Where else?

Wushu Action Star Academy is where stars train for action roles. See Page 4.

Six Seats open on three City Commissions

Applications accepted through April 30 for volunteer positions

The City of Temple City is accepting applications to fill six positions on the following commissions:

Two seats on the Planning Commission, which has decision-making authority over a variety of development proposals. Commissioners advise the city council on programs, policies and issues relating to planning, development and land-use regulations. The commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Two seats on the Parks and Recreation Commission, which delivers recommendations to the city council on the development and oversight of parks facilities and recreational programming. The commission meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor's State of the City address reviews city’s recent past, future

The annual State of the City address, entitled "Building Our Story," was presented by Mayor Cynthia Sternquist on March 13, 2018.

The speech was an important discussion of the city's future. Following is a condensed version of the mayor's speech. The full 6,063 words or a video of the address can be found online at http://www.ci.temple-city.ca.us/302/State-of-the-City

Good evening, fellow residents and honored guests.

I’m Cynthia Sternquist, the mayor of Temple City, and on behalf of our City Council, I’m proud to welcome you to the 2018 State of the City address. I hope you enjoyed our video introduction, even though it ended on a bit of a cliffhanger. Here in Temple City, our story is a multilayered one, and it often requires different types of media to tell it. Throughout the evening, I’ll incorporate two more videos into my presentation as another form of story-telling, one I hope will inspire and entertain. I can also promise you’ll see a resolution to our main character’s dilemma, but it might not involve time travel just yet.

The past several years have seen our city work toward building a new legacy. From the opening of Camellia Square, our main character’s dilemma, but it might not involve time travel just yet. But spearheading a major renovation of our community’s destiny, and it ended on a bit of a cliffhanger. Here in Temple City, our story is a multilayered one, and it often requires different types of media to tell it. Throughout the evening, I’ll incorporate two more videos into my presentation as another form of story-telling, one I hope will inspire and entertain. I can also promise you’ll see a resolution to our main character’s dilemma, but it might not involve time travel just yet.

The past several years have seen our city work toward building a new legacy. From the opening of Camellia Square, to the launch of a new Veterans Memorial, to the growth of our City’s presence on social media, it’s been a renaissance of sorts for this very special community. And that’s not even the half of it.

Temple City Library

As we work to shape our story, we take inspiration from the stories of those who have come before us. With that in mind, we’re proud to move forward with a full-scale revamp of our Temple City Library. Construction is set to begin in 2019, and when it does, it’ll represent the culmination of years of compromise and hard work.

Since 1963, our library has stood next to City Hall, near the intersection of Golden West and Woodruff avenues. And while it might have been perfect for the community it served when it opened its doors 55 years ago, it’s now far too small for the number of people who use it.

You might be thinking, “Surely, there could be worse problems for a city to have.” But spearheading a major renovation of the library has been one of my top priorities ever since I joined the City Council back in 2009.

My experience on the L.A. County Library Commission was something of a crash course in securing funding and other much-needed resources for our community. But in the long run, it only strengthened my belief in the transformative powers of literacy.
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Reading and learning, much like traveling, but without the expense, are perspective-changing portals to bold new worlds. It’s my long-held belief that every community deserves the key to unlocking those portals.

When considering how our freshened up library should look, we turned to you for feedback. You weren’t shy about letting us know your concerns: that the existing library is old, overcrowded, and, quite frankly, not up to our city’s usual standards of attractiveness. You asked for more seats, more technol- ogy stations, and updated book col- lections. But the most vocal way in which you communicated with us didn’t even involve words: You sim- ply continued to show up to the li- brary and participate in its programs, silently proving how vital a resource it remains to our community.

Because our library is owned and operated by the County, we’re fortu- nate to have devised an arrange- ment that will allow us to share the $3.9 million cost of the revamp. The funding will help us add 1,400 square feet to our library’s current footprint, most of which we’d dedicate to cre- ating a new area for children and families.

We’ve also managed to raise over $100,000 for a one-of-a-kind in- terior gateway leading into the children’s area. The gateway will fea- ture public art and interactive ele- ments; it’s our hope that it grows into a kind of community touchscreen for Temple Citians of all ages.

