As mayor pro tem, Council member Yu has the duty of filling in as mayor at city functions in the mayor’s absence. Mr. Yu is currently serving his sixth year on the council.

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Assemblymember Chau’s agenda addresses cyber security

Assemblymember Ed Chau (D-Monterey Park) recently unveiled his 2015 legislative bill package which focused on protecting consumer privacy, providing Californians with greater access to healthcare providers, ensuring adequate language assistance in accessing basic health care services, and building affordable housing to achieve greenhouse gas reductions.

Privacy - Assembly Bill (AB) 964 will strengthen California privacy laws by requiring businesses to notify individuals whose unencrypted personal information was stolen in a data breach within 30 days. The bill would also clarify statute by defining “encrypted.”

AB 195 would make it a crime to solicit someone to knowingly and without permission gain access to a computer network or smartphone. This includes offering to obtain or assist in locating hacking services.

“At a time when cyber security is becoming a growing issue of concern in our society, there are Hacker-for-Hire Web sites that promote a culture in which people are connecting with cybercriminals to commit illegal activities,” said Assemblymember Chau. “AB 195 seeks to ensure that the services being advertised are legitimate by making it a crime to assist in the solicitation of a hacker for illegal activities.” (To learn more about Cyber Security, attend the Chamber’s Seminar, April 20. See flyer Page 6)

Healthcare Access - AB 41 would codify the federal law protection that prohibits health plans from discriminating against any professional category of healthcare provider when making decisions about what type of providers to include in networks or which services to cover.

Language Access - AB 389 would require general acute hospitals to achieve meaningful language access by ensuring that all patients are provided with language access services.

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City Council reorganizes; Blum, Vizzcarra retire

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Mayor Chavez will lead the council during a year of change in the city. Las Tunas Drive, the city’s main downtown thoroughfare, is set to have its reorganization plans completed in early 2016. The revitalization of Las Tunas Drive will attract a lot of business and improve our quality of life,” the mayor said. “I’m really excited to see the final result.”

Ms. Sternquist received the highest number of votes in the election and was reelected to an other four-year term. During her previous term she also served as mayor. A former educator, Ms. Sternquist was elected to fill the term of a former council member and then was elected a year later. Prior to her five years on the council, she served as Parks and Recreation Commissioner. The Council welcomed newly-elected members William Man and Nanette Fish, whose elections were certified at the reorganization meeting. Mr. Man is a civil engineer with the L.A. County Department of Public Works and previously served as chairman of the General Plan Advisory Committee. Ms. Fish previously served on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Blum reflected on his past year as mayor in addressing the council. “I’m proud to say that the council has, for the most part, accomplished the major tasks that it set out to do. I’m happy to have had the opportunity to serve with four intelligent, dedicated and hardworking colleagues.”

Mr. Blum cited among his proudest accomplishments the restoration of public confidence in city government, initiating the Citizen’s Academy program and completing the city’s strategic plan.

After wishing the new council continued success, Mr. Vizzcarra said a few of his fondest accomplishments include enshrining the Walter Temple bust in Temple City Park and establishing the weekly farmer’s market.

Steve Lindsey is Astronaut Hall of Famer

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Highlights include piloting the first flight of the AERCam Sprint, a free-flying robotic camera during STS-87 and commanding STS-121, the second flight after the Columbia disaster (STS-107) - considered one of the two return to flight test missions before resumption of normal shuttle operations. Also of note, STS-133 was the last flight for Space Shuttle Discovery.

Among his awards are the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three NASA Space Flight Medals, the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal, the NASA Exceptional Service Medal, the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal and the Aerial Achievement Medal.

Mr. Lindsey retired from NASA in 2011 and currently heads the Dream Chaser space craft program. The Dream Chaser is a reusable composite spacecraft designed to carry from two to seven people and/or cargo to orbital destinations such as the International Space Station. The vehicle would launch vertically on an Atlas V rocket and land horizontally on conventional runways.

Mr. Lindsey was presented the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award by the San Gabriel Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, Nov. 10, 2012.

Play Smarter Basketball Classes

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Play Smarter staff and students plan China trip August 1

The Play Smarter International and Local Basketball Camps and Classes were founded by Coach Richard Marquis more than 40 years ago. These camps have been called the best youth training basketball camps and classes held throughout the West Coast and around the world by such publications as The Sporting News. All local classes and international classes are taught on weekends, year round. This allows the program to host and train foreign teams and programs while conducting local Play Smarter San Gabriel Valley class programs. This summer the coaching staff and students from around the San Gabriel Valley will travel and experience different parts of China on August 1.

