Temple City’s Jing Li Best Supporting Actor at Golden Angel Awards

Actor/stunt director Jing Li, head coach and owner of Wushu Action Star Academy (WASA) in Temple City, was named Best Supporting Actor for her role as Lola in the film “Angels Fallen” at the 15th Chinese American Film Festival (CAFF) opening ceremony held at the Saban Theater in Beverly Hills. The feature film, which also stars Michael Madsen (Reservoir Dogs, Kill Bill Vols. 1 & 2), is about a team of demon slayers traveling from relative obscurity in America to the deep unknown regions of Europe. Ms. Li and WASA were recently named outstanding Small Business by the Temple City Chamber of Commerce at its 2019 Annual Awards Gala in October.

“The Chinese American Film Festival and the Chinese American TV Festival are dedicated to planting the evergreens of China-U.S. cultural mutual understanding and dialogue,” said James Su, chairman of CAFF and CATF and president of Edi Media Inc.

In his speech at the opening ceremony, “After 15 years of hard work, with the support of friends from China and the United States, I hope that the sapling of this humanitarian exchange can thrive and become a towering tree calling for friendship and peace,” he said.

“China and the United States are both big countries in film and TV industries, said Zhang Ping, consul general of China in Los Angeles, as he underscored how the event has become an important platform for exchange and cooperation between the film and TV industries of China and the United States.

A total of 10 films won Golden Angel Award at the event, including “The Wandering Earth,” “The Climbers,” and “The Composer.”

Chinese box office hit “The Captain” won the top prize of the night, the Best Supporting Actor award. The film was directed by Yang Zihan, who also plays the lead role as the Captain of a cargo ship.

Temple City Chamber celebrates grand opening of new office by City Park

Congresswoman Judy Chu joined Temple City Mayor or Pro Tem Tom Chavez and fellow City Councilmembers Cynthia Sternquist and Vincent Yu to commemorate the Chamber’s new office at 5938 Kaufman Ave.

Mayor Nanette Fish and Councilmember William Man, who serves as the City Council liaison to the Chamber, were unable to attend due to their being out of the country.

“Today marks a new era for the Chamber,” said Temple City Chamber President Peter Choi in his welcoming remarks. “And we are excited about its next chapter as we continue to grow, evolve, and find new ways to support the business community of the city.”

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More than 150 photos were submitted by 49 local photographers, capturing the diversity of the city’s people, landscapes and events. Each was judged on its representation of Temple City’s composition, creativity, technical quality and overall impression. The following individuals received awards:

- **Age Division: 6-12**
  - 1st Place: "Exercising," Kate Wang
  - 2nd Place: "Red Hour," Alan Liao
  - 3rd Place: "Flower," Kely Wang
  - Honor Mention: "Reading Books," Kate Wang

- **Age Division: 13-17**
  - 1st Place: "Super Woman," Tian Ng
  - 2nd Place: "Rose Donut," Gloria Huang
  - 3rd Place: "TCHS Class of 2019," Madison Hoiby
  - Honor Mention: "Cross Country Victory," Madison Hoiby

- **Age Division: 18+**
  - 1st Place: "Teapot," Yan-Hua Huang
  - 2nd Place: "Silky, Beautiful Waterfall," Bhag Chand Jain
  - 3rd Place: "Flyover," Kenny Chu
  - Honor Mention: "Christmas at First Baptist Church," Ken Stoker

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First place: "Teapot," Yan-Hua Huang in the 18+ age division.

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Temple City’s first photo contest brings out the best from local photographers
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(T-L-R): Ingrid Kuo, owner of Nothing Bundt Cakes, Camellia Festival Executive Director Dawn Tarn, Board member Melissa Demirci (Transtech Engineers), and Board Treasurer Margaret Healy.
Chamber Welcome

Temple City Chamber of Commerce grand opening photos by Stephanie Pizano
Top 10 Santa Wish List

Okay, this is yet another version of the same Christmas column I’ve written for probably the last 20 years. And what’s more traditional than the holidays and the football USC Trojans causing me more anxiety than the California State Board exam redux in my dreams? And it doesn’t seem long ago that Christmas held more wonder than I could handle. And the wonder is still there … when you’re looking for it.

Many tax deductions need to be realized before Dec. 31 of the tax year, not April 15 of the following year, and tax loss harvesting is one of them.

