New Mayor Carl Blum (center) was joined by (L-R) Councilmember Vincent Yu, Councilmember Fernando Vizcarra, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Chavez, and Councilmember Cynthia Sternquist at a reception for the March 18 City Council reorganization meeting.

New Beginnings
Carl Blum takes gavel as Temple City Mayor

After a bittersweet farewell during the March 18 City Council meeting, outgoing Mayor Cynthia Sternquist joined her fellow City Councilmembers in appointing Mayor Pro Tem Carl Blum to lead the city as Mayor. Councilmember Tom Chavez was also unanimously appointed as the new Mayor Pro Tem. The Council also appointed interim City Manager Don Penman to lead the city staff (see Page 3). Following the packed City Council meeting, Mayor Blum and the City Council joined community leaders, residents and City staff for a festive reception.

School Board names Kathy Perini acting superintendent. See Page 2

49th Assembly District –

Temple City Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Rita Padilla was honored by Assemblymember Ed Chau (D-Monterey Park) as one of the eight outstanding women of the 49th Assembly District and presented with the 2014 Women’s History Month Leadership Award during a ceremony Saturday, March 15 in the City of San Gabriel.

The award was presented in recognition of distinguished service in the areas of business, the non-profit sector, education, community volunteerism, and social services.

“I am proud to acknowledge and commend these eight outstanding women whose dedication and commitment to their communities have improved the quality of life for so many people of the 49th Assembly District,” said Assemblymember Ed Chau.

“These inspiring women are the role models for our future leaders.”

Ms. Padilla was joined by family and friends at the morning event held in the Padilla Room at 324 Mission Drive, San Gabriel.

In addition to her leadership of the Chamber as the current Chair and past Vice Chair, Ms. Padilla is a familiar face around the City as a volunteer at all levels of community service.
Kathy Perini was appointed acting superintendent, effective immediately, by a unanimous vote of the Temple City Unified School District Board at a special board meeting Friday, Feb. 28.

Ms. Perini has served as principal of the district’s Emperor Elementary School for the past 21 years, accumulating a record of excellence and high achievement. “Through her experience as principal of Emperor Elementary, Ms. Perini has shown her ability to lead and build consensus,” said Board President Kien Tiet. “We felt like her skill set and vast experience within TCUSD would best serve the district during this period of transition.”

Ms. Perini first became a teacher in the district at Longden Elementary in 1978 and served as a teacher at La Rosa Elementary from 1978 to 1982.

From 1982 to 1993, she served as a teacher, counselor and assistant principal at Oak Avenue Intermediate. In 1993, Perini was selected to become principal of Emperor Elementary, where the school earned two California Distinguished School awards and a National School of Character award under her leadership. In 2010, Congressman Adam Schiff named Perini Woman of the Year for the 29th Congressional District.

“I am honored to serve the district in this role as acting superintendent,” Ms. Perini said. “I was born and educated in Temple City and I am proud to give back to the district that gave so much to me. My priority is to continue our district’s legacy of service, integrity and honor.”

Ms. Perini graduated with a Master of Science, Educational Administration degree from the University of Southern California in 1984. She graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science, General Studies degree from the University of Southern California in 1977.

The Temple City Unified School District serves students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. For more information about TCHS, phone 626-548-5120.

Former Arcadia City Manager Don Penman was hired by the city of Temple City as its new interim city manager.

Mr. Penman has spent 36 years in city government including stints in city management in Simi Valley, city administrator for San Fernando, and a city manager for Baldwin Park.

He was hired by the city of Arcadia in 1998 as the city’s deputy city manager/development services director. Following a promotion to assistant city manager/development services director in 2000 he became Arcadia’s city manager on Jan. 1, 2008.

Mr. Penman is married to wife Debbie with two grown sons.
Recent earthquake serves as reminder for residents to prepare for future quakes

By Lucy Liou

Did you feel the 4.4 shaker on St. Patrick’s Day? Did you remember to stop, drop, and hold on? Did you check your disaster kit? If you don’t have a disaster kit, it’s time to seriously think about putting one together and making a plan.