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The most recent visiting group from China and the Play Smarter local students are shown at the San Gabriel Academy in March 2014. (They also play at the Nazarene Church of Temple City) This summer the coaching staff and students from around the San Gabriel Valley will travel and experience different parts of China on August 1.

Coach Richard Marquis of the Play Smarter Basketball Class Program has traveled throughout Mainland China with parents and students of his Play Smarter International Basketball Camp.
Support Smiles for Life

When teeth-whitening debuted back around 1990, I tried it out on friends, family, and team members (shucks, most of my family had already survived my early clinical forays in dental school.)

And yeah, at first, I thought teeth-whitening was pretty superficial stuff. But before long, I changed my mind. Teeth-whitening really worked and it was safe.

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This year is the 17th year of Smiles for Life (SFL). And since 1998, participating practices raised more than $35 million.

SFL began March 1 and continues through June. With the support of Crown Council and Ultradent Products, we’ll indeed be providing teeth-whitening for patients at reduced fees with all the proceeds going to helping sick, disabled, and disadvantaged children.

This year, half of the funds will again be distributed through the Crown Council to charitable organizations like St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and Kids Cancer Care Foundation. The other half of the proceeds will go to an organization chosen by the participating dental practices.

This year, we’ll be looking to create whiter, brighter, flashier smiles while, for the third year, we raise funds for our own local/national/global treasure, City of Hope.

During the past three years, cancer and diabetes claimed the laughter, spirit, and love of too many of our amazing Temple City Dental Care friends and family. And we do hold a grudge.

Please join us in holding cancer accountable.

Why not have the SoCal smile you deserve ... and something fulfilling to smile about?

Please phone us at 626-285-3161 or Crown Council at 800-276-9658.
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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.

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Meet & Next gathering
As Temple City’s community center, we’re enjoying Szechuan cuisine, April 16 at Chuan’s Restaurant. We’re also offering two informational seminars at lunchtime, in our Chamber boardroom. The first, April 20, concerns Cyber Security: how to keep your computer information safe (see flier on Page 6).

Chamber News
For Pete’s Sake –
Take advantage of Chamber seminars
By Peter Choi, President
From Chamber mail to discounts at Office Depot, the Chamber is selective about the value added programs we offer to our members. It’s all about helping your business without wasting your time. Certainly the success of our lunchtime networking mixers are testament to this philosophy. You gotta eat lunch, right? Why not join your fellow members of the business community and make new friends between bites? This month we’re enjoying Szechuan cuisine, April 16 at Chuan’s Restaurant (see flier on this page).

We’re also offering two informational seminars this month, also at lunchtime, in our Chamber boardroom. The first, April 20, concerns Cyber Security: how to keep your computer information safe (see flier on Page 6).

Two days later we’re continuing our Constant Contact series with a helpful course on how to build your online marketing toolkit with email and social media (see flier Page 15).

Chamber President Peter Choi and Vice Chair Ed Chen attended a special luncheon sponsored by the Asian Professional Society and co-hosted by Chamber member the Asian Youth Center and the San Gabriel Rotary Club. The Feb. 23 event at the Asian Youth Center raised money to benefit the AYC after-school education programs.

For more information, visit www.asianyouthcenter.org

AYC supports youth activities
Chamber members Miles Yoshisato (Visa Cove at San Gabriel) and Juli Costanzo (San Gabriel Hilton) with Chamber President Peter Choi.

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Chamber Board Chair Jane Chavez flanked by Brandon Greene and Andres (Andy) Trujillo of AMR (www.amr.net)

L-R New member Melanie McShane (BrokenRealtor), Arthur Crittenden (TC Animal Hospital), Adam Hsu (Field Rep for Assemblymember Ed Chau), Lauren Worsley (American Cancer Society), Bruce Bertram, Franklin Rueldel (Tax Expert), Shris Santhanam (CIAM) and Tu-Uyen Phan (CIAM).

穆瑞·布拉特 (Friends of TC Library), Helen Chen Marston (Realtor), Cynthia Vance (Relay for Life), Elizabeth Powell (HealthCare Partners), Christy Miyagishima (Healthcare Partners) and Donna Georgiow (Relay for Life).

