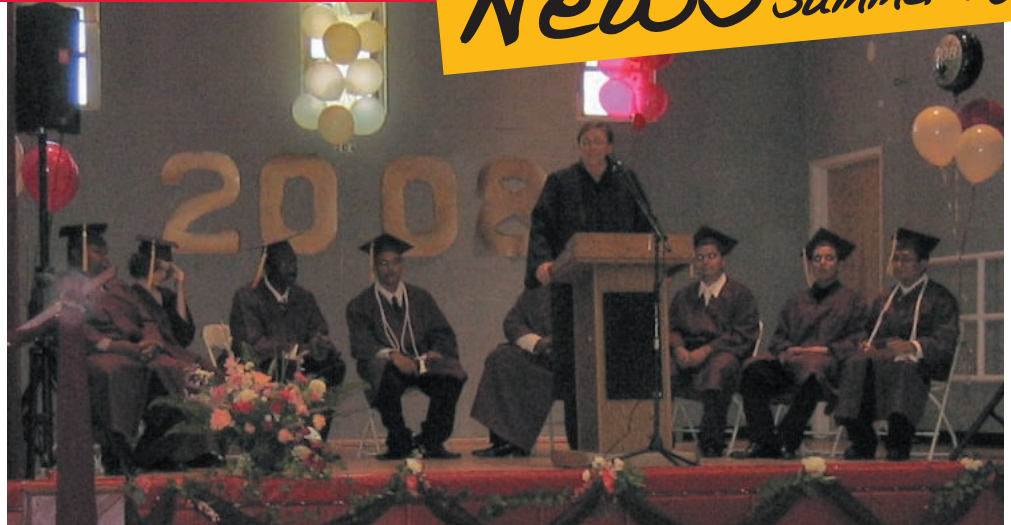
The heartbeat

News Summer 2008

THE LEROY HAYNES CENTER

Founded in 1946, the LeRoy Haynes Center has grown from a small operation serving just a handful of children into one of the largest and most comprehensive non-profit organizations of its kind in California dedicated to helping children with special needs relating to emotional development, autism, Asperger's Disorder, learning disabilities, abuse, neglect and abandonment. LeRoy Haynes' therapeutic, residential, and special education programs are inspired by its belief that all children when given love, support, education, guidance and structure can reach their individual success.

During the past year alone, LeRoy Haynes Center has served over 400 young people and their families and the demand for its programs continues to grow dramatically each year. At the heart of the effort are over 200 professional staff, the Board of Directors, governmental colleagues, philanthropic friends, parents, and volunteers—all of whom have created a very special partnership of caring. LeRoy Haynes looks forward to opening the doors of opportunity to many more children in the years ahead.



Celebration

For many LeRoy Haynes Center seniors, Graduation Day celebrated the successful end of a journey filled with academic, emotional and behavioral challenges. This year 11 seniors received their diplomas or certificates of completion after years of hard work and dedication. This year's graduation was extra special as the first female graduate in the history of LeRoy Haynes participated in the ceremony, Julie S.

As the diplomas were awarded, the school directors expounded on each graduate's abilities and strengths. The parents and loved ones in the audience cheered wildly for each graduate as they walked to the stage. It was a joyous and emotional opportunity for graduates to each address the audience.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2008

Keynote speaker and Co-Director of School Programs Amy DeLoera emphasized the importance of having "passion." You must have passion for your family, for your job, for your hobby and for your future. "Being passionate about something gives you

focus and delight, energy and zest for living. Love the journey and enjoy each step. And always remember, all of us at LeRoy's love you and are so proud of you.

Over the months and years you have heard us all say be fair, strive for excellence, manage your time well, be good to each other, show respect for others and have good manners because they are cornerstones of life. You will now be in charge of your lives and the lessons and guidance we have given you should hold you in good stead," said DeLoera.

DeLoera thanked the parents of the graduates for giving staff such terrific young people with whom to work. Appreciation was extended to the 14 school districts for having the trust and confidence in LeRoy Haynes education programs and for allowing staff the privilege to educate these children. The ceremony concluded with students being urged to continue to learn, to be curious, to develop new passions and to take "responsibility" for their successes and failures.

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2008 – Adrian, Alberto, Alex, Clinton, David, James G., James H. Julian, Julie, Nicolas and Casey.