Why? Because the most updated CalTech projection of SoCal having a 7.8 or greater earthquake in the next 30 years is now at 99%.

Law enforcement and the City must secure critical locations immediately after a disaster strikes in order to prevent additional injuries and loss of life. They may not be able to come to your aid for a few days. You will eventually get help, but don’t just sit and wait, especially if you have young and elderly family members.

Temple City offers CERT, Community Emergency Response Team, training. Everyone 18 and older should take this class and learn how to prepare before and survive during and after a disaster. Go to the City’s website for the next neighborhood watch meeting date so you can pick up information about CERT and disaster preparedness while you find out information from the Sheriff’s department about crime trends and crime prevention.

You can also access free Apps, such as Earthquake, First Aid, and Shelter Finder, by going to RedCross.org/mobileapps. Live Oak Park is designated as Temple City’s certified American Red Cross shelter.

Finally, you can purchase ready-made kits from places such as the RedCross.org, Costco, or Safe N’ Ready in Pasadena. You may be out of power and drinkable water anywhere from three to seven days after an earthquake, and a person needs one gallon of water per day to survive. This amount varies if you take medication or have special needs.

Living in SoCal comes with earthquake risk. Be prepared. Do this for your loved ones.

Lucy Liou, a Temple City Advanced CERT Member, is a Volunteer Area Leader of Temple City Neighborhood Watch and an American Red Cross Ambassador for Temple City.
**Chamber News**

**For Pete's Sake—Seven tips on how to get the gig**

By Pete Choi

April showers bring May flowers and spring arrives with a burst of optimism and new life. For those of you on the job hunt or considering a new career, here are seven quick tips on how to optimize your chances of landing that dream gig.

- **Resume vs. cover letter.** Your resume is a fact list of your past work history, skills and relevant talents. Your cover letter is an opportunity to fill in the blanks with information that you feel is helpful, but not covered in the resume. Keep it professional, but don't be afraid to share a sense of your personality.

- **You should always have a basic résumé that you can use to refine to suit the position for which you are applying.** Use action words: “I was in charge of making sure everyone did their work” should be changed to “Supervised completion of work assignments.” Try to keep your resume to one page. Include volunteer work if it is relevant to the position you are seeking, especially if you had a leadership role.

- **Delay = lost opportunity.** Submit your resume and cover letter as soon as you see the job listing. The early bird gets the worm. If you wait a day or two or three, the employer’s inbox may already be full with top notch candidates. Submitting early also demonstrates that you are a fast worker.

- **The telephone interview.** Your first contact will often be via telephone call. Chances are you have applied for more than one job opening, so keep track of them and ascertain what position they are calling about. You get one chance to make a first impression, so be friendly and upbeat. This is where the interview starts and a lot can be ascertained from just hearing your voice. Don’t interrupt, listen well, and answer any questions calmly and accurately. Grab a pen and paper and note what they are asking about, times. The interviewer will notice that you were prepared and this will help you when you get the face-to-face interview.

- **The interview, part one.** Dress better than the position you are seeking. Employers want to hire the best person for the open position and so who better than the individual who appears ready for the next level? If you are applying to McDonalds, wear a dress shirt. If you are applying for an internship, wear a jacket and tie. And if you are applying for any position that requires a tie, wear your best suit. Also, don’t forget to print a copy of the day of the event and set it up to your fingers the day before the big day.

- **The interview, part two.** Yes, you are ner- vous, but just remember that you’re here because they invited you. Be yourself, but the best possible version of yourself. The one thing you can bring into the interview that nobody else can is … you. Most importantly, remember this: the interviewer is your friend. They want you to be great. They may ask tough questions, heck, they may not even smile, but they are secretly hoping that by the end of the day they have a handful of great candidates. Don’t let your friend down; be confident, positive and full of energy. Nobody is going to hire a lethargic, insecure, negative Nancy. At the end of the inter- view, inquire when they will be making the de- cision.