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Relay for Life preps for July event

Relay for Life Temple City leadership team, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, has been taking a break and now is ready to restart for its July 11-12 event at Temple City High School. Businesses and residents are being asked to help raise $60,000.

This money is used by the American Cancer Society to fund cancer research (47 Nobel prize winners) and patient services, while keeping administrative costs at a low 6 to 7 percent.

Please join in the following events:

Relay for Life - Cancer Care: Monday, April 13, 5-10 p.m., May 9, at 5825 Rowland, Temple City. Dinner, prizes, raffle prizes; $25 for tickets. Phone Kim Wunner 626-688-4986 kimwunner@yahoo.com

Paint The Town Purple: June 6 Survivor Luncheon: June 27 Cancer survivors are our VIPs and we treat them with “tender loving care.”

Team Building: Any group can form a team. Businesses, clubs, churches, families. Friendly competition between groups is fun and it is a great way to shine a community light on your organization. We promote and advertise our sponsors. Contact Ms. Wunner 626-688-4986 kimwunner@yahoo.com

Visit the Temple City Chamber of Commerce online at www.TempleCityChamber.com.

Chamber Calendar

Thursday, April 13, 12 noon to 1 p.m., Chamber Board Meeting, Chamber Boardroom

Thursday, April 16, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., Eat & Meet Luncheon Mixer, CHUAN’S Restaurant, 5807 Rosemead Blvd., Temple City, CA 91780

Thursday, April 16, 5:30 to 7 p.m., China Trip Information Seminar, Chamber Boardroom

Monday, April 20, 12 noon to 1 p.m., Cyber Security Seminar, Chamber Boardroom

Monday, April 20, Submission deadline for Temple City Life

Wednesday, April 22, 12 noon to 1 p.m., Constant Contact Seminar, Building your Online Marketing Toolkit w/Email and Social Media.

Discover China with your Temple City Chamber of Commerce tour, Oct. 8-17

A fascinating mix of the ancient and the modern, China is both one of the world’s fastest growing economies and one of the world’s earliest civilizations.

“China is a rich, complex land containing more than 100 cities with a population of more than one million,” said Peter Choi, president of the Temple City Chamber of Commerce. “In China’s case, seeing is believing. That is why I am excited to announce a special invitation from the Temple City Chamber of Commerce to join us next October 8, to Discover China. 

Through a partnership with Citslinc International, the Chamber is offering a nine-day, all-inclusive trip to China departing on Oct. 8. This fully escorted trip is designed to be an introduction to the people, history, culture, and daily life of this exciting country with opportunities to visit top historic and cultural sites in four cities: Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou, and Hangzhou.

The cost is just $2,499. Included is airfare from Los Angeles; all taxes and airport fees; all transportations and local airfare; all meals; and a meeting fee.

As an extra incentive, the some-what simple complex visa application process will be handled for an extra $150 charge. Deadline for registrations is Aug. 1.

Four tour trips include: Roundtrip International Airfare from Los Angeles and 4-5 star hotel accommodations; three meals per day; all tour fees; deluxe in-country transportation and local airfare; all taxes and airport fees; accompanied by an English-speaking tour guide the entire trip, this amazing journey through China begins in Beijing with visits to such world renowned sites as the famed Tiantanmen Square, the Forbidden City, and, of course, the Great Wall of China, said to be the only man made structure visible from the moon.

You will also visit the beautiful cities of Suzhou, known as the “Venice of China” for its beautiful canals, gardens and bridges, and Hangzhou, home to the ancient Lingyin Temple’s beautiful grounds and majestic buildings.

Your final city will be Shanghai, an amazing, modern, and cosmopolitan city known as the “New York City” of China.

Explore the world famous waterfront Bund district and the Old Town Bazaar. Shopping! All along the way you will have opportunities to shop for jade, pearls, silk, detailed embroidery, carpet, ceramic and lacquer ware and more.

Food! All of your meals are included. Culinary highlights include a traditional Peking roast duck dinner and a visit to a tea plantation.

The Chamber will host a free informational meeting from 5:30-7 p.m., April 16, in the Chamber of Commerce boardroom where Leo Liu, owner of Citslinc, will answer questions regarding the trip.

For more information, please phone the Temple City Chamber of Commerce office at (626) 286-3101 or inquire by e-mail at info@templecitychamber.com.