“Special ed” teacher Amy Benson named Teacher of the Year

Amy Benson, a special education teacher who helped establish the LeRoy Haynes Center School of Autism she now heads, has been named this year’s Haynes Education Center Teacher of the Year. Benson has taught for the past five years, the last three at the Haynes Education Center, and has served in her dual role in administration as Director of the School of Autism for the past year. Despite the rapid growth of the school, she said it is important to maintain a quality program with a small staff-to-student ratio using what she termed “an eclectic approach to teaching. . . (that is) tailored to individual needs.”



Her staff currently includes a teacher’s aide and six “one-on-one” aides to work directly with the students. Benson, who was selected Teacher of the Year by staff and administration at LeRoy Haynes, recently was recognized along with Teachers of the Year from 12 public

and private schools throughout the area at the Sixth Annual La Verne Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet. La Verne Mayor Jon Blickenstaff served as Master of Ceremonies at the event at the Sierra La Verne Country Club. The School of Autism serves students from area public and private schools that are unable to serve the students’ specific needs in areas ranging from speech therapy and occupational therapy to adaptive physical education. “Early intervention is the key to dealing successfully with autism, so a lot more parents are aware of it,” Benson said, adding that doctors today are diagnosing autism in children as young as 3 years old.

Haynes Education Center Co-Director Cecilia Schumm said Benson has done “such an outstanding job.” “She just went at it with all kinds of enthusiasm,” Schumm said. Amy DeLoera, also Co-Director of the Center, said Benson has done a “remarkable job.” “We started our school with a few students and our growth has increased throughout the year,” she said. “Amy provides weekly tours to parents and school district representatives who are always impressed with our school and teaching philosophies.” She added that the Center is already considering expanding the school in an effort to continue to meet the needs of a growing population.



President’s Message

Graduation time each year is a special time for families everywhere but at the Haynes Education Center, graduation day is even more significant.

The entire staff at LeRoy Haynes Center was proud of each and every student

in our 11-member graduating class in June – including Julie, our first ever female to graduate from the Haynes Education Center’s year-old School of Autism.

Julie, whose graduation at the age of 19 capped a 12-year success story since she was diagnosed with high-function autism and obsessive-compulsive disorder, was really a success story in which we all shared – not only with Julie but with her entire family.

But in reality, there is a success story associated with each of our 11 graduates and we are proud of each of them as they move on to the next chapter in their lives.

Amy DeLoera, Co-Director of the Haynes Education Center, said it best in her charge to the graduates that graduation is bitter-sweet but that for the graduates it was “time for you to move on.”

It is success stories like these that keep the wheels turning at LeRoy Haynes Center and, at the same time, that make our work here so rewarding.

For example, we just completed our annual 5K Walk and Car Show in La Verne, again this year an overwhelming success – I understand it was our biggest year ever – thanks to our many friends and supporters.

Our events each year are wonderful, but it is really the people at LeRoy Haynes Center who make the programs what they are. One of those people deserving of a special mention is Amy Benson, our special education teacher who helped create the School of Autism and is directing that program today. Amy was named Teacher of the Year this year. She was selected by staff and administrators at LeRoy Haynes Center.

Very frankly, and we are hearing this more and more, the excellent work at the Haynes Education Center is no longer on the “best kept secrets” list – educators in the community and a wide variety of officials at outside agencies of all types are hearing so many good things about the work of our teachers and administrators.

Of course, people in all walks of life appreciate recognition for their work. But our real pay-back comes in the form of seeing positive results in the lives of the children we serve – something that seems to particularly tug at our heartstrings each year right around graduation time.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our annual Gala Dinner in November!

Daniel Maydeck
President/Chief Executive Officer

Walk and Car Show held on June 21, 2008

Dozens of supporters of the LeRoy Haynes Center from throughout the San Gabriel Valley and the Inland Empire participated in the annual 5K Walk and Car Show in June to benefit child abuse prevention and other programs for the children at LeRoy Haynes.

Awards were given to the youngest walker, Brooke Lin Dahlem, 9 months old, the oldest walker was 95-year-old Robert Taylor, and a 1933 Ford Woody owned by Rocky Nash won the 2008 "Best of Show."

Don Polifka, a 73-year-old resident of Claremont, was out checking the vintage cars on display along with many other community residents. Barbie the Clown was a hit with both children and adults. Entertainment was provided by the band

"The Razors," the DJ sounds were provided by N-Musik Mobile, DJ Lee LaMarche, and Master of Ceremonies was Joe Fransen of Awards by Champion.

The LeRoy Haynes Center acknowledges the City of La Verne, the Old Town Merchants, University of La Verne, Committee Members, Co-Chairmen Connie LaMarche and Arun Tolia, car owners and the following sponsors for donating their time and resources to benefit the children at LeRoy's.