Temple City, as many of you are aware, is well known for its high edu- cational standards, and those begin with our youngest residents. In many families, literacy begins even before children are born, with mothers and fathers reading out loud during preg- nancy.

But the effort shouldn’t stop there. In fact, early literacy and 70 language skills are key indicators of future academic and life success. Giving our growing kids a place to let their imaginations run wild is part of the process of establishing a life- long love of reading.

That doesn’t mean this expan- sion is just for the little ones. It’ll be critical to build environments for vis- itors of all ages, including teenagers, adults, and seniors.

Mayor’s State of the City speech reviews many key issues facing citizenry

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Strengthening our downtown core comes with its own set of challenges. As many will remember, the City had developed plans and staged the community’s enthusiasm for an am- bitious project that would have trans- formed the physical configuration of Las Tunas. The changes were con- ceived with the intention of inviting more pedestrian and bike traffic, which we hoped would result in a more intimate downtown feel. But af- ter reviewing residents’ comments, including your concerns regarding the potential impacts of the plan, the Council chose to no longer move for- ward with it.

This created a unique opportunity to entirely rethink our vision of what we consider our downtown core: Las Tunas between Golden West and Cloverly avenues, and Temple City Boulevard between Workman and Woodruff avenues.

Yet again, shaping this vision will require us to look closely at ourselves to determine who we are and what we want to project to the outside world. In other words, we’ll need to make difficult, clarifying decisions about our city’s identity, something our community all too often avoided in the past.

We’ve come up with a series of proposed beautification measures designed to make downtown Temple City a much more vibrant place to be. These improvements would heighten the appeal of our downtown street- scape and also increase its function- ality. Many of the items on the table seem obvious: new benches and trash bins, repainted lampposts, and seasonal fabric or metal banners to welcome visitors to our city.

Other additions would serve to greenify downtown. Think bigger plants, more flowering trees, and ‘parkslet’ that would turn under-used sidewalks into shaded hangout spaces complete with seating and lights.

We’ll also be considering ways to incentivize business and property owners to help us on our journey to building a better downtown. Plans are in the works for the City to potentially fund pilot programs that would allow downtown businesses to install new signs, colorful awnings, and outdoor dining areas. Bringing diners outside, the thinking goes, provides a visual sense of camaraderie and energizes...
Chamber Calendar of Events | March 2018

Chamber Board Meeting
12 noon • Monday, April 9
Chamber Boardroom,
9050 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City, (see ad below)

Sexual Harassment Seminar
6-7:30 p.m. • Tuesday, April 24
Chamber Boardroom
9050 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City, (see ad below)

Friday, April 20 is the submission deadline for May issue of Temple City Life.

Medicare Information Seminar
2 p.m. • Wednesday, April 25
Chamber Boardroom, (see ad below)

Chamber Board Meeting
Join employment law attorneys, Jennifer Fu and Cindy Nguyen from Amity Law Group, LLP for a FREE presentation and Q & A session on Sexual Harassment.
All members of the public are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

Medicare Information Seminar
All you need to know about Medicare and Benefit Changes in 2018

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For more information, please Gerard Atienza at 626-203-1231.

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Multiple Grammy winner Mary J. Blige was in Temple City recently for training with martial arts expert Ji Ling at her Wushu Action Star Academy. Fresh off her double Oscar nominations for Mudbound (Best Supporting Actress and Best Song), Ms. Blige put in some long hours training double stick for her upcoming project. Wushu Action Star Academy is located at 9657 E. Las Tunas Drive, Temple City, CA. To sign up for classes, phone 626-287-3100 or visit http://www.wushuactionstar.com.

At right is Singer/Actress Mary J. Blige at the 2018 Academy Awards. Below, Chamber member Jing Li, founder and Head Coach of Wushu Action Star Academy, shares a smile with her student, Mary J. Blige.
Make history, money by choosing theme for 75th Camellia Festival

Temple City youth and students from the Temple City Unified School District between the ages of 5-18 can make history by choosing the theme for the 75th Camellia Festival.

Four themes can be submitted. The deadline is 6 p.m. Friday, April 27, 2018.