- **Post-interview.** If you haven’t heard back, give them a call to inquire about the position. If they hired someone else, then remain posi- tive, thank them, and let them know you are interested in any other position that might open because you love the company. Write a short note thanking them for the interview and mail it to them. Don’t burn any bridges. Even if they did not hire you, they may recommend you for another position they know about or the se- lected candidate may not be available, in which case they may reconsider the finalists and go with you. Good luck.

As the philosopher Nietzsche (among oth- ers) said, “Whatever doesn’t kill you makes you stronger.” Even if you don’t land the job, each interview will make you a better candidate. Don’t let being passed over demoralize you. You will eventually get the dream job and it will be because you remained strong, confident, and kept your eyes on the prize. Good luck.

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**Temple City Chamber of Commerce**

An organization working to build the community through its businesses and residents.

**Our Mission Statement**

The Temple City Chamber of Commerce sets the standard for excellence in member services, community collaboration, business growth, networking and achieving a high quality of life in Temple City. We exist to be a clear and persuasive voice in providing advocacy, promotional and benefit solutions for our members.

**Chamber Calendar**

April 14: Executive Board meeting, 7 p.m. Chamber Boardroom
April 21: Submission deadline for Temple City Life

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**The Chamber Welcomes new members and renewals**

NEW MEMBER

- Office Depot
- CKW School Uniforms
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- CALAG Investments
- 5533 Rosemead Blvd.
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- Temple City Church of Christ
- Temple City Christian Church
- Individual
- Gayle Gardner

For information about the benefits of membership, please phone 626-286-3101.
Celebrating St. Patrick’s Day at the Chamber’s Mixer

A few days before he assumed the position of Temple City’s Mayor, City Council member Carl Blum joined a high-energy mix of Chamber members to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with cold Guinness and hot treats from El Ruizenor Grill at Temple City Animal Hospital. “It was great to see new faces,” said Chamber President Peter Choi as he chatted with Glenn Dugger of So Cal Termite Solutions. Attendees learned about the animal hospital’s upcoming open house and heard from Pamela Farber about Office Depot’s new discount program exclusive to Chamber members. Five lucky guests left with gift tote bags courtesy of Realtor Jackson Wong. The Chamber invites all members to take advantage of the networking opportunities at their next quarterly mixer scheduled for Planet Preschool.

Sunny Slope Water Company offers $500 Scholarships for Best Essays on Water Conservation

Sunny Slope Water Company is offering a $500 scholarship to winning graduating college-bound students attending Del Mar, Temple City and Gabrielino High Schools. To compete for this award, an applicant must write a 300 to 500 word essay about “How I Propose We Help Governor Brown Achieve 20% Water Conservation” and mail it to the company office along with the student’s name, school and the college they plan to attend. Essays must be received at the office by April 15, 2014 for consideration in this competition. One scholarship will be awarded per school. Sunny Slope’s Board of Directors will review the essays and announce the winner by May 1, 2014.

Contact: Karen Maas, karen@sunnyslopewatercompany.com, 626-287-5238 ext, 124, 1040 El Campo Drive Pasadena, CA 91107

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Pet of the Month

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Please come in to meet Rupert who will happily sit for a treat. To arrange a meet and greet with Rupert (aka 9725), please stop by anytime from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society (SGVHS), 851 E. Grand Ave., San Gabriel. We are located off San Gabriel Boulevard, north of Mission and south of Las Tunas.

His adoption fee is $135 which includes his neuter surgery, a microchip, first vaccinations and a free wellness check-up at a participating veterinarian. For more information about Rupert, phone 626-286-1159.

The SGVHS shelter provides animal control and licensing services to Temple City, but they are also a friendly, affordable choice for vaccinations, micro-chipping and to spay/neuter your pet. For more information on all their shelter services, activities, and photos, visit www.sgvhumane.org.
Tai K. Mao, DDS will offer free dental care from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday, May 2 at his office, 9925 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City.

