Chase Your Dreams
Camellia Festival reaches 73rd year celebrating youth

By SHEL SEGAL, TEMPLE CITY COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

A three-day celebration of youth including a mile-long parade down Las Tunas Drive and a carnival filled with rides, food and music, the 73rd Temple City Camellia Festival will return Feb. 24-26 to Temple City.

The annual parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, and make its way down Las Tunas Drive from Sultana Avenue to Temple City Park, at the corner of Las Tunas Drive and Golden West Avenue. This year’s theme will be Chase Your Dreams, and the grand marshal is Erik Rosales, an Emmy Award-winning journalist and 1988 graduate of Temple City High School.

The honorary grand marshals are members of the Temple City National Little League State Champion 8-Year-Old All Star Team. Dawn Tarin, director for the festival, said other than Christmas, this is the one event Temple City kids don’t want to miss.

“The kids in town really look forward to this,” she said. “It’s a time when parents can spend time as a family. Once you’ve over a certain age it’s kind of a rite of passage to run around the carnival, knowing your parents are close by, but not that close by. And the little kids love it. They just have to have their parents with them.”

She added if you haven’t been to the festival in some time, several additions and improvements have been made, especially to make it more fun for those who might not be children anymore.

“Three years ago, we expanded out into the street,” Tarin said. “There is a street closure. We now have a beer and wine garden. We wanted to have more activities and an area where adults could hang out.”

And on Sunday night of the festival, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., will be an Oscar viewing party in the beer garden, where festival goers can watch the entire Oscar broadcast, act out a red carpet event and play games, said past festival director Nanette Fish.

“The Camellia Festival always falls on Oscar weekend,” said Fish, who is helping to organize the Oscar viewing party. “We thought we’d take advantage of that. We have three large TVs inside the beer garden. We’ll have a red carpet event. It’ll be a lot of fun.”

Tarin added several organizations in town depend on the Camellia Festival for part of their livelihood.

“It’s a huge fundraiser for a lot of our nonprofit youth organizations in Temple City,” she said. “We have everything from soccer to baseball to Jobs Daughters. They all run food booths. We have groups who run game booths.”

The Camellia Festival also boasts a Royal Court, which is comprised of 10 first graders from Temple City.

Members of the court serve for a year and attend several community events in addition to participating in

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Temple City residents have sole county issue on March 7 ballot

Temple City residents have one issue on the March 7 election ballot, a county plan to combat homelessness by levying a 1/4 cent sales tax.

But Temple City issues or candidates will not be on the ballot.

The Temple City Council took action during its regular meeting on Dec. 20 and adopted Resolution No. 16-5226 appointing the two nominees, incumbent council members Tom Chavez and Vincent Yu, to the office of City Council, thereby canceling the City’s general municipal election per City Code 10229.

The City Council will be reorganized on March 21 when a new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem will be seated.

Not holding the election could save the City up to $97,000. The next municipal election will take place on March 5, 2019 with three city council seats becoming available.

Measure H on the ballot states: Los Angeles County Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness. To fund mental health, substance abuse treatment, health care, education, job training, rental subsidies, emergency and affordable housing, transportation, outreach, prevention, and supportive services for homeless children, families, foster youth, veterans, battered women, seniors, disabled individuals, and other homeless adults: shall voters authorize Ordinance No. 2017-0001 to levy a 1/4 cent sales tax for ten years, with independent annual audits and citizens oversight?

Voters will approve or disapprove.

Other municipalities will vote for mayors, city councilmembers, city clerk, treasurer, and various ballot measures including district boards of education, boards of trustees, and local ballot measures.

City offers one-day tour excursions

Temple City offers one-day excursions to local and nearby destinations, ranging from tours and shows to dinner and shopping. Registration is taken on a first-come, first-paid basis at Live Oak Park Community Center. For more information, phone 626-579-0461.

Past excursions include San Diego Gaslamp Food Festival, Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Laguna Beach Pageant of Masters, Aquarium of the Pacific and many more.

The next excursions are planned for:
- San Diego Zoo: March 31, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Fee: $62.
- Peterson Automotive Museum: April 25, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fee: $46.
- Downtown Disney, May 4, 10 a.m-4 p.m. Fee: $15.

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Helen Romero Shaw is new Board President of Asian Youth Center

A packed crowd at the Empress Harbor Seafood restaurant celebrated the merger of Chamber member Asian Youth Center (AYC) and Project NEO, Jan. 11. Following a lively dinner accompanied by music, dancing and song, Helen Romero Shaw, Public Affairs manager for Chamber member Southern California Gas Company, was sworn in as the new AYC Board President.