How does it work?

When an investor sells an investment that has lost value, she gains an opportunity to reduce taxes owed in the current year and, possibly, in future years. In general, losses can be used to reduce the taxes owed on:

• Appreciated investments.
• Ordinary income. If there are more losses than gains, extra losses may be used to offset ordinary income up to $3,000 ($1,500 if filing singly) each year.

• Future gains and income. Leftover losses can be deducted from gains/income during the following year.

Choosing a strategy.

• Sell and buy it back. Investors can sell investments for a loss and then buy them back, subject to the wash-sale rule. This stipulates any investor who sells an investment for a loss cannot purchase the same or substantially similar investment within 30 days of the sale.

• Double up and then sell. Since the objective of investing is to buy low and sell high, selling an investment that has lost value may be disadvantageous. If an investor prefers to buy low, he can double up on the investment. After waiting 31 days to avoid wash-sale rules, an investor can sell his original holdings and realize any losses.

Planning ahead: the gift of peace of mind

By Allyson S. Heller

As we know, the holidays are a time for family and friends, when people travel far and wide to be with loved ones. With all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it’s important to plan for the unexpected.

If you were injured in an accident and could no longer make decisions for yourself, who would you want to manage your finances and manage your affairs? Who would make healthcare decisions for you? And if you and your significant other were no longer here, who would you want to take care of your children? What about your pets?

Although it can be unpleasant to think like a kid again, and successfully looks and listens for peace, prosperity, and fulfillment in 2020.
Organizing your home can help you organize your life

The house, workplace, garage, bedroom or any habitat in which you spend your daily activities, reflect your personality.

When talking about organizing and decluttering a living space, the definition and expectations behind it vary depending on the person.

First, ask these questions:
- Am I happy with the organization within my home?
- Can I find needed items right away?
- What is not working for me with this house?

Not only with living spaces but life in general, anything can be improved. So, let’s start with organizing your house.

The key mantra is “let it go,” and this may include parting with items that have sentimental value.

Starting with the furniture:
- Having too many pieces of furniture creates the largest amount of clutter in a house. The house will look larger and more spacious with less furniture.

Also, try not to store items in the garage just because there is available space.

Getting into the closets:
- If you have not worn certain clothes in the last two years, let them go, and donate to someone who can use them.

Organize your wardrobe by seasons by placing summer clothes together and so on; organize them according to activity such as casual, dressy and sporty.

Organizing the food:
- Start with the refrigerator, make sure the food that expires sooner is placed at the very front. Otherwise, it will end up being thrown away.

Move to the pantry and organize it so that you can locate what you need right away.

Changing shopping habits:
- Try not to buy anything that you do not need.

Think about the purchase three times, not two. When buying furniture, remember to first measure the area where you are planning to put the item.

Ideas for organizing your home

- Complimentary consultation
- Same day care opportunities
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Holiday Decorating Contest open to businesses

Calling all businesses: Deck the halls in lights, garland and everything merry for the annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Formally known as the Holiday Home Decorating Contest, businesses are now invited to participate in the fun. Businesses must be decorated by Dec. 10, as judging will take place the evening of Dec. 10-11. No application is necessary to participate in this free event. All winning contestants will receive a lawn sign and be recognized at a City Council Meeting.

For more information regarding the Holiday Decorating Contest, please phone Jennifer Venters, Parks and Recreation Secretary at 626-285-2171 or email jventers@templecity.us.

Merry Christmas from the Temple City Chamber of Commerce

Temple Citians support seventh annual Operation Gobble

Temple City Chamber of Commerce members Cynthia Yanis and Michelle Freridge (second and fifth from left in photo) joined Assemblyman Ed Chau, D-Monterey Park, for the seventh annual Operation Gobble turkey giveaway, Nov. 19, at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse. Workers from the San Gabriel Valley Water Company, California American Water Company and Golden State Water Company loaded the frozen turkeys supplied by Assemblyman Chau’s office into the vehicles of various San Gabriel Valley non-profits for distribution to low-income families in the San Gabriel Valley.

By Jennifer Venters

The U.S. Census: A once-in-a-decade opportunity

By Danie Lee

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The decennial Census is a population count conducted by the U.S. government once every 10 years and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The 2020 Census mission is to “count everybody once, only once, and in the right place.” More than $675 billion are distributed per year based on this once in a decade count.