The Theme Contest Winner will ride down Las Tunas Drive in his/her own car, open the Carnival with our Royal Court, and be invited to the parade luncheon.

Judging for Division I, Ages 5-12 years, takes place on April 27, 2018 -
Judging for Division II - Ages 13-18 years, takes place on April 27, 2018 -
The prize for the Theme Winner is a $100 cash prize and the winner will ride in Camellia Parade.

Prizes for First Place, each division, wins $50 cash.
Second Place for each division, wins $25 cash.
Applications are available at City Hall, Live Oak Park, and online at www.CamelliaFestival.org.

Information regarding Camellia Festival events and opportunities can be found at the City of Temple City Web site, the Camellia Festival Web site www.CamelliaFestival.org or by phoning the Festival Office at 626-285-2171, ext. 4030 or by email to Festival Director, Dawn Tarin at dtarin@templecity.us.

Six Seats open on City Commissions

Applications accepted through April 30

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Two seats on the Transportation and Public Safety Commission, which makes decisions on administrative and parking citations, and issues recommendations regarding the administration of public safety programs. The commission meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Eligibility is open to Temple City residents. Commissioners serve without compensation for two-year terms effective July 1, 2018. The city does not cover commissioner costs for training and conferences as resources allow.

An application can be downloaded here or obtained during normal business hours from the city’s clerk’s office in City Hall, 9701 Las Tunas Dr. The deadline for submitting an application is 5 p.m., Monday, April 30. The city council will select commissioners through an interview process.

For more information, phone City Clerk Peggy Kuo at 626-285-2171, ext. 4131.

Recruitment open for residents ages 13-17 for Temple City’s Youth Committee

Applications accepted through May 31

The City of Temple City’s Youth Committee is currently recruiting for six prospective members.

Residents ages 13-17 are invited to apply for this leadership opportunity to make positive contributions to the community. Members meet regularly with city leaders to discuss local issues and devise programs to encourage civic awareness and education among peers. Past projects include youth disaster training, water conservation outreach, the creation of Little Libraries, and pop-up forums regarding quality of life.

Committee members serve without compensation for one or two-year terms beginning July 1, 2018. An application can be downloaded here or obtained during normal business hours from the city’s clerk’s office in City Hall, 9701 Las Tunas Dr. The deadline for submitting an application is 5 p.m., Thursday, May 31. Committee members will be selected through an interview process.

A mandatory meeting for all applicants will be held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 24, in the City Council Chambers, 5938 Kauffman Ave.

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Temple City is a great place to practice dentistry and write a column. I still remember how I felt the first time my picture and byline appeared in black and white in our Temple City Chamber monthly community newspaper. It was exciting; but it was a little scary too.

When the opportunity came up, I jumped at the chance to write a column. But after thinking about it for a while, I kind of flinched at the prospect. It was a little like having a clear mental picture of your golf swing and then watching a video that shows exactly what it really looks like.

And you might wonder how a dentist could possibly come up with content almost every week (somewhere) for the 20-freakin’ years since?

Thing is, Temple City has evolved over the last 20 years and so has dentistry. But I’m proud of that through it all. I’ve retained my curiosity, a healthy dose of immaturity and (for the most part) my sanity. And this is starting to sound like I’m getting ready to hit the golf course, spin class, and Pasadena afternoon tea parties and, ugh, retire but ... no way seems like I’m just getting started.

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So, here’s the thing: after 40 years of my professional family serving you and your friends and family here in Temple City, we’ve expanded. I’m publishing my third book. We’re performing and learning beyond the next level and there’s no end to that process in sight.

Our intention has long been making a difference for all who honor us with their trust and making the journey fun while we’re at it. And it’s never been more fun (at least, for me.)

So, there’s some magic that helps someone write about dentistry, healthcare, the Trojan and virtual interviews conducted across the street at El Pollo Loco every week for some 20 years. And readers, you’re right, it’s you. Thanks for indulging a guy who can’t stop talking in print.

Temple City, love you.
Are trusts too complicated?

The simple answer is no, most trusts are not too complicated. Most trusts drafted by estate planning attorneys are amendable and revocable. The main idea behind having a trust drafted is protection. A trust protects your beneficiaries in two major ways.