Helen Romero Shaw (second to left with necklace) and regional Chamber leaders (l-r) Dora Leung (Monterey Park), Ray Jan (Rosemead) and Temple City Chamber of Commerce President Peter Choi.

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Change up your gym routine with new Chamber member 3volution 7itness

As a young boy, Fabian Ramirez struggled with childhood obesity, but as he got older, he was drawn to sports, especially football and track. Working out became a daily routine and then his passion. After working as a popular fitness trainer, Fabian followed his dream and opened his own gym on Rosemead Boulevard: 3volution 7itness (Evolution Fitness).

“Group classes and one-on-one training is my specialty, along with providing my clients with nutritional guidance,” said Mr. Ramirez. “I believe everyone deserves a healthy life and I am here to be a part of their journey.”

3volution 7itness, aka 37 gym, is committed to offering a welcoming environment and quality equipment for all who desire to reach new fitness levels. The 37 gym specializes in motivational weight loss and muscle building group classes. 3volution 7itness also offers one-on-one personal training to help clients reach their fitness goals and nutritional guiding meal plans which help ensure the best and healthiest results.

Their private gym offers a welcoming, clean, and motivational environment for all fitness levels.

It is a testament to Mr. Ramirez’s enthusiastic energy and positive professionalism that many of 37 gym’s clients have been with him for the last few years and moved with him to his new location to which they already give a thumbs up, appreciating the convenient location and sleek gym look.

“They enjoy the motivation they get from one another during group classes,” said Mr. Ramirez. “And our clients say they enjoy our innovative classes that help them build their cardio and strength.”

3volution 7fitness is the home for all those who are tired of the same gym routine and all who are determined to make a difference in their life. Use the free coupon and start losing those holiday pounds today.

3volution 7fitness Gym is located at 5214 N. Rosemead Blvd. For more information, phone 626-741-5222.
A limited number of spaces remain for a free seminar by Chamber Ambassador Joe Chia who will address two of the greatest fears people have about retirement which are A) not having enough saved and B) running out of money.

The public is invited to attend Chia’s “Don’t Worry, Retire Happy: Retirement Strategies for Life” presentation at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Temple City Chamber of Commerce, 9050 Las Tunas Drive.

In this engaging and interactive presentation, one will learn:

• How to guarantee your retirement income for the rest of your life (no matter what the stock, bond or real estate markets do)
• How to maximize your social security benefits
• The major risks to a successful retirement and how to mitigate them

Come learn how to design your ideal retirement without stress and pressure so that you can work and retire on your own terms.

New York Life and the Temple City Chamber of Commerce are working together to provide a professional environment because 3 out of 4 people are not prepared for retirement. Less than 10 spaces are available, so please RSVP ASAP.

To reserve a space or for more information, phone the Chamber at 626-286-3101 or email info@templecitychamber.com.

If unable to attend, you may request a one-on-one consultation with Joe Chia via his contact information:
Joe Chia, jchia@ft.newyorklife.com, 562-445-2018 New York Life Insurance Company. CA Ins Lic#: 0K05214.

Temple City Dial-A-Ride assists special needs riders

Temple City Dial-A-Ride is a membership transportation program that provides shared curb-to-curb rides for eligible users. Rides are by appointment up to seven days in advance, and cost 50 cents per person each way.

To qualify, members must:
• Reside in Temple City or an approved adjacent County area, and
• Be 60 years and older, or under 60 with a physical, psychological or developmental disability certified by a physician.

To qualify, individuals should print out and complete a Dial-A-Ride application available from City Hall. For further information and obtaining an application, please phone the Parks & Recreation Dept. at 285-2171 ext. 4515. Dial-A-Ride Subscription Service or Standing Reservations allows travel to the same location on the same day and time each week for medical appointments only. Members with three no-shows may lose their subscription.

Those needing to cancel a scheduled ride should phone the DAR reservation center at 626-286-2456. This will allow other DAR members to be accommodated.

Drivers are only allowed to assist riders getting on and off the vehicle and to the sidewalk or other safe waiting area located next to the street where the vehicle is parked. Drivers may help a rider carry packages on and off the vehicle to the sidewalk or walking area.

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Please keep in mind, this is a curb-to-curb service, drivers cannot assist a rider to the door or into an individual’s house or carry packages to the door. If assistance is needed to and from pick up or drop off location, please have an escort or personal care attendant with you to provide assistance.

Holiday service includes New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Holiday service hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Membership cards do not expire, however if someone moves they will need to complete a new application and will receive a new membership card.

No smoking, drinking or eating is permitted in vehicles.