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Students of Min W Fine Art & School

Local artists selected for Los Angeles art show

Chamber member Min W of Min W Fine Art & School and three of her students (Angela Chen, Athena Zahn, Tiffany Wang) had their paintings juried and accepted by El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Committee for an exhibit titled “From Her 2015” art exhibit by women about women show.

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Affordable Housing - AB 744 would allow developers who request a density bonus from a city to also request that the city eliminate minimum parking requirements for a development if it is within 1/2 mile of transit, a senior-only project, or serves special needs individuals.

Assemblymember Ed Chau (D-Monterey Park) recently unveiled his 2015 legislative bill package to various members of the media.

Chau’s bill package focuses on protecting consumer privacy

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to post their language assistance policies on their Web sites and require the Department of Public Health and the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to post hospital language assistance policies online.
Residents from all areas welcome

Next Neighborhood Watch meeting is April 16, for Area 4

The current format of Temple City’s Neighborhood Watch Program is in its fourth year and has gained much attention throughout surrounding regions.

The next meeting is in Area 4 on April 16 at First Lutheran Church, 9123 Broadway. Deputies from the Temple City Special Assignment Team discuss crime trends and prevention while the City’s Public Safety personnel talk about disaster awareness and preparedness.

These meetings are forums for residents to learn about good preventive measures and/or to voice concerns.

This year’s topics include community involvement/burglaries, identification theft and scams, traffic safety, disaster shelter options, and other awareness/preventive tips.

Fresh-made soft tacos and beverages are provided for everyone. Meetings are from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, and are open to residents of all 10 areas.

To receive the latest crime prevention tips, alerts, announcements, and news directly from Temple Sheriff’s Station, register to their Nixle account at www.nixle.com, follow them on Twitter @TEMLASD, and like them on Facebook /TempleSheriffsStation.

Or visit the City’s Web site, www.ci.temple-city.ca.us/204/Neighborhood-Watch, or phone the City’s Public Safety Division, 626-285-2171.

Temple City Library Programs in April

Children’s Programs
English Chinese Bilingual Storytime, every Tuesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Family Place Workshop, every Monday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Baby Bounce Storytime, every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m., except April 15
Toddler Storytime, every Wednesday, 11-11:45 a.m., except April 15
Evening Playtime, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23
Día de Los Niños Storytelling, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, April 25

Teen Programs
Teen Hip Hop/Kickboxing Fitness Class, every Saturday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Teen Advisory Board, 3-4 p.m., Saturday, April 4
Create Your Own Succulent Terrarium, 2-3 p.m., Saturday, April 18

Teen Game Day, 4-5 p.m., Tuesday, April 21
Teen Book Club, 4-5 p.m., Tuesday, April 28

Adult Programs
Citizenship Class, 3-4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, 8, 15 & Friday, April 3, 10, 17
Book a Librarian: Basic Computer Skills, 10-11 a.m., Monday, April 6
Housing Law Clinic, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Friday, April 3 & 17
Botanical Art Exhibit, every Monday and Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.
California Backyard Garden: Botanical Drawing Class, 12-2 p.m., Saturday, April 4
Bingo Game, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Friday, April 24
Grace Yang, Teen/Adult Services Librarian, County of Los Angeles Public Library, Temple City Library, 5939 Golden West Ave, Temple City, CA 91780, 626-285-2136.
www.facebook.com/TempleCityLibrary, www.colapublic.org, gyang@library.lacounty.gov

2016 Camellia Parade Theme Contest deadline is April 13

Students from kindergarten to 18 years of age who attend school in the Temple City Unified School District or live within Temple City city limits are eligible to be a contestant in the 2016 Camellia Parade Theme Contest.

All entries must be received at the Temple City Camellia Festival Office, City Hall, 9701 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City, CA 91780 by 5 p.m., April 13. Applications are available at Temple City United School Sites, the District Office, and the Camellia Festival Office in City Hall.

The theme winner will receive $100 cash and will ride in the 72nd Annual Camellia Parade. For more information phone the Camellia Festival Office at 626-285-2171.

Temple City residents at the March 18 Area 3 meeting.
Eight leadership influence tactics every manager should know

By William A. Cohen, Ph.D

Are you the “nice guy,” the “shrewd guy,” or “that guy” in your daily leadership practice? Here are eight researched tactics that are useful in different circumstances. If one doesn’t work, try another. In this hypothetical scenario, you are trying to get Jim, your direct employee, to complete an important financial analysis by the end of today.