First, a trust allows you to leave your assets to the people you choose in the manner you desire. For instance, you can specify that your underage child will not inherit until age 30 to protect him or her from spending his or her inheritance the moment he or she turn 18 years old.

Second, a trust protects beneficiaries from the long and costly probate court process. Without a trust, in many cases, your beneficiaries will be stuck in the expensive probate court process for approximately a year, at a minimum, to transfer title of real property. However, once a trust is drafted, you will be stuck going back to the drafting attorney and paying expensive fees for each minor change. Again, the simple answer is no. Changing accounts and property is relatively simple. Buying a new property? Simply buy the property in the name of your trust and sign all documents as trustee.

Switching banks? Simply name the trust as the beneficiary of each account or open the new account in the name of the trust. Although drafting is a complicated process for the attorney, having a trust drafted actually takes little or no additional effort from the client. My clients are happily surprised how simple having a trust actually is, in addition to enjoying the protections a trust provides.

Tony Tyre does not charge for initial consultations. For more information, please contact Tony at 5703 Temple City Boulevard, 626-285-7033, or email him at tyre@tyrelawgroup.com.

Important tips to refresh your house in spring

BY SERKAN ERENA"

The flowers are blooming and trees are getting back their leaves and colors, especially after the heavy downpour of rain recently. This excitement in nature should inspire us to make some changes to our house or workplace. It may be time to change the colors in your house or workplace, just like nature has started to do.

The most practical, fastest and economical way of upgrading your house or workplace is painting it. One important tip is paying attention to choosing the right colors. I recommend that you work with a professional in color selection and in executing the actual paint job. Secondly, we all have favorite colors so when combining different colors, try matching the colors of the walls to your furniture, flooring material and other architectural elements in that area; and simply, look to nature. There is a perfect harmony in the natural tones of flowers, trees and the sky. One cannot go wrong when using these color combinations.

Interior designers, architects, artists, fashion designers or people with good taste may help in choosing the right colors for your space. After making the final color decision, be sure to purchase a sample-size paint of your selections and apply them to the actual surfaces where the paint will be applied in order to avoid extra cost in re-painting the walls. Paint never looks the same as they appear on manufacturer pallets or brochures. These may mislead you because the same color may look slightly different on drywall, wood, metal or another surface. It is also a good idea to use wallpaper as well. Erenay DesignBuild, General Building Contractor, CA License Number: 886225, P.O. Box 431 South Pasadena, CA 91031, phone: 310-740-4457, info@erenaydesignbuild.com, www.erenaydesignbuild.com.
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the downtown area.

In the spring, our City Council will evaluate a selection of these proposed concepts, which are grouped together into price brackets ranging from $300,000 to $2.5 million.

The Council will heavily weigh the input of the Chamber of Commerce and other business owners who would be particularly impacted by any changes made to the streetscape. Depending on their feedback and the Council's final decision, the project could take between five and 10 years to complete. It may seem costly and time-consuming, but I'm confident it'll pay dividends to the community for years to come.

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But before I go further into explaining how it works, I'd like to take a brief moment to recognize the work of the advisory committee. Members spent nearly four years and attended more than 40 public meetings, on the road to refining their work. They answered the call to become literal authors of our city's story. And throughout it all, they consistently asked: how can we better manage our parks, supply, which at the moment consists of on-street stalls and private or City-owned surface lots, over the next three to five years. Transpo will conduct a review of how these options are currently used and how we can better maximize them as demand shifts.

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dations for “action steps” to be taken over the next one to two years. These strategies are designed to improve the quality of life for our seniors, whose needs, we found, are pretty similar across the board, regardless of ethnicity or other demo- graphic factors.

Some of the first steps we need to take re- evolve around mobility and socialization. Sim- ply figuring out a way for our seniors to get outside their homes and around their neigh- borhoods, including during emergencies, is a major priority. As we explore partnerships with ride-sharing services like Uber and Lyft, for ex- ample, we’ll also devise ways to teach our se- niors how to use them.