Reserve space at free seminar on preparing for retirement, Feb. 4

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He’s still the most interesting dentist in the world

Back in 2016, a job opportunity opened up over at Dos Equis. Veteran actor Jonathan Goldsmith was asked to resign his classic nine-year role as “The Most Interesting Man in the World.”

And I would never presume to be the most interesting man in the world but this morning, while I was scarfing down some Huevos Rancheros, I heard a familiar voice. And suddenly a hologram appeared, hovering over my room, patients can actually smell the roses.

Wisdom teeth were named in his honor. When he crosses their path, black cats have been known to have bad luck. He’s already done for the day by the time the tough get going. He’s built a 20-foot wall ... to keep Donald Trump out. And even though he’s mostly liberal, he’s never smoked a joint, driven a Prius, or bought organic kale at Whole Foods.

When he walks into a treatment room, patients can actually smell the roses. When he spoke, E.F. Hutton should have listened. Birds suddenly appear when he walks by. He can actually make a mountain out of a molehill.

He can transform the most cock-eyed occlusion into beautiful, healthy, lasting. He actually transforms your teeth. He’s using crooked teeth.

He is the most interesting dentist in the world.”

“I didn’t always enjoy providing orthodontic care for teens and adults ... but now I’m obsessed with giving my patients with the smile they always really wanted ... and I prefer using Invisalign.”

Deadline to nominate outstanding Temple City senior citizen is Feb. 17

Nominations are being accepted for an exceptional senior who contributes to the well-being and success of Temple City.

The Parks and Recreation Department is continuing the 50-year tradition of recognizing outstanding seniors.

The criteria for nominating an Outstanding Senior includes: being at least 60 years of age and a Temple City resident, having performed volunteer service to community-based organizations, and possessing any special accomplishments and time spent with volunteer activities.

The deadline to submit a nomination is Feb. 17. Nominations may be obtained at the public counters in City Hall and Live Oak Park Community Center or by downloading them from www.templecity.us.

“This award is a great way to honor the seniors in Temple City and honor what great things they are doing,” said Cathy Burroughs, parks and recreation director. “It’s always difficult to narrow it down to a winner as these residents are outstanding people.”

As May is “Older American Month,” the winner will be announced at a City Council meeting that month, followed by a reception in the winner’s honor.

For more information, please phone the City of Temple City Parks and Recreation Department at 626-579-0461.

11 Critical Home Inspection Traps to be Aware of Weeks Before Listing Your Home for Sale

According to industry experts, there are over 31 physical problems that will prevent you under scrutiny using a home inspection when your home is for sale.

A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That’s why it’s critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether.

In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you’re looking for, and knowing what you’re looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled “11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection” has been compiled which explains the issues involved. To order a FREE Special Report, call toll-free 1-888-300-4632 and enter 3003. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Get your free special report NOW to learn how to ensure a home inspection doesn’t cost you the sale of your home.

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Making Dentistry Fun

By Jack Von Bulow, D.D.S.

Jackson Von Bulow, 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. Phone him at 626-285-3161 or visit his Web site at www.templecitydental.com.

He’s built a 20-foot wall ... to keep Donald Trump out. And even though he’s mostly liberal, he’s never smoked a joint, driven a Prius, or bought organic kale at Whole Foods.

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Should I transfer my house to my children now?

At least monthly, a new client walks into my office and asks, “My friend told me to transfer my house to my children now to make things easier. Should I?”

The answer is no for two major reasons:

1. Liability Considerations

If you transfer your house to your children now, then your children legally own the house, so they can technically sell your house or ask you to move. In reality, most people are not afraid of their children selling their house from under them, but there are also liability concerns.

For instance, if your child is being sued, since he or she owns “your” house, the house being sued, since he or she owns “your” house, the house becomes an asset of your son or daughter. As a result, you could lose “your” house to creditors or plaintiffs who are suing your children.

2. Tax Considerations

If you transfer your house to your children while you are still living, your children keep your cost-basis in the house. Put simply, cost-basis is comprised of the purchase price of your house and all major improvements you have made to your house.

For example, if you paid $100,000 for your house and put $50,000 in major improvements into the property, your cost-basis would be $150,000. Now, let’s say the house is worth $750,000. If your child sells the house after you pass away, the potential capital gain is $600,000 ($750,000 sales price - $150,000 cost-basis = $600,000 capital gain).

However, if you keep your house in your name, or preferably in your trust, until you pass away, your children will get a “step-up” in cost-basis. This means that the $150,000 cost-basis will change to current market value, or $750,000. Now, since the sales price is $750,000 and the cost-basis is $750,000, what is $750,000 - $750,000 = $0, so there would be no capital gains tax.