Here is the youngest walker, Brooke Lin, 9 months old.

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11TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, August 25, 2008
At Red Hill Country Club

The Annual LeRoy Haynes Golf Classic has become one of our most successful fundraising events, raising over \$100,000 each year for the children of LeRoy Haynes.

The 2008 event was chaired once again by Bob Dier, a long-time friend of LeRoy Haynes Center and all around good guy. This year the field was filled with celebrities including former Rams defensive end Reggie Doss, retired Denver Nuggets point guard Robert Smith, retired Houston Rockets guard Ed Ratleff, former Dodgers outfielder Kenny Landreaux, retired New Jersey Nets guard Darwin Cook, Atlanta Hawks retired player/coach Larry Drew and Sacramento Kings Head Coach Reggie Theus.

Contact LeRoy Haynes Center if you would like to participate in next year's tournament.



PLANNING AHEAD

WAYS TO HELP

LeRoy Haynes relies on charitable gifts to reach annual goals for all of its programs. While we receive funds from Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, school districts and the State Department of Mental Health, these payments do not adequately cover the entire cost of services we provide. When you are making your year-end charitable giving decisions, consider ways you might help LeRoy Haynes reach this goal today and in the future.

MAKE A CASH GIFT

Did you know that if you itemize your tax return, a gift to LeRoy Haynes is fully tax-deductible and will provide you with savings in taxes? For example if you are in the 33 percent tax bracket, a gift of \$1,000 could save you \$330 in taxes this year.

DONATE APPRECIATED STOCK OR MUTUAL FUNDS

Current federal law allows you to take an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of securities you have owned more than one year. You may take deductions of securities for up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income. As an added bonus, capital gains tax will be completely avoided on these assets.

INCLUDE LEROY HAYNES CENTER IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST

A bequest gift enables you to make a significant commitment to LeRoy Haynes Center ensuring the organization's continued operation in years to come. You can leave a set dollar amount or a particular asset such as securities, real estate or a valuable collectible. Or you can designate LeRoy Haynes Center as a beneficiary of a percentage, or all, of your residuary estate after specific bequests are made to family members or friends. Our legal designation is LeRoy Haynes Center, a nonprofit organization located in La Verne, California (Federal Tax ID 95-1506150). Please inform us of your decision to include the Center in your estate plans.

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INFORM family, friends and co-workers about LeRoy Haynes Center, its mission and accomplishments

ORGANIZE a local fundraising event to benefit LeRoy Haynes Center

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If you would like to help in any of these ways please contact:

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ONE SUCCESS AT A TIME

Every child at LeRoy Haynes Center receives the best, most individualized instruction and counseling possible so that they may overcome the challenges that they face. LeRoy Haynes staff believe that students and clients will ultimately succeed if given the right kind of instruction, guidance and therapeutic focus. We are proud to announce that a student of ours, Julie, like so many at LeRoy Haynes, has overcome tall hurdles to become a fantastic success.

On June 13, 2008 Julie Marie Stride, 19, donned her cap and gown and received her diploma during commencement exercises at the Haynes Education Center graduation ceremonies. Julie was the first female to graduate from the educational program for autistic children and was one of eleven students who graduated from the Haynes Education Program this year.

Julie has attended the school program for 4 years. Julie was diagnosed with both high-function autism and obsessive-compulsive disorder, initially attending public school followed by a period of home schooling before her referral to LeRoy Haynes Center by Azusa Unified School District. Laura LoPiccolo, Coordinator for Special Education at Azusa Unified, said that she sees LeRoy Haynes as "a great resource for our students." "I really feel that the team (at LeRoy Haynes) truly has the students' best interests in mind," LoPiccolo said.



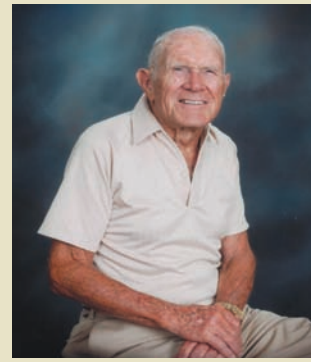
Julie has come a long way since she first stepped onto the LeRoy Haynes campus and is truly an example of accomplishment and success. Julie plans to remain at LeRoy Haynes Center for another year in a community based transitional program in which she will learn living skills such as: how to take the bus, how to do laundry, how to write checks and maintain a bank account, and other day-to-day living skills.

We congratulate Julie!