Funding is provided for critical public programs such as Medicare and Social Security. The annual $675 billion can also go toward repairing roads and infrastructure, funding local schools and libraries, as well as senior centers. The Census results will also determine the number of Congressional House seats per state. Participating in the 2020 Census helps shape the community’s future.

This means absolutely everyone, whether you are a U.S. citizen, non-citizen, young children or currently experiencing homelessness, must be counted. Strict federal law protects census responses. No law enforcement agency can access or use your personal information. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes.

In 2020, the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online and by phone, but you can still respond by mail if you prefer. The questions on the 2020 Census are simple, and the 2020 Census will have expanded language assistance by supporting 12 non-English languages both online and over the phone.

More people are being reached with many thanks to our attending dignitaries, supporters, and raffle donors. For Blue Star Program information, phone Sharron Johnson at 626-285-5852.

The Great American Road Trip

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Managing stress and expectations this holiday season

Everyone has a vision of the perfect holiday, but when reality fails to live up to the dream, stress can result. Don’t forget your mental health is just as important as your physical health. Your local HealthCare Partners-Temple City clinic has provided some tips below courtesy of the American Psychological Association to keep your holiday stress levels manageable. Here are some tips to help you manage your expectations this holiday season:

Keep things in perspective. On the whole, the holiday season is short. It helps to maintain a broader context and a longer-term perspective. If something goes wrong, realize it’s not the end of the world. Remember the good things you have in your life and recognize that this situation will pass. There will be time after the holiday season to follow up or do more of things we’ve overlooked or did not have the time to do during the holidays.

Remember what’s important. Commercialism can overshadow the true sentiment of the holiday season. When your holiday expense list is fatter than your monthly budget, scale back. Remind yourself that family, friends and the relationships are what matter most.

Take time for yourself. You may feel pressured to be everything to everyone. Remember that you’re only one person and can only accomplish certain things. Sometimes self-care is the best thing you can do – others will benefit when you’re feeling less stressed. Reflect on aspects of your life that give you joy; go for a long walk; get a massage; or listen to your favorite music or read a new book. All of us need some time to recharge our batteries. Be mindful and focus on the present rather than dwelling on the past or worrying about the future.

Local photographers soar to new heights with winning entries

Far left:
1st Place: Tania Ng took first place in the 13-17 age division for her photo Super Woman. Kate Wang was awarded first place in the 6-12 age division for Exercise.

Attention:
Temple City Owners!!!

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 Temple City Chamber hosts grand opening in its new location

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The Chamber moved Oct. 1, from its former office, a 1920s cottage in the Sulitana parking lot at 9050 Las Tunas, to its current office next to City Hall in the same building as the City Council Chambers (entrance from the library parking lot side of the building).

Guests toured the new office and enjoyed a light reception highlighted by bundtins (mini bundt cakes) from the Chamber’s newest member Nothing Bundt Cakes opening soon on Rosemead Boulevard.

Board Chair Serkan Erenay accepted certificates of congratulations from Rep. Chu as well as representatives from the offices of State Senator Susan Rubio, Assemblymember Ed Chau and LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

The Chamber’s next major event is the grand opening of the new Planet Fitness gym located at Camellia Square, Dec. 13. Attendees are requested to bring an unwrapped toy. (See flier on Page 11.)

The Temple City Chamber of Commerce is located at 5938 Kauffman Ave., Temple City, CA 91780. Telephone & E-mail remain the same: 626-286-3101 and info@templecitychamber.com.

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Commitment, camaraderie, unified vision

The Temple City Unified School District honored its 2019-2020 Employees of the Year Nov. 14 at a celebratory luncheon in the district office board room.

These hard-working and dedicated school district members were chosen by their peers in spring of 2019. Additionally, Ms. Cynthia Young and Ms. Gayle Shaffer won the overall vote to serve as TCUSD Teacher of the Year and TCUSD Classified Employee of the Year respectively.

Their reign as Employees of the Year will continue through the 2019-2020 school year.

New TCUSD members will be chosen in spring of 2020. During the luncheon catered by TCUSD Food Services employees and planned by TCUSD Personnel Department, certified and classified Employees of the Year were celebrated by kind words from their respective school principals and district administrators. A theme of unwavering commitment filled the air followed by camaraderie and a unified vision that is student-focused and filled with optimism.