The Importance of a Trust

If you have a trust drafted and move your house into the trust, then your house will pass to your children (or other beneficiaries) with the important step-up in tax cost-basis.

Additionally, the house will pass to your children without expensive probate court fees.

In our example, the attorney probate fees, written into the law, for a house worth $750,000 would cost your children $18,000 at a minimum.

In summary, the best way for most people to transfer their house to their children is to have a trust drafted, then move the house into a trust that will transfer the house to their children after death.

Benefits of 401(k) are many

Dear Emmy, I’m torn about asking my employer about starting a company 401(k) plan. Can you offer any guidance?

There’s no reason to be hesitant – the interests are mutual. An employer benefits as much as their employees. Here are some important aspects:

- It’s not as time-consuming and challenging to setup and maintain a company 401(k) as it’s commonly perceived. Small business owners can even hire a reasonably priced, outside retirement plan advisor so that they can concentrate on what they do best: running their business.

- 401(k)s aren’t very expensive. The costs have become quite competitive. Additionally, companies can receive significant tax deductions and tax credits by offering qualified retirement plans.

- Offering high-quality employees a retirement plan helps recruit and retain valuable staff members. Savvy employees weigh their benefits packages as much as their employees.

- Financial wellness helps the bottom line. Just as health insurance helps keep workers productive, offering retirement savings accounts can keep people’s mind on their job, not on their financial concerns.

- Workers will use it. “My employees don’t want it” is a fallacy. Money is often tight so saving for the future becomes postponed, but no one wants to struggle in retirement.

- Like their bosses, many employees erroneously believe maintaining a retirement account will be time-consuming and confusing and expensive.

- Employers will use it, too. Small business people shouldn’t rely solely on future company profits. It’s important for owners themselves to save money in their own retirement accounts.

- These points deserve to be talked about in more detail. Ask your HR representative if there’s anything you can do to help get the conversation started.

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Money at Work

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Chase Your Dreams at 73rd Temple City Camellia Festival

Chase Your Dreams is the theme for the 73rd Temple City Camellia Festival, Feb. 24-26. The parade will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, with KMPH Fox 26 New Reporter Erik Rosales as Grand Marshal and the Temple City National Little League State Champion 8-10 Year Old All Star Team as Honorary Grand Marshals.

Entertainment
Entertainment will take place every day, provided by many local groups and organizations, with evening concerts in the Performing Arts Pavilion.

Friday: Classic Rock Tribute Band, TimeBomb
Saturday: Queen Nation, a Tribute to the Music of Queen
Sunday: Totally Hip Replacements, playing “mature music of the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, today and the future”

Beer Garden Events
Friday: Bingo hosted by the Temple City High School Ramrodder Booster Group
Saturday: Temple City High School Mini Reunion
Sunday: Oscar Viewing Party

Special Recognition:
Rose Queen Victoria Castellanos
A community reception will be take place at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Performing Arts Pavilion to celebrate 2017 Rose Queen Victoria “Tori” Castellanos of Temple City.

Grand Marshal Erik Rosales
Emmy Award-winning TV journalist and 1988 graduate of Temple City High School.

Erik Rosales is a multi-Emmy award-winning journalist with more than 20 years in the television news broadcasting industry. Mr. Rosales is a 1988 graduate of Temple City High School.

In 2003, Mr. Rosales was honored with his first Emmy Award for his live coverage of an officer-involved shooting in Fresno, California. He has also received several Radio and Television News Director Association awards, as well as a number of Associated Press awards.

In 2016, Mr. Rosales earned his second Emmy Award for his live coverage of a standoff situation with an armed man and police in Fresno, California. Currently, Mr. Rosales is working in Fresno, at KMPH Fox 26 News.

For the past six years, he has been a valuable member of the news team as a reporter and fill-in anchor. Mr. Rosales lives in Fresno with his wife Stacey.

Temple City National Team
Congratulations to the California State Champions, 8-10 Baseball

Temple City National Baseball Team made District 18 tournament history by winning the 8-10 Year Old Baseball State Championship title July 31, with two straight wins against Aliso Viejo. This State Baseball Championship is the first in the 63-year history of District 18 in any level of baseball All-Stars age 12 and under.

During their historic run, Temple City National played or practiced on 57 consecutive days, they were 12-0 in All-Star competition, scoring 118 runs while only allowing 24 runs, and winning four Championship Banners.

Temple City is very proud of this team not only for their accomplishments on the field, but also for their value of teamwork, fair play, discipline and the excitement and fun they provided to all who have followed them.