The nice guy moves:
Enlisting: Just asking Jim, I need your help. Can do this financial analysis?

Persuading: Asking and explaining why Jim, our board is expecting a full review this Friday, and this analysis will be a central piece of it. Can you do the financial analysis?

Negotiating: Compromising, Jim, if you can do the financial analysis, I’ll get something else to do the marketing analysis that I assigned you.

Involving: Getting Jim involved. Jim, what are your thoughts about how we can best present this analysis?

The shrewd guy moves:

Repudiating: Declaring: Your ignorance. Jim, I’m sorry, but you’re a whiz. I think that you may be the only person here who can do this.

Indirecting: Getting Jim to do something without asking for it directly. If Jim is responsible for the financial analysis but hasn’t started, start working on it yourself, but let him notice.

Redirecting: Giving the issue a different focus. Jim, if I can get you to do this financial analysis it will help me to convince the board to give you the promotion I told you about last month.

The that guy move:

Directing. Jim, do the financial analysis. This certainly won’t engender Jim’s devotion to you. However, if time is short and you have the authority, it may be the most effective tactic in your leadership arsenal. Be careful to weigh the long-term consequences.

William A. Cohen, Ph.D. is an accomplished military and nonprofit leader and is the President of the El Monte-based California Institute of Advanced Management (CIAM), an innovative 11-month MBA program for entrepreneurs and executives. Nevin Kamath, J.D., is the Director of the Consulting Institute at CIAM. Find them at www.gociam.org.

File amended return before IRS catches you

Hello Emmy: I overlooked a 1099-MISC form and inadvertently left off some freelance income earned in 2013. Should I report it on this year’s tax return and what penalties can I expect?

Answer: If this income was earned in 2013, it should not be reported for a different, and incorrect, tax year. 1099 forms that you receive are also reported to the IRS, so the government knows about your true income. Filing an amended tax return using form 1040X would be more appropriate.

Amended returns aren’t mandatory when you discover an error after the fact. The IRS has three years to send you a bill for the discrepancy.

However, knowingly submitting an inaccurate tax return is a punishable offense and (dis)proving your complicity can be difficult. Filing an amended return before the IRS recognizes the discrepancy is best.

When amending a tax return, don’t redo the entire return, unless your schedule attachments change. Just update any changed figures resulting from the additional income. Be sure to include the 1099-MISC with the amended return and include a payment for any tax you may owe.

If you earned $400 or more from self-employment during 2013, you also need to update or file Form 1040SE, which lists your income subject to self-employment tax. Also, be sure to reevaluate your state tax return.

Generally, the IRS imposes a late payment penalty of 0.5 percent per month that taxes remain unpaid. This penalty is capped at 25 percent, except for an error greater than $5,000 or 10 percent of your annual income. This may trigger even larger penalties.

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Longden student earns trip to state Geography Bee

Max Bhatti (in photo) is Longden Elementary School’s 2013 Geography Bee Champion. He earned a trip to the State Geography Bee competition when he and 40 Longden students took a preliminary geography test. The top 12 students then competed in Longden’s Geography Bee competition, Jan. 13.

After three rounds and several tie breaker questions, Max triumphed as Longden’s geography champion. Next, Max completed a written test which qualified him for the State Geography Bee. Max and his family were scheduled to travel to Fresno to compete at the State level, March 27. Nice going, Max.
Blue Star honors military at home, boosts morale for duty

By Monique Weiland

The Temple City Blue Star Banner Program exists to recognize our residents who are serving or have served in the armed forces.

If you have a family member who has just signed up in any branch, please phone Sharon Johnson at 626-285-5852 so a recognition banner can be displayed in his/her honor.

We owe our gratitude to these brave fellow citizens who risk their lives to make sure we can enjoy amazing freedoms and liberties not afforded to citizens in many other countries.

If you want an idea of what these soldiers endure on our behalf, take a look at the movies Unbroken and American Sniper. The hardships the troops face is the reason for the deep commitment of the Blue Star Banner Program.

Spring cleaning season is here, just in time for the annual Blue Star Banner Program rummage sale from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TCUSD Community health fair, 5K and 10K events May 2

Registration deadline is April 20

The Temple City Unified School District will host a free community health fair and 5K and 10K run/walk, May 2, at Temple City Park, 9701 Las Tunas Drive in Temple City.