“Forever Christmas,” TCHS Annual Holiday Concert, scheduled for Dec. 17

Temple City High School’s Holiday spectacular, “Forever Christmas” is Dec. 17 at the historic San Gabriel Mission Playhouse.

This 7 p.m. concert features the Brighter Side Singers, Honor Orchestra, the Cherokees Dance Troupe, Santa and more.

The show will feature both holiday favorites including two Alfred Carols and new selections as recorded by the Pentatonix.

Join the performers as they celebrate the season, under the direction of Matt Byers, and Bert Fernthiel, who is completing his 31st and final holiday concert at TCHS.

Tickets are available at Ticketmaster or in TCHS.

SGV Economic Partnership event announced

The Temple City Chamber of Commerce is proud to be a member of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. The SGVEP will host its last event.

Kumon makes the complex seem basic to its graduates

Manasvi Chandra, 15, sat down for an important test, July 13, in the Kumon center of Temple City. Although it wasn’t the SAT or ACT that would define which college she would attend, it was a culmination of all her years as a student of Kumon Math and Reading Center of Temple City’s math program.

On that day, she passed the test for the last level of the program, signifying successful completion of the program.

While in Kumon, Manasvi had little appreciation for what she was learning. Practicing all the math concepts beforehand meant that she didn’t need to do much to get As in math classes, but she felt that Kumon was too time-consuming and wasn’t worth the benefits.

Even people who didn’t attend Kumon were getting As, after all.

But now, as a junior taking AP Calculus AB at Arcadia High School, she’s able to see the advantages clearly.

Computer science topics like implicit differentiation and optimization seem like second nature to her after so much practice in Kumon.

She’s able to help her peers in the same class and even understand what students in higher math levels (like AP Calculus BC) are doing.

Although it’s only been a few months into the 2019-2020 school year, Manasvi knows that her experience will continue to be greatly useful in her math class.

Kumon Math and Reading Center of Temple City is located at 9666 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City, CA 91780. Phone: 626-287-8434.

Support TCHS ASB

Get quality clothing for less at the Stussy Outlet Sale, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dec. 15, at the Temple City High School covered parking lot, 9501 Lemon Avenue, Temple City, CA 91780. Save more and help support Temple City High School ASB.

Support TCHS Athletics Ramrodder Booster Club at its first flea market

Just in time for Christmas, the Temple City High School Athletics Ramrodder Booster Club has scheduled its first flea market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 14, at Temple City High School, 9502 Lemon Ave., in the student lot. Enter via Temple City Blvd. All proceeds will go back to the teams.

E-mail TCNSRamrodder-info@gmail.com for more information.

Support SGV Business Partners

Learn how the Temple City Chamber of Commerce can help promote your business. Phone 626-286-3101.
City services rescheduled during upcoming holidays

 Modified services and schedules to take effect beginning Dec. 12.

 The upcoming holiday season will affect Temple City municipal operations, with office closures and modified schedules spanning Dec. 12 through Jan. 3. Please note that emergency services will remain active at all times.

 Early Office Closure: On Thursday, Dec. 12, all city administrative offices will close at 4 p.m. for an employee holiday party. Offices will reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 13.

 Holiday Office Closures: All city administrative offices will be closed Dec. 24-25, and Jan. 1. For critical city services requests, phone Temple Sheriff’s Station at 626-285-7171.

 Live Oak Park Community Center: Live Oak Park Community Center will operate on a modified schedule of 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Dec. 24, and Jan. 1. Regularly scheduled programming for both days is canceled. The center will be closed Dec. 25. More info 626-579-0461.

 Parking Enforcement: Beginning at midnight Dec. 16, through 2 a.m., Jan. 7, the City will not require overnight parking permits. All other parking restrictions, including those on oversize vehicles, will remain in effect. Parking citations will still be issued on street sweeping days as posted. More info 626-285-2171, ext. 4342.

 Trash Collection and Street Sweeping: Trash collection and street sweeping will not occur Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. For those with scheduled Wednesday sweeping and trash collection days, services will be provided on the next scheduled service day. More info: 888-336-6100.

 Dial-A-Ride: The City’s low-cost transportation service for seniors and those with disabilities will operate on a modified holiday schedule of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Appointments are required. To schedule a ride, phone 626-286-2456.