Games, rides, food vendors open at 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24
Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25

Selection of the Royal Court
The Temple City Camellia Festival began its search for the 73rd Royal Court in December. First grade boys and girls who reside in Temple City or reside in the boundaries of the Temple City Unified School District participated in the Royal Court Play Day Contest, Jan. 14, at Live Oak Park. They checked in and received their contestant number, played games, competed a craft, had a snack, and finally had a chance to speak into a microphone before taking the group photo.

General Chairman Gina Aparicio, joined by Miss Temple City Stephanie Shih and her Honor Court (Danni Quo, Joy Hsu, Allison Yao, and Xiao Yu Li), along with Camellia Festival Committee Members visited the homes of each of the 10 Royal Court Members with a great fanfare.

Additional information can be found at www.camelliafestival.org. Questions should be directed to the Festival Office at 626-285-2171 extension 4030 or by email to Festival Director, Dawn Tarin at dtarin@templecity.us.
Anwitha Nakshatri  
 Princess Anwitha is 7 years old and attends Longden Elementary School. She has an older sister, Rakshitha. She is a “book worm” and loves to read. She is a loving, caring and affectionate child who loves hugs. Her favorite foods are veggie pizza, pad Thai noodles and coconut curry. She enjoys playing tourist foods. In addition to reading, she loves to ride her bike, learn math, play board games and swim. She is participating in lessons for gymnastics, singing, and swimming. When Anwitha grows up she wants to be an environmental scientist who helps protect the earth.

Ellie Lam  
 Princess Elli is 6 years old and attends La Rosa Elementary School. She participates in fundraising for the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles. Her favorite foods are pizza, steak, dumplings, and noodles. Her interests include Chinese Harp (Zither), singing, dancing, swimming, painting, drawing, and reading. She loves to bake, compose music and play the harp. When she grows up, Ellie wants to be a rock star, chef, or a veterinarian.

Jaslyn Young  
 Princess Jaslyn is 7 years old and attends La Rosa Elementary School. She LOVES Elvis Presley. The family has two pets, a cat named Diamond and a bunny named Snowball. She is interested in gymnastics, swimming, horseback riding and art. Jaslyn participates in the Good News Club, Club Champion Gymnastics, and Waterworks Aquatics. When she grows up she wants to be a teacher and a nurse.

Georgia Pluger  
 Banner Carrier Georgia is 6 years old and attends St. Luke Catholic School. She has one older sister, Brooke. The family pets are Marty, Tucker, Pinky and Chip. Georgia's favorite food is chocolate. She participates in jiujitsu and is left handed. When she grows up she wants to be a teacher.

Harmony Wong  
 Banner Carrier Harmony is 6 years old and attends Longley Way Elementary School. She has two sisters, Hayden and Halley. She wants to be a Rose Parade Princess. Her favorite foods are cookies and milk, masago sushi, pineapple pizza, McDonalds, and anything with chocolate. She enjoys playing basketball and is currently part of Temple City’s Clinic division and attending Moffatu basket-ball youth group. She likes painting and drawing. Harmony enjoys hip hop dancing and watching television and movies with her family. She is a Daisy Girl Scout in Arcadia Troop #2881. When she grows up she wants to be an artist and a mom, because moms take care of the family.

Crowning of 2017 King and Queen  
 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 at Live Oak Park

Conner Phan  
 Prince Conner is 6 years old and attends Longden Elementary School. He has one older brother, Sean, and one younger brother, Matthew. He enjoys reading, riding his bike, drawing, swimming, and watching movies. Conner’s favorite foods are macaroni and cheese, sushi, pizza and tomatoes with cucumbers. He participates in Play Smarter Basketball and Waterworks Aquatics. When he grows up he wants to be a paleontologist, and artist, or a crystallographer. Conner has a keen interest in geography and would one day love to go on a safari in Kenya.

Justin Sun  
 Prince Justin is 7 years old and attends Longden Elementary School. He has an older brother named Jeremy. His favorite foods are rice with port, strawberries and oranges. The family has two pets, a cat named Jasper and a dog named Max. Justin is interested in art, piano, swimming and soccer. He participates in Mid-Valley Water Polo and AVSO. When he grows up he wants to be a teacher.

Kaysen Beau Duhamel  
 Prince Kaysen is 7 years old and attends Longden Elementary School. He has one older brother, Jaykob. He is a sensitive young man who always wants to be helpful and make others happy. The family has two pet boxers, Harper and Jaxzie. Kaysen’s favorite foods are fruit snacks, strawberries, watermelon and raisins. He enjoys baseball, basketball, WWE, swimming and boating. He plays baseball with the Temple City National Little League and basketball through Temple City National Little League and basketball through Temple City and building Legos®, building robots, and playing Uno with mom and dad. He participates in soccer, jiujitsu and makes his own comic books. When Kaysen grows up he wants to be an archaeologist and study dinosaur’s fossils.