In Memoriam

Eric Burton 1915 – 2007

Burton Cottage located on the campus of Leroy Haynes Center bears the name Burton in honor of Eric Burton who was a major supporter of the Center and was especially interested in providing a safe, comfortable and caring environment for the children served by our Therapeutic Residential program. Mr. Burton was a true friend of our children and he leaves behind a legacy that will impact the lives of children for years to come.



I graduated from the USC School of Social Work and for many years worked for two different Regional Centers for the Developmentally Disabled.

Eric and Lydia enjoyed traveling and for several years right after tax season they took a major trip. My

father enjoyed anything related to the beach/ocean. He was a member of the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club and for years owned with three other friends a 32-foot Mariner sailboat. He also enjoyed playing golf and for many years was a member of the Hacienda Golf Club which he joined in 1948.

He was very active in the Kiwanis Club in Whittier and in Newport Beach. He was also active in Kiwanis Club state leadership when he was a member in the Whittier Club.

My father started a running program in his 50s and jogged around Balboa Island almost every day. Even in his late 80s and early 90s he would try to walk part of the island every day. He won many 5k races within his age group.

He played golf almost every week until late 2006. In the early 1970s my parents bought a home in Rosarito, Mexico and enjoyed going down there for "mini" vacations.

Eric Burton passed away peacefully at his home on December 6, 2007 of gastric cancer.

He had a very full and wonderful life. He enjoyed being with people and helping them as he could. He had a very positive outlook on life and thought the best of everyone.

Highlights from the life of Eric Leslie Burton

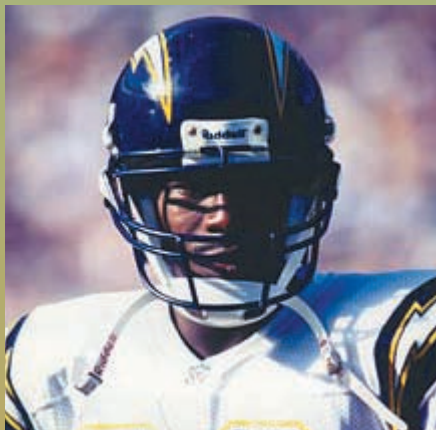
By Janice Marie Oreskovich,
his daughter

Eric Leslie Burton was born on July 8, 1915 in British Columbia, Canada. He was the second youngest of seven children. This was his father's second marriage and he had four sons from the first marriage. Both his parents were born in England. When my father was very young, his father passed away and the family was helped by the four half brothers and my grandmother's brother. When he was around 12, the family moved to the area that is now called Pico Rivera.

He attended Whittier High School where he was on the swim and water polo teams. Later his family moved to the City of Whittier. In the mid-1920s, his uncle built a house on Balboa Island and the family spent many summers on the island.

While he was in high school, he became one of the first Eagle Scouts in Los Angeles County. After high school he attended college and Western Law School and became an attorney and a CPA. During World War II, he was in the U.S. Navy and because of his legal background was assigned to the Navy base in San Diego helping sailors with their legal needs. After the war he worked for a CPA and then opened his own law office in Whittier where he specialized in tax and probate law. He married my mother, Lydia Ballman, in 1938 and had two children, David Eric and Janice Marie. David became an attorney and joined my father's firm when he graduated from law school.





Mark Seay, Retired NFL Player, visits LeRoy Haynes Center

Mark Seay visited the LeRoy Haynes Center in May to share his inspirational story with the boys, telling them that they are responsible for every decision they make. He encouraged them to get an education because it will help them achieve their future goals.

Mark Seay is a true hero, he was literally, gunned-down in the prime of his life, yet he refused to let go of his football dreams. Mark bounced back and eventually played in the Super Bowl – with a bullet still lodged in his body, only three inches from his heart. Today Mark works for Stater Brothers Markets who sponsor his visits to local schools as a motivational speaker.



Reginald "Reggie" Webb and his wife Rene of Upland, both long active in the community, will be guests of honor on Nov. 1, at the annual LeRoy Haynes Center Gala Dinner at Sheraton Suites Fairplex in Pomona.

Reggie Webb, who owns 11 McDonald's restaurants in Southern California, has been affiliated with McDonald's for 35 years and has served as Chairman of the National Leadership Council.

He serves on the board of directors of both Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center and the Los Angeles County Fair Association, and has served on the board of Ronald McDonald's Children's Charities.

René Webb is a member of the Pomona/Claremont chapter of Soroptimist International, on the board of Alpha Kappa Alpha, active in Faith Community Church in West Covina, and active in fundraising for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. She is involved in mentoring teen girls and encouraging continuing education.