None of our residents should have to feel lonely or isolated. Likewise, expanding our case management system will help us better keep tabs on our seniors, all in an effort to ensure they’re receiving the standard of care they de- serve.

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Our community’s safety net is only as strong as our local law enforcement. We’ve had a few high profile incidents that have con- ductly say our city weathered them in stride, thanks to some remarkable displays of uncon- ventional thinking.

This year, we’re now in the process of researching funding sources that would give us the means to achieve them.

Law Enforcement

Let’s start with an accomplishment worth celebrating: Overall, major crime in Temple City dropped nearly 4 percent between 2016 and 2017.

But as recently released crime data dem- onstrates, one looming area of concern is resi- dential burglary. We saw a nearly nine percent increase in residential burglaries, or burglaries that occur in people’s homes, over the past year.

Because we put a premium on transpar- ency here in Temple City, we don’t want to mask or ignore those findings. The truth is there’s been an uptick in burglaries through- out the San Gabriel Valley. In many neighbor- hoods, it’s common for families to keep large amounts of cash and jewelry on hand, and thieves have taken note, in some cases, they’ve even managed to carry entire safes out of homes.

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Good SamariTots encourages children to participate in community service

BY TAMMY SINGDALE
Children and parents attending the first meet- ing of Good SamariTots made a banner and sang love songs to anyone who comes knocking, all from a mobile phone.

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Long-married, well-known couple Dan and June Snell pass away days apart

Dan and June Snell, 1921-2018

Dan and June Snell, part of the greatest generation, were remembered and honored in a Celebration of Life Memorial Service Saturday, March 31 at First Christian Church, 11025 Lambert Ave., Temple City.

Mr. Snell fell at home Sept. 22 and suffered a subdural hematoma. He was confined to a hospital bed with hospice care. Mr. Snell passed away March 4 and Mrs. Snell, whom he referred to as his Queen Bee, passed away March 18.

Mr. Snell had been a resident of Temple City since 1954, longer than Temple City has been incorporated. He and Mrs. Snell had been married for 73 years.

A native of Maine, Mr. Snell used to be an avid gardener and often boasted of his giant zucchinis and beautiful rose bushes. He used to take two-mile walks every morning.

On his 90th birthday, Mr. Snell went skydiving and jumped out of a plane at 10,000 feet.

Mr. Snell served his country as a lieutenant in the Army and was an honored Veteran of World War II. He was a member of China, Burma, and India Veterans.

He had been a faithful and dedicated member of the Temple City Christian Church for more than 30 years.

In 1957, Mr. Snell was Cub Master of Cub Scout Pack 157 at Cloverly School. He had the reputation of being a kind and motivational leader. He continued to be involved in activities mentoring young scouts and was instrumental in organizing the first father and son Pinewood Derby.

Mr. Snell received a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Maine, and a week later he was in the Army. He graduated from the Chemical Warfare Office Candidates School in October 1943 with a commission as a second lieutenant. Eventually Mr. Snell became a member of the OSS (Office of Strategic Services), a forerunner of the CIA.

Mr. Snell was discharged in 1946. He and Mrs. Snell moved to Temple City in 1955 with two children, Mary Jo and Daniel Jr.

After retiring from Continental Can Corporation, he became a licensed real estate agent and broker in Temple City.

His office was located on the corner of Woodruff and Temple City Boulevard. His honesty, integrity, and hard work kept his one-man office open for more than 30 years.

He was an active member of the Temple City Kiwanis Club since July 1980, serving as president in 1991, and Kiwanian of the Year in 1995 and 2009. He was also a founding member of the Temple City Historical Society.

Through the years, Mr. Snell received many awards including Outstanding Older American, Honorary Grand Marshal in the 71st annual Temple City Camellia Festival Parade, and Veteran Recognition in 2015 for his service in WW II.

He was recognized as the Hometown Hero for Temple City at the Los Angeles County Fair, and was recognized by State Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez for his service to the country.

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The Snells are survived by two children, Mary Jo and Daniel Jr., 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Special thanks to Jerry Jambazian and TempleCityPhotos.com for assistance with presenting this report and the photos. – Temple City Life.