Fillings, extractions or cleanings will be performed on patients 18 or older who are unable to obtain dental care elsewhere.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. Patients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis and should arrive early and dress appropriately for the weather as some may be waiting outside.

Bring chairs, water, and snacks to make the wait more comfortable. The first 60 patients are guaranteed to be seen.

For more information, phone 626-478-3059 or visit www.drmoadental.com.

Free dental care for the needy offered Friday, May 2 by Dr. Tai K. Mao

Vision therapist Julie Petteruto of Temple City receives special award at professional forum

Julie Petteruto of Temple City, a certified optometric vision therapist at the office of Dr. Derek Tong O.D., in Pasadena, was honored March 1 by the Optometric Extension Program Foundation (OEPF) with the prestigious Lora McGraw Vision Therapist Award at the annual California Regional Vision Therapists’ Forum in San Diego.

This award recognized Ms Petteruto’s outstanding commitment and contribution to the field of Developmental Optometry and Vision Therapy.

Through her work Ms. Petteruto has improved the lives of many children and adults who previously struggled with a variety of problems.

For example, children who struggle with reading and learning often have vision disorders contributing to their difficulties. Once the vision disorder is treated these children are able to succeed. She has been providing outstanding patient care for almost 10 years. She is an inspiration to her patients and serves as a mentor to other vision therapists.

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Student art work accepted into competition

Angela Chen, Athena Zhan and Cindy Chen, students at Min W Fine Art & School, have been juried and accepted into the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument international art exhibit “Deep Roots.” Their art was selected from more than 100 international artists who submitted more than 500 paintings.

An opening reception will take place on Friday, April 11, at the Pico House Gallery, 424 N. Main St., Los Angeles. The exhibit will be on display from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday from April 10-27. Congratulations to these young artists on their outstanding artistic skills and for being accepted into this exhibit. Additional information regarding the exhibit can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DeepRootsLA.

For more information regarding this exhibit or art lessons, please stop by the gallery and studio, 9908 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City.
In dentistry, it’s a woman’s world

So when I was a dental student back during disco, my USC class of 120 students included TWO women. These days, the gender breakdown is more like 50/50.

And having been fortunate enough to work almost exclusively with the smarter, more perceptive, better-looking gender, I totally understand women make health care better.

About a year ago, I met author Bridget Brennan. Brennan’s two best-sellers, The Female Factor and Why She Buys, basically confirmed my more astute suspicions while also adding some valuable customer service IQ points.

Bridget explained that today, women are THE health care buyers and … the strongest buying influences of all.

And with women, service is the most powerful marketing factor. Also, health care is a different breed of business. What’s offered isn’t a commodity; it’s an experience.

Today, women’s pay checks drive disposable income; their wages have increased some 44% since 1970. Women in their 20s earn more than men in their 20s and women are the primary wage earners in 40% of households. Women earn 57% of bachelor’s degrees; they make 80% of family health decisions.

Dentistry’s providers are predominately women (half of the dentists and about 90% of dental hygienists and other team members). Two-thirds of dental patients are women and here’s where things begin to look promising: healthy families are the product of excellent care and excellent care begins with effective communication.

My accidental strategy has always been seeing every patient, team member, and vendor I engage as a family member. The women I love appreciate learning experiences and enthusiasm: they want me to respect their time and speak their language (NO pronouns). And I’ve learned the hard way) making eye contact and listening is awesome medicine … so is letting people know you like them.

And of course, most of my communication chops have come from women.

Jack Von Balow, DDS was named Top Dentist by Pasadena Magazine (2011-2013). Temple City Dental Care is located at 9929 E. Las Tunas Drive, Temple City, CA 91780. For a complimentary consultation, call 626-285-3161 or go to www.templecitedental.com.

Tax counseling on RSUs

Some companies are now offering certain workplace performance compensation benefits called Restricted Stock Units or better known as RSUs.

These hybrid stocks which are similar to phantom stocks are used to pay employees benefits instead of cash rewards. There may be some restrictions in the vesting schedule or meeting performance targets before the RSUs are issued.