Continuing in the Webb tradition, the couple's daughter, Kiana, became an owner/operator of a McDonald's franchise in 2005. Their son, Karim, is a real estate broker and their son, Kyle, is a junior majoring in business at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

The annual "black tie optional" event will recognize the Webbs for their contributions to the community and their past support of the children of the LeRoy Haynes Center. In 2004, Webb was honored with the McDonald's 365 Black Award which recognizes achievements by selected individuals who have made an impact over the course of a year.

Reggie and René are true children's heroes and we encourage you to join us in honoring two very special people and by doing so helping our children.

Alfrieda Nardulli 1916-2008

Alfrieda Nardulli was a lady with great spiritual beliefs and she loved the children at LeRoy Haynes Center and supported many other worthy causes in her community.



Winning Student Essay shared by Norton House teacher Jim Satchwill for an essay contest sponsored by the Los Angeles Times. Students in grades 7 through 12 were asked to write on the topic of baseball and health in 500 words or less. Winning entries that went on to win the Grand Prize were published in a recognition advertisement in the Los Angeles Times and each first-place winner's teacher won a \$100 honorarium. All first-place winners received on-field recognition at an L.A. Dodgers game.

Topic/Question: To be a professional athlete, it takes a lot of hard work, a good diet, exercise and staying away from bad habits like smoking. Without a commitment to a healthy, active lifestyle, Dodger superstars like Jeff Kent and Nomar Garciaparra wouldn't be where they are today. How is this important in the quality of your life and the achievement of your goals?

Baseball & Health

Jeremy R. received the first place award for his grade level.



A healthy and active lifestyle is important to the quality of my life and the achievement of my goals as it allows me to live longer and participate in activities I enjoy. It also strengthens my immune system and lowers my chance of disease. My goal in life is to be successful in my endeavors. I play sports with my friends. I also participate in P.E. at my school. I'm taking a biology class right now so I'm learning how staying healthy is important. I make sure to stay healthy and in shape because I know it avails me greatly. If I didn't play sports or eat healthy I would likely become overweight and unhealthy. Although my chances of becoming a professional athlete are slim (I know this because my teacher did a probability exercise demonstrating this to get me to focus on "academics!"), a healthy life is essential to me overcoming the odds.

Statistics show that overweight people are more likely to suffer heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses. They also have a shorter life span. According to the American Heart Association, in 2006, about 136 million U.S. adults were overweight or obese and 25 million children were overweight or at risk of becoming so. Smoking



Student Jeremy R. and Teacher Jim Satchwill

can damage your body and lifestyle immensely. When you smoke, you're at risk for cancer. Smoking can also cause gum disease, tooth decay and bad breath. When you smoke, the smoke you inhale goes down your airways. Hydrogen cyanide, with other dangerous chemicals damages the lining of the bronchi, inflaming them and causing the so-called "smokers cough." It affects the heart by blocking oxygen with CO2 that you inhale. Less oxygen means wastes and unwanted deposits in the artery walls. All this leads to a high risk of heart attacks. It seems to me that not smoking is a "grand slam" decision. If more adults were in shape and living a healthy lifestyle, it's likely that fewer kids would be overweight. Most kids are impressionable, and follow examples set by their parents. Unhealthy parents are more likely to raise unhealthy kids. All it takes is a good role model for kids to follow, and they'll likely grow up to be healthy, active and fit — much the same way Dodger players reflect the attitude and examples of their manager Joe Torre. It's easy to stay in shape. Walking or jogging, doing sit-ups or push-ups and eating right really help. If the kids have a good role model, and grow up and live healthy they could, and may very well, become a good model for their kids. Hopefully, this will start a chain reaction and lead to an extremely healthy family lineage. In short, my commitment to living a healthy and active lifestyle was instilled in me by my parents (much the same way a Dodger fan is created) and through my education. By living healthy, I know that I have better odds at being successful, living a quality life and achieving my goals.



Reggie Theus, Larry Drew and Mark Hobson

Basketball Camp

Basketball camp at LeRoy Haynes was hosted by Larry Drew, NBA coach of the Atlanta Hawks, and Tom Hobson of Nothin But Net Basketball.

Tom Hobson, a member of the LeRoy Haynes Center Board, said the camp hosted more than two dozen players who were treated to one of the best skill training and development camps he has seen.

"Larry and his staff also reinforced many of the core values and life skills that we foster as parents," Hobson said. "Larry was hands-on both days and the feedback from the parents and players was exceptional."

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