 Animal Control: Contracted services provided by the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society will operate on a modified schedule of 8 a.m. to noon, Dec. 24. Their offices are closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. To report stray animals during office closures, phone Temple Sheriff’s Station at 626-285-7171.

 Christmas Tree Disposal: Beginning Dec. 26 through Jan. 6, residents, at no additional charge, can place their whole, undecorated tree (please cut trees taller than 6 feet) at the curb on their regular trash collection day. Flocked trees and those with decorations and tree stands will not be collected. More info: 888-336-6100.

 Public Meetings: The scheduled Planning Commission meeting for Dec. 24 is canceled; the same goes for the Transportation and Public Safety Commission meeting scheduled for Dec. 25. Both commissions are expected to convene at their next scheduled meetings in January.

 Donate to City’s Holiday Toy Drive through Dec. 20

 The City of Temple City is hosting a Holiday Toy Drive as part of their civic duty to help those in need in our community. The toy drive began Dec. 1 and continues through Dec. 20.

 There are two different types of toys participants can donate:

 Toy Drop off: A donation box is located at Temple City City Hall, 9701 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City, Calif., 91780 where toys can be dropped off during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

 To view a list of specific toys needed, please phone Iliana Flores to view the Toy Drive Wish List 626-285-2171 ext. 4111 or email flores@templecity.us.

 Monetary Donations: Monetary donations are accepted. The City kindly asks for donations by check only. These monetary donations will be used to purchase gift cards for local grocery stores so that the families in need can use them to prepare their Christmas dinners.

 Your contributions will help ensure that families in need have the necessities like meals and gifts during the holiday season. The City appreciates sponsoring 10 families through this toy drive.

 Don’t miss this chance to support those in need and experience the gift of giving this holiday season through participation in the Temple City Toy Drive.

 For questions or to donate please phone Ms. Flores at 626-285-2171 ext. 4111 or email flores@templecity.us.

 Temple City’s favorite Korean BBQ Kang Ho Dong Baekjeong one of SGV’s 17 best late night restaurants

 Temple City Chamber member Kang Ho Dong Baekjeong restaurant in the Camellia Square shopping center was named by famed restaurant critic Merrill Shindler as one of the top restaurants to dine after 10 p.m. Writing for the Pasadena Star News, he wrote that, “Increasingly, many proper sit-down restaurants have accepted there’s life after 9 p.m.”

 Wrote Mr. Shindler: “Kang Ho-Dong Baekjeong sits in the sparkling new Camellia Square — a mall with a multitude of restaurants from all over Asia. If you want it, it’s probably there.

 And Kang Ho-Dong Baekjeong may be the largest of them all. It’s a massive space that goes from one end of the building to the other, with one Korean bbq grill after another, and a butcher shop in which the many cuts of meat available for grilling (and in my case, incinerating) are prepared.

 It’s great fun, with a constant wait for a table, with groups large and small crowded around the entrance, barely holding on as the sweet smell of cooking meats wafts across the room.

 If you’ve been to any of the many Korean barbecue restaurants in Koreatown, you know what to expect. First, of course, there’s a table filled with many small bowls of banchan — the tasty Korean side dishes that kicked your appetite into high gear, no matter how simple they may be.

 That first taste of kimchi — much like the first sip of cold beer on a hot day — tastes just so darned good.

 It’s spicy and warming and crunchy and filled with much hope for the meal that follows.

 And that meal as big, or as small, as you want it to be. Though late at night, all that barbecued beef may give you some very strange dreams. A whole night of them.”

 Kang Ho-Dong Baekjeong restaurant is located at 5700 Rosemead Blvd., Temple City, 626-285-9678. Open until 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday.
Grand opening for Mary and Martha’s Home for the Elderly

Temple City Councilmember William Man joined the Chamber of Commerce and representatives from local elected officials to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting for Mary And Martha’s Home For The Elderly, a four-bed residential care facility with a trained staff on-site 24 hours a day. Mary And Martha’s Home For The Elderly is located at 5317 Loma Ave., Temple City, Calif., 91780. Tel: 626-287-7338, E-mail: marthazeledon2016@gmail.com

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The real deal in Vietnamese cuisine

Heartwarming Oxtail Pho

Nothing beats a giant steaming bowl of slow cooked tender oxtail pho on a winter day. The delicious combination of fresh rice noodles, rich, succulent braised oxtail, and anise-coriander scented broth make for a mouth-watering meal. It is garnished with fresh sprigs of Thai basil, bean sprouts, lime and fresh jalapeños. When it comes to Vietnamese food, we serve with pride and we cook with heart. LOTUS HOUSE Vietnamese & Chinese Restaurant is located at 5551 Rosemead Blvd., Temple City, CA 91780. We are tucked away in a busy K-Mart and Office Depot shopping plaza but there is plenty of parking. Phone: 626-741-5468.