Christine Pleuss, a tax associate at H & R Block in Temple City said, “These awards can appear on the taxpayer’s W-2 form at the end of the year but employees should learn to watch how their various stocks and options will be taxed differentially. Consequently, what may start out as a simple Federal 1040 EZ return now requires a full blown 1040 plus a Schedule D – and this is for a young barista working five years at Starbucks.

Many times, unbeknownst to the tax filer, who assumes they can easily (and cheaply) file online, they have an investment statement from a brokerage firm with an account they never even realized existed. These statements may have information which will need to be included on the tax return. If it is omitted, they may receive a letter from the IRS.

For more information about how to file taxes with RSUs, stop by the Temple City office at 5781 Rosemead Blvd., or phone 626-285-6964. After April 15, far year-round help visit the Monrovia office at 510 W. Huntington Drive or phone 626-357-5876.
Dennis Arriola now CEO of SoCalGas

Dennis V. Arriola, president of Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas), has assumed the role as the company’s CEO, effective March 1. He succeeds Anne Shen Smith who retired after 36 years with the company.

Mr. Arriola has spent most of the past 20 years in a broad range of leadership roles for the Sempra Energy companies.

He has served as president and chief operating officer of SoCalGas since 2012.

A first-generation Mexican-American, Arriola is active in the community, serving on the board of directors for the American Gas Association, United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Western Energy Institute, California Business Roundtable, Latino Donor Collaborative and Southern California Leadership Council.

A longtime member of the greater Los Angeles community, Arriola, who was raised in Artesia, currently resides with his wife in Santa Monica.

SoCalGas has been delivering clean, safe and reliable natural gas to its customers for more than 140 years. It is the nation’s largest natural gas distribution utility, providing safe and reliable energy to 20.9 million consumers through 5.8 million meters in more than 500 communities.

I encourage everyone to spend time exploring this truly valuable Web site.

Additionally, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is now fully operational. The CFPB is the single point of accountability in the federal government for consumer financial protection. You may recall that many congressional leaders were working to keep this new agency from being established. Fortunately, they failed.

The CFPB’s mission is to “develop a consumer finance marketplace in which no one can build a business model around unfair, deceptive, or abusive practices.” If you’ve been affected by significantly ignoble business practices, please visit the Web site www.consumerfinance.gov.

Sometimes our tax dollars are put to good use. These two agencies are fine examples of how our government does indeed work for us.

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Girl Scout Troop 5141 plants 10 trees in Live Oak Park
By Ashley Keelin
A few months ago our Brownie leaders were talking to me and the other girls in my troop about how a good girl scout should be helpful and do things to help our community. Even though we are little doesn’t mean that we can’t do big things.
In our Brownie book we were asked to write how we can make a change for good in our community. I had the idea right away to plant trees in Live Oak Park. I had this idea because I just finished playing AYSO soccer at Live Oak Park and everyone at the games would get so hot because there is only shade on one side of the soccer field.
So I had the idea of planting trees on the other side of the field so we could have some more shade to cool off.
At my next Girl Scout meeting I told my tree idea to one of my leaders named Ms. Theresa. She liked my idea so we talked about it with the other girls in my troop. Many of my friends also play soccer and we all agreed that planting trees would make a difference.
My mom and Ms. Theresa went to talk to Ms. Cathy Burroughs who is in charge of the Temple City Parks. She said she liked our idea too. She said that our Troop should go to a City Council meeting to tell them about how more trees at Live Oak Park would make it a better place.
When we went there to practice we got to use the microphone, we got to sit in the mayors chair, and it was a lot of fun. When it came time for the real city council meeting I was a little scared at first but we told them about our idea and they approved it.
Our Troop worked with Ms. Burroughs and she and the City said they would donate five trees if our troop was able to donate five additional trees. A local nursery was generous enough to help our troop and donated five red oaks.
On Arbor day, March 12, our Girl Scout Troop planted the new trees with the help of city staff at Live Oak Park near the tennis courts. I hope you get a chance to see them and I hope someday we can all get a chance to enjoy their shade.
Ashley Keelin, eight, is a member of Girl Scout Troop 5141.