Check in for the run/walk will begin at 6:30 a.m. with the run/walk beginning at 7:30 a.m. The run/walk is free and runners and walkers will receive a t-shirt (supplies are limited).

Participants can pick up their t-shirts from 3-7 p.m., May 1, at the TCUSD District Office, 9700 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City. Registration forms should be dropped off at the TCUSD District Office front desk, 9700 Las Tunas Drive. The deadline for registration is April 20. Registration forms for the run/walk are available at the District Office, all TCUSD school sites, City Hall in Temple City, and Live Oak Park.

Late registration on the day of the event will be taken but t-shirts are limited to those who register in advance.

A free community health fair is scheduled for 8-11 a.m. in Temple City Park.

The fair will include a variety of health screenings: dental, grip strength, body fat, blood pressure, and more. Vendors will provide information about acupuncture, mental health services, smoking cessation, etc. Fun activities include Temple City High School’s Jazz Band, Longden Elementary School’s Drill Team, and more.

The run/walk and health fair are sponsored by the Temple City Unified School District Local Education Agency, a health community outreach organization. For more information, phone Jeanne St. Pierre at 626-548-5000, ext. 1904 or Helen Redmond at 626-548-5069.

Honoring those who protect us 24/7/365

May 2. Sweep off the cobwebs and blow off the dust of those unused items. The yard sale will be at the Alta Dena Dairv on the northeast corner of Las Tunas Drive and Encinita Avenue.

Deliver your donated items by 7 a.m. when the yard sale starts. Stop by to snap up treasures at amazing prices. The proceeds support care packages or recognition dinners.

The Blue Star Bunnies are hard at work packing Easter boxes for our active military personnel from Temple City. They will be filled with Girl Scout Cookies, Sees Candies, and other miscellaneous Easter goodies. Many thanks to all of our donors for their contents: Pasadena Motors, Larry Brady, Kiwanis Club, Kathy St. Pierre, and Alyson Fox from Girl Scout Troop 1654 of the Charter Oak Area, and of course the Blue Star Banner Program.

Volunteers are always welcome to help fill care packages, donate items for the yard sale, serve sandwiches and nachos at the concert in the park series, and work at either of the two annual recognition dinners. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Sharon Johnson.

TCUSD students earn high honors at Odyssey of the Mind regional competition

Longden Elementary and Oak Avenue Intermediate Schools’ Odyssey of the Mind teams competed in the Los Angeles Basin Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament at San Marino High School, Feb. 28.

Oak Avenue’s team (Gabriella Djurama, Barbie He, Amanda Huang, Grace Li, Hanna Yip, and Christina Zang) placed third in their division.

Longden’s fourth grade team (Architha Arunraj, Dominique Bhatti, Ethan Do, Nicholias Kong, Brandon Wong, April Wu, and Johnny Wu) took fourth place, the fifth grade team (Martin Leung, Eric Sun, and Tiffany Wang) took ninth place, and the sixth grade team (Max Bhatti, Cindy Chen, Kailey Fung, Serena Ong, Rosalind Tran, and Tyler Voong) took tenth place in their divisions.

Forty-four teams from the surrounding areas attended the competition. Each team selected one of five problems and provided a creative solution.

The teams were judged on three levels: an 8-minute program outlined in the problem, the style in which it was presented, and a spontaneous problem solved at the competition.

Odyssey of the Mind is a world-wide creative problem-solving competition for students of all ages. Winning teams move on to state, national, and international competitions.

The program promotes creativity by challenging teams to solve divergent problems. By working in teams, participants learn teamwork, the appreciation and understanding of others, and that a group is a more powerful thinking force than an individual. Students develop a sense of self-respect and respect for others through preparatory activities, such as brainstorming and role-playing.

While the ultimate goal for most teams is to present their solutions in official competitions, this is not a requirement. The purpose of the program is to provide students with an exciting, challenging and fun learning experience.

Longden Elementary School serves students in grades transitional kindergarten through sixth grade. Oak Avenue Intermediate School serves students in seventh and eighth grades.

For more information about TCUSD schools, phone 626-548-5120. The Temple City Unified School District is committed to 21st century academic excellence to ensure that students are ready for the challenges of tomorrow.
St. Luke Catholic Community announces Holy Week services


On Holy Thursday, April 2, Celebration of the Lord’s Supper will be held at 7:30 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow.