Maverick Aden Smith  
 Banner Carrier Maverick is 7 years old and attends Longden Elementary School. He is a happy child, motivated by the motto “never give up” which is his life anthem. The family has a cat named Ninja and a hamster named Chomp. His favorite foods are pizza, spaghetti, and tacos. He is interested in building Legos®, building robots, and playing Uno with mom and dad. He participates in soccer, jiujitsu and makes his own comic books. When Maverick grows up he wants to be an archaelo-

Adam Hauge  
 Banner Carrier Adam is a 7 year old attending Longden Elementary School. He is a very outgoing person who brings joy to everything he does. He always makes an effort to do his very best. The family has a cat named Nautilus and a goldfish named Shiny. Adam’s favorite foods are pizza, chicken nuggets, ice cream, apples and bagels. He is interested in basketball, handball, hiking, camping, and building Legos®. He participates in Cub Scouts, Tiger Scout Pack #156, Longden’s Park and Recreation basketball team and Holy Angels Church Religious Education program. When Adam grows up he wants to do something that will help people.

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Making positive, effective home changes for aging owners

Here are some important thoughts for those who plan to continue living in their homes long term.

Quick Tips:

• Add grab bars in the shower. There are new stylish ones that look like a shampoo or towel rack and can support up to 500 pounds, when properly installed.

• Grab bars can also be installed at the top or the foot of stairs. Replace the standard toilet with a new comfort-height toilet which is 17-19 inches high (ahhh).

• Replace round door knobs with lever handles that make it easier to turn.

• Increase the lighting in your home as a 20-year-old, as noted as a tapestry.

• So think about color contrast. Most homes have stairs inside or outside but Side. Place reflective tape at the edge so you can see better where each one ends. Place a brightly colored bath mat outside the shower so you can see where you’re stepping down after bathing.

• In the kitchen, add a lazy Susan to corner shelves to make it easier to reach items at the back of cupboards. If there is room and money, add a custom built movable kitchen island. Install shelves that pull out.

• If you have the means, consider widening the doorways to accommodate a wheelchair and/or a walker. Remove the bathtub and install a walk-in shower with a seat. And don’t forget the grab held shower head.

• Build a ramp or install a chairlift wherever you have steps. Remove the area rug or secure it to the floor with double-sided tape. If it’s in good, clean condition you can hang it on the wall as a tapestry.

For more useful tips see AARP’s online Homefit Guide.

The tax man he cometh

Don’t be a victim of tax fraud

By Franklin J. Ruedel

If you get a call from the IRS threatening you with lawsuits or jail unless you pay up immediately, don’t worry. It’s a scam.

IRS impersonation and tax scams by phone, e-mail, snail mail and text are ongoing. Criminals use increasingly creative plays to trick taxpayers but you can protect yourself and your money.

What To Watch For:

Here are five more things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a telltale sign of a scam.

First, you should know that the IRS doesn’t initiate contact with taxpayers by e-mail, text message or social media channels to request personal or financial information. This includes requests for PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts.

The IRS will never:

• Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed when it first has mailed you a bill.

• Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount it says you owe

• Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card

Where To Get Help

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at www.FT C.gov. You’ll be a lot less likely to worry that in fact there was an error on your tax return if you get help from a licensed professional tax preparer.

For example, enrolled agents (EAs) are America’s tax experts. They are the only federally licensed tax practitioners who both specialize in taxation and have unlimited rights to represent taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service.

These tax specialists have earned the privilege of representing taxpayers before the IRS by either passing a stringent and comprehensive three-part examination covering individual tax returns, business tax returns, and representation, practice and procedure or through relevant experience as a former IRS employee.

All candidates are subjected to a rigorous background check conducted by the IRS.

Find An Enrolled Agent or an EA nearby, go to the “Find a Tax Expert” directory at www.eatax.org.

You may contact Franklin J. Ruedel, EA at 626-286-9662, www.FRANKRUEDEL.com, or e-mail taxprof frank@FRANKRUEDEL.com or use the website http://www.T04.com/frankruedel/ for a reduced rate tax preparation.

Temple City to develop a master plan for serving senior citizens

According to City Manager Bryan Cook in his Jan. 20 City Manager’s Report, the Temple City Parks & Recreation Department, in an effort to meet the changing needs of the senior adult community in Temple City, will soon be retaining a professional consultant to create a Senior Master Plan (SMP). According to the report, “The purpose of a SMP is to create a document that provides discovery and recommendations to the City and local service agencies to ensure that Temple City continues to be a healthy, senior adult-friendly community and to encourage collaborative planning.