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TCHS dance teams take top awards
The Temple City High School Choreo/Fusion Competition Team competed at the Sharp International National Dance Championships on March 8 in Las Vegas, Nev. They won three first-place trophies in the Novelty, Character, and Dance categories; a second-place trophy in the Jazz category; a third-place trophy in the Lyrical category; and received the National Champion high score in the Character and Dance categories. The Choreo/Fusion team is composed of (front row, l-r) Michelle Cai, Karen Wu, Karen Xie; (back, l-r) Vienn Nong, Candice Cheung, Shannon Ye, Tiffany Gong, Asjia Fulcher, Jordan Wilhelm, Cynthia Young, Maggie Tsui.
Longden Elementary School

The Kiwanis Club of Temple City honored Amir Abdallah, Henry Khaung, and Jillian Rousseau, three outstanding students from the Longden Elementary School, Feb. 25. Attending with the students was their teacher Mr. Greg Shahoian, also shown in photo above. Mr. Shahoian has been teaching in the district for 16 years. Amir, 11, has three brothers and sisters. He enjoys singing and dancing. Amir said the best things about Longden are the “best teachers ever, its very big, and it is filled with kindness.” The best thing that ever happened to Amir was surviving heart disease when he was first born. His goals are to build a church and shelter for the homeless, be on the honor roll, audition for the X-Factor someday; and go to USC.

Henry, 11, has a younger sister. He enjoys swimming. Henry said the best things about Longden are the “great teachers, it’s bigger than any school I have attended, and it’s fun to learn.” The best thing that ever happened to him was getting a first-place medal in swimming. His personal goals are stop bullying, build a rocket, get into the Junior Olympics for swimming, get into algebra class. The best thing that ever happened to him was finding a four-leaf clover. If he could change one thing it would have been no World War I. His goals are to build a pollution remover for air and water, maintain straight A’s, become better at writing, and to get into Advanced Placement.

Jillian, 11, enjoys hanging out with her friends and playing volleyball. Jillian said the best things about Longden are the “great teachers, the great education I receive, and its always safe.” The best thing that ever happened to Jillian was going to Seattle to visit her whole family. Her goals are to do better in school, build the tallest building in the world, read more, be better at math, and become the best she can be.

Cloverly Elementary School

The Kiwanis Club of Temple City honored Kaylee Chandra and John Lee, two outstanding students from Cloverly Elementary School, March 4. Attending with the students was long-time Cloverly teacher Mrs. Patricia Winand, also shown in photo above.

Kaylee, 11, is in Mrs. Stokes’ class. She has an older sister and enjoys crafts, gymnastics, and making videos. Kaylee said the best things about Cloverly are “my friends, the teachers, and fine arts class.” The best thing that ever happened to Kaylee was moving to Temple City. Her goals are to stop hunger in the world, build a huge gym in her backyard, be in the Olympics, become Miss Universe, and maintain her straight As.

John, 12, is in Mrs. Wenzel’s class. He has an older brother and enjoys playing soccer. John said the best things about Cloverly are “his friends, the teachers, and school spirit.” The best thing that ever happened to him was finding a four-leaf clover. If he could change one thing it would have been no World War I. His goals are to build a pollution remover for air and water, maintain straight A’s, become better at writing and, to get into Advanced Orchestra at Oak Avenue.

Safe schools training conducted at TCHS

The Temple City Unified School District, City of Temple City, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, and Los Angeles County Fire Department conducted an Active Shooter Scenario Training on Monday, March 17, at Temple City High School. From 8:15-10 a.m., all TCUSD employees participated in the training focusing on what to do in the event of an active shooter situation on campus. From 10:30 a.m. -2 p.m., secondary school students and staff will participated with the sheriff’s and fire departments in two or three active shooter scenarios. March 17 was a district-wide staff development, student-free day.