Two Lives Well Lived

Psalm 73:26 – “My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

Temple City Library announces April programs

Spring Book Sale, Saturday, April 7: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be a large selection of gently used adult, teen and children’s books in different languages, all at a great price. Please bring a bag or box to carry the items you purchase. Hosted by the Friends of the Temple City Library.

April Programs for Children and Families

Every Monday: Baby Storytime (Ages 0-18 months), 10-10:30 a.m. and 10:40-11:00 a.m.

Every Monday: Play & Explore (Ages 0-5), 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11: “Sign-Up Required” Introduction to Art (Ages 6-12), 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18: Chess Meetup (Ages 5-12), 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 20: Bingo for Books (For Families), 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 21: Spring Drop-In Art (For Families), 1-2 p.m.

Saturday, April 21: Spring Concert (For Families), 3-4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25: Beginning Readers’ Book Club (Ages K-2), 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 28: Children’s Day Celebration (For Families), 2:30-4 p.m.

*Sign-Up Required* Intro to Art (Ages 6-12), 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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Mr. Snell was a historian of the Civil War. The Snells both had descendants that served in the Civil War of 1863.

In May of 2015 the Honor Flight Organization honored Mr. Snell with a flight to Washington, D.C.

After landing, the taxing airplane was saluted by fire trucks and cheering crowds. They focus on bringing veterans of World War II and several other memorials. Mr. Snell and his son were scheduled to visit Pearl Harbor later this year.

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Dan and June Snell steal a kiss at a gathering in Temple City Park.
yard sale planned for April 21; We remember ... 

The Blue Star Banner annual Yard Sale is set for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 21 at the Alna Denú Dairy on the north-east corner of Las Tunas and Encinita.

Phone Sharon Johnson to donate items for the yard sale or volunteer during the event. She can be reached at 626-385-5852.

The Blue Star Banner commemorates the loss of one of our great supporters and Recognition Dinner Speakers, Joe Milazzo.

He was the guest speaker in 2011 when he shared his World War II military experiences in the Navy while on board the USS Clay, an attack transport ship.

His talk was the first time he had really shared the whole story. Both he and the ship had a long history in the Pacific war, logging in 100,000 nautical miles and participating in three amphibious attacks, finally commemorating the end of the war by sailing into Japan after the Japanese surrender.

After the military he had worked with the Fire Department.

Mr. Milazzo and many other WWII veterans were recognized in the 2015 Temple City Camellia Festival when members of the Temple City and Arcadia American Legion post 122 local WWII veterans in a trolley along the parade route.

The veterans included Bob DuFresne, Dan Snell, Ernie Roper, Harley Hart, John Sparking, Joe Milazzo, Larry Stevens, Uly Lemenhouver, Shirley Mitchin, Curtis Ladd, Robert Rock, and Art Del Rey. They were all treated to loud cheers along Las Tunas Drive. Thank you, Joe and Dan Snell who both passed away this year. Blue Star will keep alive the memories of proud defenders of the U.S., Joe Milazzo and Dan Snell.

The Blue Star Banner looks forward to their upcoming annual yard sale on April 21st.

Temple City Library announces April programs

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April Programs for Teens (Grades 7-12)

Friday, April 6: Social and Dining Etiquette for Teens, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 7: “Sign-Up Required for Grades 10-12” FREE Practice SAT Subject Test: Math 2C, 9:15-10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 10: Spanish Pronunciation Club, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, April 13: Adult 101: Stress Management, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 14: “Parents Welcome” SAT Subject Test Preparation, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Friday, April 20: Spanish Pronunciation Club, 4-5 p.m.

April Programs for Adults

Every Monday and Thursday, except April 2 and 5: “Sign-Up Required” Citizenship Class, 2-4 p.m.

Saturday, April 7: Indiana Japanese Flower Arrangement Demonstration 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11: Social and Dining Etiquette for Teens, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, April 13: Adult 101: Stress Management, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 14: Spanish Pronunciation Club, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18: Trivia Night, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Temple City Library, 5939 Golden West Ave., Temple City, CA 91780

Library staff will be on hand to answer questions on all aspects of the test including grammar, writing, math, and more.