As temperatures fall, SoCalGas offers tips to help stay warm and save money this winter

With inclement weather and cold temperatures recently in the forecast throughout our service territory, these energy-saving ideas and appliance rebates from Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) can help customers keep their bills affordable this winter.

Temperatures in Southern California typically turn cooler in November and can remain cold through March. During cold weather, it is possible to use three to seven times more natural gas than in summer months as your home heater responds to your thermostat settings and your water heater works harder to keep water hot. SoCalGas offers the following tips to help save on energy costs:

• Customers can save 10-15 percent on heating costs by lowering the temperature setting on their furnace 3-5 degrees.
• Have air ducts tested. Leaky ducts can cost customers anywhere from 10-30 percent in heating and cooling costs.
• Install caulking and weather-stripping around doors and windows. This can save about 10-15 percent in energy costs.
• Clean or replace furnace filters.
• Install a smart thermostat.
• Install an energy efficient furnace.

As a reminder, SoCalGas also offered rebates on other household appliances such as washing machines and dryers, water heaters and furnaces. For more information on available rebates, visit: https://www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy/rebates-and-incentives/natural-gas-appliance-rebates

Over the last five years, SoCalGas energy efficiency programs delivered more than 180 million therms in energy savings for customers, enough natural gas usage for 403,000 households a year. These advances have also helped save SoCalGas customers more than $198 million in utility bill costs. In 2018 alone, SoCalGas’ energy efficiency programs saved customers $57 million.

Jing Li named Best Supporting Actor

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Film, while “Avengers: Endgame,” “Aquaman,” “Venom,” “Bumblebee,” and “Captain Marvel” won the award of the Most Popular U.S. Film in China. Founded in 2005 by EDI Media Inc., the festival is a cultural event to promote film and television industry exchanges and cooperation between China and the United States and to enhance the influence and visibility of China’s outstanding film and television works in international markets.

First city photo contest winners

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To view the winners, along with 40 other compelling entries, visit: tempcity.us/bestphotos.
Successful team feted at annual Christmas party

Chamber member Your Home Sold Guaranteed Realty celebrated another super successful year with their annual Christmas Party at Maggiano’s Little Italy restaurant in The Grove shopping center.

Guests headed upstairs to the Ballroom where they enjoyed drinks, dinner, and entertainment while Rudy Kusuma acknowledged the many sales superstars for 2019 with awards given to those who exemplified the company’s core commitment to Second Mile Service, Empowering and Inspiring Others, Being Results Driven, Valuing Relationships by Expressing Gratitude, and Embracing Continual Improvement.

Certainly, the high energy evening reflected the company’s success in endeavoring to “be the best place to work for our team members, the best place to buy and sell real estate for our clients, be the best stewards for our shareholders, and give our best to our community.”

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Legal Loophole Costs Local Homeseller

$3,742 in the Sale of Their Home

When you’re buying or selling a home, there are many small but important legal issues that you may be unaware of that are, nevertheless, critical to understand. Residential real estate is not an uncomplicated process. When such a major investment is transferred from one party to another, there are subtle details to take care of that can turn into major problems if not handled correctly. It is essential to understand the legal ins and outs that will properly protect you when you buy or sell a home. There are several issues that will certainly cost you if you are not properly informed. In a recent situation right here in the area, misinformation cost one local homeseller over three thousand dollars in the sale of their home. Don’t let this happen to you.

In answer to this issue, Industry Insiders have prepared a FREE special report entitled, “Legal Mistakes to Avoid When Buying or Selling a Home.”

To order a FREE Special Report, call toll-free 1-888-300-4632 and enter 3011. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Get your free special report NOW to protect your investment when you buy or sell your home.