Dr. Sears Learning Center

The Kiwanis Club of Temple City honored Cynthia Navarro, an outstanding student from the Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center, March 18. Attending with Cynthia was her teacher Mrs. Roberts, also shown in photo above.

Cynthia, 15, has a brother and sister. She likes to cook and clean, help her mother at home and help with the family business. Cynthia said the best things about the Learning Center are the supportive teachers and staff, flexible schedule, and the safe environment. The best thing that ever happened to her was being pregnant with her baby (premature) because that is when she realized how important it is to have an education. Her goals are to build a fountain of youth, live for eternity, graduate, have a better future for her daughter, finish college and make her parents proud.

Longden Elementary School

The Kiwanis Club of Temple City honored Kaylyn Smith, Jason Chin, and Anthony Hutayana, three outstanding students from Longden Elementary School, March 25. Attending with the students was their teacher Mrs. Robyn Selders, also shown in photo above.

Kaylyn, 11, has two older sisters. She likes to play volleyball and make rubber band bracelets. Kaylyn said the best things about Longden are “the nice teachers, fun activities, and nice students.” The best thing that ever happened to her was learning her Grandpa was free of prostate cancer. Her goals are to build a car that would make transportation only one minute, become a volleyball player and go to UCLA, not waste water, and invent a cure for every sickness in the world.

Jason, 12, has an older brother. Jason said the best things about Longden are “the nice teachers to learn from, seeing all my friends, all the fundraisers and fun.” The best thing that ever happened to him was going to Longden and becoming a Student of the Month. Jason’s goals are to become a doctor or artist, change the environment, get to good grades that increase his intelligence, go to a good college, and have a great career.

Anthony, 12, has four brothers and sisters. He likes to play basketball. Anthony said the best things about Longden are the teachers, homework, and the assemblies. The best thing that ever happened to him was jumping off a cliff into water. His goals are to be a professional basketball player, get into the NBA, become a doctor and grow really tall.

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Donations needed for May 10 yard sale

Coach Richard Marquis at coachmarquis@play-smarterbasketball.com or phone 626-482-8267 (English) or 626-321-2008 (Chinese).
More information is available at www.playsmarterbasketball.com.

By Monique Weiland

The Blue Star Banner program will have its annual yard sale on May 10. We need donations and volunteers to help during the day.

Those who would like to get involved should phone Sharon Johnson at 626-285-5852. We take donations, retired and active military personnel are invited to attend our June barbecue. The best patriotism is home grown.

Temple City has a proud 10-year legacy of supporting patriotism by hanging banners of military personnel with a connection to Temple City along its main streets.

Many other cities here and out of state have asked Sharon Johnson how she runs the Temple City Blue Star Banner program and have duplicated her efforts.

America is an exceptional country; it is one of the few that truly embodies life as a free nation. It is a very tenuous thing to be a free nation. Many countries have tried and not remained free.

It takes patriotism and commitment with upon which people are willing to stake their life. We continue to fight for the freedoms and liberties we have so we can remain a beacon of hope for others.

It is for those individuals who are putting their lives at risk that the Blue Star Banner Program continues to exist; to support our troops by hanging their banners high and sending special gift packages full of hand-written letters, snacks, candy, DVDs, books, and other items they need from socks to handmade quilts.

It takes a group of dedicated volunteers and many fundraisers to show we care.

For example, Larry Brady of the Kiwanis-sponsored Girl Scout Troop No. 1654 and the Wrenzel family purchased Girl Scout cookies and donated them for their special gift packages.

And Scout Ian O’Connor selected the Blue Star Banner program for his Eagle Project. He raised funds and collected donations to fill 16 boxes.

To volunteer, phone Ms. Johnson at 626-285-5852.
African drums will be featured at Friend Sunday April 27

The Bridge Christian Fellowship invites everyone to Friend Sunday from 7-8:30 p.m., April 27. Friend Sunday is also scheduled for the last Sunday of every month at Evangelical Formosan Church of Arcadia, 225 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia.