Saturday, April 14: Native American Pottery Workshop, 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18: Native American Pottery Workshop, 2-4 p.m.

Temple City High School Drum line shows promise

BY CHARLOTTE NIM, ASSISTANT EDITOR/STUDENT AFFAIRS

For those who aren’t familiar with indoor drum line, it’s an activity that combines elements of musical performance, marching, and theater.

For Temple City’s 31 members, it’s where they learn to develop their time management, teamwork, social and mental skills, and artistic self-expression. Each week, students spend a total of 13 or more hours at school to rehearse a show or instrumental literature that portrays a certain type of genre, style, or culture.

Their rehearsals are spent training each student’s individual part of the music and how to flawlessly execute each move, step, and note to create a harmonious performance.

Because the students have to pay for competition entry fees, new instruments, props, transportation fees, and more, the group is accepting donations either through GoFundMe: https://www.gofundme.com/TCHSDaytonOH or by contacting jason.hillegaart@gmail.com.

Robert M. Winovitch Jacque West-Moheski Coast Guard

Coast Guard

Eric Conway
Patrick J. J. Horton
David & Dee Sasse

Marines

Frankie Avila
Stephen D. Acvedo
Garrett Gore
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Debert Kelley
Ben Kirby
Tracy Kirby
Jonathan Knowlton
Jessica L. Klotz
Climb with
Neil Labala
Richard Landers
Jordan L. Law
Charles Liu
Brian Liu
James M. Lolisano Jr.
Joyce J. Lung
Irene Malruff
Kevin C. Manning
John Martorana
Luke Martinez
Nicole L. McCarty
St. George Murray
Justin C. Murphy
Shawn Murphy
Wesley Pack
Stephanie Philbert
Thomas Paletta
Wyatt A. Berliner
Glen Raulkema
James Rasmussen
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P. Spencer Major
David Martinez
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Jennifer Nicksutt
Eugene Parry
Robert Paul
Jennifer Rautenbach
Frank Roderick
Robb Rudluff
Stacie Salazar
Andrew Struglia
Christina Sweet
Michael Terrin
Miles A. Villegas
David Viray
Kevin Waiteeen
Lee E. Wright II

The front ensemble looking sharp in their uniforms as they warm up before performing their show Chef at Rancho Cucamonga High. Photo by Joseph Lin.
St. Luke Parish preparing to host more than 7,000 at annual Fiesta; admission free

Fundraiser Grand Prize first prize: $5,000 cash

The St. Luke Catholic Community’s 31st Annual Fiesta will take place April 27-29 on church grounds at 5605 Cloverly Ave., Temple City.

The event, host to more than 7,000 San Gabriel Valley residents, is the Parish’s main fundraiser with proceeds directed toward Parish and elementary school maintenance needs. Admission is free Friday, April 27, 6-11 p.m.; Saturday, April 28, Noon-11 p.m.; Sunday, April 29, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Fiesta will feature a food court with a diverse selection of menu offerings, live entertainment, carnival rides and games, a food pavilion/beverage garden (with TVs), and a boutique and craft fair.

A grand prize raffle will take place on the Sunday evening of Fiesta (first prize: $5,000 cash; second prize: $1,000; third prize: $500). Tickets are $1 each; a book of 50 tickets is $50. Winners need not be present.

Vendor applications for the boutique and craft fair are currently available in the Pastoral Office at a discount price. Daily wristbands are $35 pre-sale ($40 at fiesta).

A weekend wristband can be purchased for $100 (pre-sale only). Ride tickets can also be purchased at the event.

Food/game tickets as well as grand prize raffle tickets are also available.

The event is subject to change. For more information, phone the Pastoral Office at 626-291-5900 or visit the church’s Web site www.stluketemplecity.org/kiesta.

Church News

Your Community Houses of Worship Welcome You

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

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

First Baptist Church of TC
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
Sunday Worship: English at 11 a.m.
Mandarin at 11 a.m.

San Gabriel Community Church
Steve Batentine, Senior Pastor
117 N. Pine St., San Gabriel
626-287-0486
www.sgucandcs.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.