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The City of Temple City announced that the athletic field areas at Live Oak Park are closed for renovation until Feb. 2. Please take the opportunity to rest and relax before spring season athletics begin.
Blue Christmas service at Westminster Presbyterian Church

The holidays can be a challenging time for many who have experienced the loss of a loved one, divorce, loneliness, or estrange-ment from family. Pressure to focus on “the joy of the season” only increases feelings of alienation or isolation.

Registered Drama Therapist Jen Faith Brown, MFA, RDT, said, “It can be especially difficult to imagine a way through our pain, darkness, emptiness and even financial in-stability this time of year. Many people are aware that the color blue represents sadness or feeling blue but it also represents healing and renewal.

“A Blue Christmas service provides a safe place to explore these emotions for any who may be struggling, and to reflect on the holidays through that healing blue lens.” The Blue Christmas service will include prayer, reflection, music as well as rituals based in drama and creative arts therapy. Ms. Brown writes, “Drama Therapy is an action-oriented client centered process that allows participants to utilize their creativity in working through therapeutic and/or personal goals.” A Blue Christmas service, led by Ms. Brown and Vikki Randall, DMin., is scheduled for 7 p.m., Dec. 10, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, and is open to all.

Westminster Presbyterian Church is located at 9642 Live Oak Ave., Temple City. Phone 626-287-1987.

December Programs for Children and Families:
Monday, Dec. 16, 23, 30:
Play & Explore (Ages 0-5), 10:45-11:45 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 11, and 19:
Toddler Storytime (Ages 18-36 months), 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 11:
Beginning Readers Book Club (Ages 5-8), 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 12:
Chess Meet Up (Ages 6-12), 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 16:
Baby Storytime (Ages 0-18 months), 10:15-10:45 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 18:
Page Turners Book Club (Ages 9-12), 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21:
Sign-Up Required Clay Creations (Ages 8-12), 1-2 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21:
Storyteller Ina Buckner (Ages 0-5), 10-11 a.m.

The Dive restaurant announces new lunch hours, new menu item

Temple City’s favorite Cajun/creole restaurant The Dive is now open for lunch at 11 a.m. every day. Enjoy lunch specials starting $8.95. And try their delicious new addition to the menu: Mussel Fries. Imagine mussels in a roasted, creamy tomato broth topped with fries and their homemade garlic aioli.

As we approach the holidays, The Dive is a spacious restaurant that can seat up to 100 people. The Temple City Chamber of Commerce recently held its annual gala here and it was a roaring success.

Reservations are book- ing fast, so call and book your next large party res-ervations soon.

THE DIVE is located at 5708 Rosemead Blvd., Ste. 100, Temple City. Phone: 626-766-1569.

Your Community Christian Churches Welcome You

Thy Word
is a lamp unto my feet, a light on my path.
Psalm 119:105

First Baptist Church of TC
Jim Walden, Senior Pastor
6019 Baldwin Ave. • Temple City, CA 91780
626-286-3125 • website: www.firstbaptistchurch.com
Phone for information: 626-287-1987

First Lutheran Church
9123 Broadway, Temple City 91780
Office 626-287-0968
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Traditional worship
Bible Study - Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. website: www.firstlutheran.org

Immanuel Church of the Nazarene
Charles Lin, Senior Pastor
5939 Golden West Ave. • 626-287-3832
www.golicon.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. (English; Mandarin)
Wednesday Youth Night 7:00 p.m. (English)
Friday Youth Night: 7:30 p.m.
(Mandarin) www.myhym.org

Sunrise Community Church
Andrew Kikkert, Pastor
9642 E. Live Oak Ave. • 626-287-6120
Sunday Worship: 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Friday Game Night 7 p.m. - 1st and 3rd Fridays
Friday Night Fellowship 6:30 p.m. - 2nd and 4th Fridays

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Mobile Hours:
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Winter City Life Submission Guidelines

Temple City Chamber of Commerce welcomes submissions from the Temple City community. Due to the large number of submissions, we are always trying to publish every article but we try our best.

Following the guidelines below will ensure that your submission has the best chance to be published:

1. All articles must be fewer than 300 words (including headlines and disclaimer, etc.)

2. Color photos are welcome but no more than six. Each photo must be HIGH RESOLUTION JPG FORMAT photo (300 dpi).

3. Each photo must include names of those pictured, first and last names, left to right.

4. Submission deadline is the 20th of each month for the following month’s issue.

5. Email submissions to info@templecitychamber.com by the 20th.
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