On Good Friday, April 3, the following services will take place:

- Traditional Stations of the Cross, noon; Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ, 1 o’clock; and Celebration of the Lord’s Passion with Communion, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

An Easter Vigil Service will be held at 7:30 pm on April 4 (Holy Saturday). Masses on Easter Sunday, April 5, will take place at 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Children ages 10 and under are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt in the Parish courtyard following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Easter Bunny will be there, so bring your cameras!

All services will be held in the church, 5605 Cloverly Ave., Temple City. For more information, phone the Pastoral Office at 626-291-5980 or visit www.stluketemplecity.org.
Play Smarter Basketball classes take place:

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. Gabriel’s School, 1128 Nicholas Ave., Alhambra.

Sundays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at T.C. Nazarene Church, 3245 San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel.

Sundays, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. at San Gabriel Academy.

The Cream of the Crop Advanced Training class takes place

Sundays, 2-4 p.m. at San Gabriel Academy, 8827 East Broadway, San Gabriel, CA 91776.
Parish Fiesta offers limited ride special and enhanced games

St. Luke Catholic Community in Temple City will host its 28th Annual Fiesta, April 24-26, 5605 Cloverly Ave, Temple City.

Admission is free 6-11 p.m., April 24; noon to 11 p.m., April 25, and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., April 26.

The three-day event will feature a food court with a diverse selection of menu offerings, live entertainment, rides, a beer garden (with TV's), and several new and expanded exhibits.

This year's event will present an enhanced and expanded carnival games area with new booths as well as food delivery service in the beer garden seating area.

Patrons can place orders from select food booths for delivery directly to their tables. Free wi-fi will be available in the beer garden as well.

The event will also include an expanded boutique and craft fair all weekend, along with a general exhibitor area on Saturday and Sunday in the plaza.

Cold Duck will headline Saturday's entertainment from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

The weekend's entertainment will also include: The Red Band on Saturday, from 2-5 p.m., and a DJ on Sunday night, among others.

The festa also hosts a grand prize raffle (first prize: $7,500; cash; second prize: $1,000; third prize: $500). Tickets are $1 each; book of 50 tickets is $50.

The raffle includes a new early bird raffle drawing, for every book of 50 tickets purchased by April 12, participants are entered into an additional drawing for $100 cash.

And the mega 50/50 cash raffle is back ($2,000 guaranteed — winner could receive up to $5,000. Tickets are $10 each, only 1,000 to be sold).

Raffles held on Sunday evening; early bird raffle drawing held on Friday evening; winners need not be present. Tickets can also be purchased now at Pastoral Office or until sold out.

Pre-sold priced ride tickets and unlimited ride wristbands (select hours) are currently available.

Daily wristbands are $35 pre-sale at the Pastoral Office and $40 at festa.

A weekend wristband can be purchased at the office for $100 prior to the fiesta. Wristbands hours: Friday, 6-11 p.m., Saturday, noon-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ride tickets can also be purchased at the event. Vendor space is still available at the boutique ($135 for Friday-Sunday; $125 for Saturday and Sunday) and general exhibitor area ($125 for Saturday and Sunday; $100 for Saturday and Sunday).

The event, host to nearly 10,000 Greater San Gabriel Valley residents, is the parish's main fundraiser with proceeds directed toward Parish and elementary school maintenance needs.

Lead event sponsors include Gonsalves Outpatient Surgery Center; Pierce Brothers Turner and Stevens Mortuary; Downtown LA Motors; The Temple City Tribune; Mid Valley News & Mid Valley Radio; Phil and Mary Daniels; Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage; Zavarek's; Delores; Chili; Super A Foods; Carmine's Italian Restaurant; and Mercury Mailing and Printing.

Event subject to change. For more information, phone the Pastoral Office at 626-281-5000 or visit www.stlukesparish.org.

Parish Fiesta is "virtual & online"" on Facebook.

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Oak Avenue School seeks support for Character Garden

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The Temple City Kiwanis Club kicked off Oak’s fundraising efforts with a $250 donation: $150 for the Character Garden and $100 for the library bookshelf replacement project. No amount is too small. Please send your donation to Lynn Frontuto at Oak Avenue Intermediate School, 6623 Oak Ave., Temple City, CA 91780. Oak Avenue’s character education program uses a multifaceted approach providing students with many opportunities to learn about the importance of character.

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