“The initial step in the SMP creation process consists of the assembly of a SMP Advisory Committee, which will consist of senior residents, advocates, stakeholders, etc. and will assist the City and professional consultant in determining the needs of community seniors; researching local demographics; obtaining community input; and recommending programs and services to fill unmet needs. Selection of the SMP Advisory Committee [was] scheduled to begin in January 2017 with the SMP creation process beginning immediately thereafter.”

Live Oak Park Walking Club

The walking path at Live Oak Park is now open to the public. Dedicated on Dec. 20, 2016, the rubberized walking path is approximately 1-1/2 miles traveling around the park. For those who do better walking with a group, the City will be offering a walking club beginning in February. For further information, including days and times, please phone Parks and Recreation Coordinator Tony Villabobos at 626-656-7321.
Blue Star Banner program thankful

The Blue Star families of Temple City are grateful to the local businesses and groups who have generously donated to the blue star program for more than 10 years.

Benefactors include: Stonefire Grill of Pasadena, Islands of local businesses and groups. To update information, phone Sharon Johnson at 626-285-5852.

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Introducing Life Guard Carpet by Shaw Floors

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Public invited to Financial Peace University sponsored by First Baptist Church of TC

First Baptist Church is hosting a Financial Peace University course starting in February. It will be open to the community as well as anyone who is interested within the San Gabriel Valley.

The classes will teach how to win with money, change legacies, save marriages, take control of your financial future, create a budget, and pay off debt. The classes are from 3-4:30 p.m., from Feb. 12-April 9, in the church library.

The entire course is only $75 which includes a complete kit of resources along with teachings from nationally-known radio show host and financial adviser Dave Ramsey and his team.

To enroll in the classes, phone 626-286-3125 or e-mail tcfbchurch@templecitybaptist.org.

Dave Ramsey is an American businessman, author, radio host, telephone personality, and motivational speaker. Mr. Ramsey’s syndicated radio program, The Dave Ramsey Show, is heard on more than 500 radio stations throughout the United States and Canada, in podcast format, on iHeartRadio, the Dave Ramsey show iOS application, live on YouTube, as well as live audio and video on DaveRamsey.com. He has written numerous books including five New York Times bestsellers. Ramsey was named the 2009 Marconi Award winner for Network/Syndicated Personality of the Year, and was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in 2015.

Maranatha church offers programs in English, Chinese

The Temple City Chamber of Commerce welcomes new member Maranatha Church of the Nazarene, a Christian church which recently moved to Temple City from Monterey Park. A multi-generational congregation serving San Gabriel Valley, Maranatha shares facilities with the existing Immanuel Church of the Nazarene located at the northwestern corner of Baldwin and La Tunas.

Shortly after moving into their present location, Maranatha Church of the Nazarene fell deeper in love with the vibrant community of Temple City. “Our church is close to homes and within walking distance to restaurants, banks, schools, parks and City Hall,” said Pastor Felix Lam. “No matter which way we walk, we see well maintained homes and friendly faces. It is comforting to know that we are in a right place with great neighbors.”

Maranatha’s predominantly multigenerational Asian American Christian congregation takes pride in identifying with the great community they serve. “Besides welcoming friends and neighbors to worship, Bible study and other programs in English or Chinese, we intend to take our church to them,” said Pastor Lam.

In that spirit, church members can be seen at Temple City Park Saturday mornings singing songs, sharing Bible stories, organizing crafts, or just greeting people. Look for Maranatha’s teams in purple T-shirts, or check them out on Facebook, Maranatha Lax.

Every Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Adult Cantonese Bible Study: 10 a.m. Cantonese Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. Children and Youth English Sunday School. Holy Communion is taken place every first Sunday of the month.

For more information, phone Pastor Lam at 909-576-5588 or email Felixclam@yahoo.com.

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Your Community Christian Churches Welcome You

Thy word
is a lamp unto my feet,
a light on my path.
Psalms 119:105

Community of Christ Church
Pastor Darrell Kelly
9468 Broadway • Temple City, CA 91780
626-285-6500 • http://cofchrist-psi.org/temple-city
dkohty426@hotmail.com
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Classes, 10:00 a.m. Care & Share • 11 a.m. Morning Worship
12 p.m. Potluck Lunch – 3rd Sunday
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.
web site: www.firstlutheranrc.org
e-mail: admin@firstlutheranrc.org

San Gabriel Mission Catholic Church
Pastor FR. Tony Diaz, CMF
428 South Mission Dr., San Gabriel 91776
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Weekday Masses: 6:30 a.m. (English, Las Tunas), Noon (Eng.), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Saturday Masses (English) 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Masses: (English) 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 5 p.m. (Spanish) 9:30 a.m. 1 p.m., 7 p.m.
(Communion) 2 p.m.