St. Luke Catholic Church
Fr. Mark A. Strader, Pastor
5605 Cloverly Ave.
Temple City, CA 91780
626-291-5900
www.stluketemplecity.com
Sunday Masses: 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday Evening Mass:
5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Korean Mass:
10:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Darrel Kelly
9468 Broadway • Temple City, CA 91780
626-301-2875 • http://cofchrist-psi.org/temple-city
dkelly9468@hotmail.com
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Traditional worship
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Mandarin Service

First Lutheran Church
9123 Broadway, Temple City, CA 91780
Office 626-287-0968
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Traditional worship
Bible Study - Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
web site: www.firstlutheranctc.org
e-mail: admin@firstlutheranctc.org

SPECIAL DATES
March 25 Palm Sunday
March 29 Maundy Thursday
March 30 Good Friday
April 1 Easter Resurrection Sunday

Temple City Church of Christ
Jonathan Hinckley, Minister
5272 Sereno Dr., Temple City
626-703-4980
Sunday Bible Class: 8:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
All Children Welcome
Nursery

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Rev. Lisa Lamb, Pastor
9642 Live Oak Ave.
626-287-1967
www.tcppresbyterian.org • www.tc-presbyterian.org
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
All Children Welcome • Nursery • Children’s Church
Bible Studies on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
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626-453-6811
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San Gabriel 91776
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9611 Las Tunas Drive
626-286-7447
MUSEUM
Historical Society of Temple City
5954 Kahlau Ave.
Carol Daugherty
626-451-0033
Open 1st & 3rd Sundays 12:30-3 p.m.
www.hsthistoricalsociety.org
NATIONAL SCHOOLS
Alhambra/San Gabriel Elks
5626 El Monte Ave.
Temple City
626-531-5420
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San Gabriel, Ca. 91775
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info@stjameshuman.org
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School News

TCUSD Board appoints Louise Huff as member

The Temple City Unified School District is pleased to announce the provisional appointment of Louise Huff to the Board of Education. The appointment was made at the Board’s Feb. 7 meeting.

Huff, who takes the seat left vacant by John Pomeroy, will serve as member of the Board until the next general election.

Louise Huff brings nearly 25 years of experience as a District employee to the Board. Recently retired, she remains active in the community through her participation in the Temple City Women’s Club, health fairs and Relay for Life.

As a longtime resident, Huff’s own children attended and graduated from Temple City schools.

She seeks to apply her experience as an employee and parent of the District to strengthen the unity amongst the adults helping students along their path to success. “Many of our alumni have returned to work as teachers and administrators here, that is a positive reflection of our work here as a great team,” said Huff.

Following the completion of her term, Huff will be eligible to run for election in the November 2018 general election.

The Board of Education and the Temple City Unified School District extend their sincerest congratulations to Mrs. Huff, and offer their best wishes for a productive and rewarding experience with the Board.

Celebrate creativity and invention at School District’s STEAM Expo 2018 at TCHS, April 13

Public invited to step into a world where gaming is a coding tool and robots come to life

The Temple City Unified School District invites students, parents and members of the community to celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) from 4:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, April 13 at Temple City High School with a fun-filled evening showcasing the best of the District’s STEAM program.

The Second Annual TCUSD STEAM Expo will include 40 booths and activities, some led by student talent. Explore coding, robotics, interactive games and much more. New this year is the STEAM College Fair which will feature more than 10 top local colleges.

In addition to embracing innovation in the classroom, this year’s STEAM students have faced strong competition in events like the JPL Invention Challenge, FIRST Robotics Competition, Odyssey of the Mind and Science Olympiad.

The Expo provides attendees a chance to witness the talent that propelled those teams forward in competition as well as an opportunity to explore other school programs like Code to the Future.

Community partners are also joining the fun. Enjoy a unique astronomy experience with the help of the NASA/JPL Discovery Dome, and test drive new technologies like the Everyone Can Code and Augmented Reality app courtesy of Apple Education. Caltech will also be there to host a hands-on activity for kids that allows them to build their own wave machine.

Don’t miss this opportunity to see first-hand the innovation taking place across TCUSD.

Food trucks will be at the event along with teams from District and school-level programs.