Friend Sunday is a special service to celebrate friendships and relationships while enjoying music and storytelling from around the world. Pastor Dr. Moussa Bongrov, president of Islamic Studies at Biola University, La Mirada, says professionals will demonstrate the playing of African drums each month as part of African and South American storytelling traditions.

Children’s filmmakers will love it. Opportunities for children’s drum instruction are being organized. Pastor Moussa is also president and founder of Francophone University of International Development, which is engaged in on-line training among several French-speaking countries in Africa, and also the building of a new campus in Cameroon, Africa.

An assortment of literature, pocket devotional, a used book exchange, and large print New Testaments will be offered at no charge. Light refreshments will be served.

Final Masses of Holy Week

Friday evening April 18. Each evening with Dr. Edwards will begin promptly at 6 p.m. and conclude at 7 p.m. in the church’s gymnasium. Phone 626-286-2315 for information.

First United Methodist Church

April 13 – Palm Sunday Cantata at 10 a.m. with joint choirs from First UMC and Faith UMC.
April 13 – Easter Sunday Service at 7:30 a.m. Followed by Continental Breakfast.
Easter Service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
Contemporary Service at 11:30 a.m. followed by an Easter Brunch.

San Gabriel Mission Church

April 17 – Seder Program at 7 p.m.
April 18 – Good Friday Communion Service at 7 p.m.
April 20 – Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., Free Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Easter Service at 9 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

San Gabriel Community Church

April 18 – Lord’s Passion (English/Spanish) at 1 p.m.; Lord’s Passion (English) at 3 p.m.; Lord’s Passion (Spanish) at 6:30 p.m.; Lord’s Passion (Vietnamese) at 8 p.m.

San Gabriel Mission Church

April 17 – Friend Sunday from 7-8:30 p.m., April 27. Friend Sunday is a special service to celebrate friendships and relationships while enjoying music and storytelling. There is plenty of parking and disabled facilities are available. For more information, phone Don Abraham 626-285-9030.

Church News

St. Luke announces charismatic, teaching mass

Father Bill Adams, CSSTR will be celebrating a charis- matic and teaching service at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 5, in St. Luke’s Catholic Church, 9431 Broadway, Temple City.

A past president of SCRC (Southern California Re- newal Communities), Father Bill is respected for his Scripture teachings, and his frequent speaking at work- shops and conferences.

St. Luke Mission Church

March 23 – Good Friday Services at 6 p.m. Sanctuary.
– Holy Thursday Celebration of the Lord’s Supper at 7 p.m.
– Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10 a.m.
– Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m.
– Easter Brunch on the church grounds to enjoy the food and fellowship. There is no charge for the brunch.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

April 13 – Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
April 17 – Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
April 18 – Good Friday Service at 6 p.m. Sunday Com- munity Church will have a service in the Sanctuary of Westminster Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m.
April 20 – Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

An Easter Egg Hunt for the kids will take place on the front lawn after the worship service.
An Important Message from The Gas Company

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• Manage Energy Use Better: You will have access to more detailed information and analytics tools online through My Account at socagas.com, where you can also view and pay your bill, schedule service and sign up for energy-saving tips. We will notify you when your meter reads lower than the previous reading.

• New “Way to Save” interactive tool on socagas.com (search “WAYS TO SAVE”) You can currently create your own customized energy plan by answering a few questions. Track and update your progress and learn how your actions can help you save energy and money. In addition, you can view your hourly, daily and monthly gas usage online once we complete meter installations in your area.

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• The Environment: Advanced meters will take 1,000 Socagas vehicles off the road every day, reduce 6.3 million vehicle miles and approximately 140,000 tons of greenhouse gases per year.

• New Bill Tracker Alert: Later this year, advanced meter customers will be able to sign-up for weekly alerts, providing up-to-date information on your energy usage, Bill-to-Date and Projected Next Bill via text or email.

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English: 1-800-427-2200

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