Temple City Church of Christ
Pastor Jonathan Hinckley, Minister
5272 Sereno Dr., Temple City
626-286-6076
Sunday Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
All Children Welcome
Nursery

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Jim Walden, Senior Pastor
6019 Baldwin Ave. • Temple City, CA 91780
626-286-3125
web site: www.templecitybaptist.org
e-mail: tcfbchurch@templecitybaptist.org
Jim@templecitybaptist.org
First Baptist Church of TC
Pastor Frank Wang
5319 N. Halifax
Temple City, CA 91780
www.bcitemplecity.com
Sunday Worship:
English at 9:30 a.m.
Mandarin at 11 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Frank Wang
5319 N. Halifax
Temple City, CA 91780
www.blctemplecity.com
Sunday Worship:
English at 9:30 a.m.
Mandarin at 11 a.m.

San Gabriel Community Church
Steve Baleantine, Senior Pastor
117 N. Pine St., San Gabriel
626-287-0486
www.sgcandcs.org
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Youth Program, Jr. & Sr. High, 7 p.m.

Sunrise Community Church
Nondenominational: Conservative Christian
Andrew Kikkert, Pastor
9642 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 & 3rd Fridays.
Friday Night Fellowship: 6:30 p.m. – 2nd & 4th Fridays

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Charles Castles, Pastor
5555 S. Glendora Ave.
626-287-6987
www.westminstertc.org
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All Children Welcome • Nursery • Children’s Church
Bible Studies on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Phone for information.
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- **Address:** 5319 N. Halifax
- **Phone:** 626-358-7400

#### Min W. Fine Art & School
- **Address:** 9908 Las Tunas Dr., Unit A
- **Phone:** 626-642-5783

#### Temple City Business Directory
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- **Phone:** 626-286-8868

#### Wells Fargo Bank
- **Address:** 5773 N. Rosemead Blvd.
- **Phone:** 626-656-8888

#### Quality Bookkeeping Service
- **Address:** 25186 Hulen Blvd., Suite 220
- **Phone:** 626-686-8888

#### Temple City United School District
- **Website:** www.tcusd.net
- **Phone:** 626-548-5000

#### TC Unified School District
- **Address:** 9700 Las Tunas Dr.
- **Phone:** 626-548-5000

#### TC Camellia Festival
- **Website:** www.camelliafestival.org
- **Phone:** 626-285-2171 Ext. 4030

#### The Tea Station
- **Address:** 9578 Las Tunas Drive
- **Phone:** 626-284-9003

#### Art Gallery
- **Address:** 117 N. Pine St.
- **Phone:** 626-287-0486

#### Community Church of the Nazarene
- **Address:** 5951 Las Tunas Drive
- **Phone:** 626-282-3112

#### First Baptist Church of TC
- **Address:** 5957 Golden West
- **Phone:** 626-286-5800

#### Family Dental Group
- **Address:** 9216 Las Tunas Drive
- **Phone:** 626-287-8217

#### Faith United Methodist Church
- **Address:** 626-358-1807
- **Phone:** 626-285-4500

#### First Lutheran Church
- **Address:** 9212 Broadway
- **Phone:** 626-287-0968

#### The Tyre Agency, Inc.
- **Address:** 5977 N. Rosemead Blvd.
- **Phone:** 626-286-3101

#### Family & Lifestyle
- **Address:** 9575 Golden West
- **Phone:** 626-287-1386

#### Foot Care
- **Address:** 9216 Las Tunas Drive
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#### Comprehensive Health
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Prim is looking for her forever family where she will receive lots of cuddles and attention.

I’m a two-year-old tabby domestic short hair with the perfect calm and patient demeanor to fit her name.

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Temple City’s Mia Chang attends inauguration in D.C.

After representing Oak Avenue Intermediate in the Junior National Youth Leadership Conference in July, Temple City student Mia Chang returned to Washington D.C. with her fellow Summit Scholars after being invited to attend the Presidential Inauguration. During their time in the nation’s capital, Mia and her group were treated to inspirational speakers ranging from former Secretary of State General Colin Powell and Oscar winning film director Spike Lee to two-time Olympic gold medalist and FIFA Women’s World Cup champion Abby Wambach, whose story of perseverance and winning despite the odds, scored high with the students. The scholars then participated in their Final Round of the Summit Showcase with winners announced at an awards ceremony. Mia and her fellow scholars then celebrated with music, dancing, IMAX movies and more at the Envision Inaugural Gala held at the Smithsonian’s Udvar-Hazy Center.