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Temple City High School Commencement graduates 525

Tori Castellanos, 2017 Tournament of Roses Queen, was one of 525 Temple City High School Class of 2017 to receive her diploma from Supt. Kathy Perini and the Temple City Unified School District board at the Commencement, June 9, at Hitchcock Stadium on the TCHS campus. See more photos and a list of the graduates on Pages 8 and 9. Photo courtesy of Jerry Jambazian, TempleCityPhotos.com.

Temple City is rich with restaurants

See special report on Pages 4-6

TC Relay for Life raises more than $50,000

See Page 8 for more information, photos.

Temple City residents invited to weigh in on City’s General Plan Update, July 8

Meeting on July 8 to discuss future land uses, environmental impacts

Residents are encouraged to attend one of two community meetings to discuss proposed land uses to the city’s General Plan Update, a document designed to guide Temple City’s physical growth over the next 30 years. Allowing for maximum participation, two open-to-the-public workshops were scheduled. The first took place at 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 26. The next meeting is planned for 9 a.m., Saturday, July 8, in the Council Chambers at 5938 Kauffman Ave. The General Plan Update will be the city’s first comprehensive revision of the document since 1987. The update does not propose to add density to existing single-family neighborhoods. Instead, according to city planning manager Scott Reimers, “future growth would...

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An overflow crowd of around 5 dozen people filled the Live Oak Park community room to hear guest speaker William Hung share his lessons learned from his American Idol experience at Chamber member Toastmasters Club Temple City’s Open House Mixer on June 26.

From left are Toastmasters Club outgoing President Gerard Atenza, William Hung, and City Council member Tom Chavez.

Toastmasters Chamber Mixer draws nice crowd

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Renewed Members for July

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Chamber News

Chamber members old and new enjoyed Old Oak wine and tasty snacks from Sam's Club at the New Member Mixer (Part Deux) sponsored by California American Water at the Chamber office, June 14. (L-R): Manny Cabrera (Cabrera's restaurant), Jennifer Stone (new member Imprintability), Vicki Knight (new member Century Rooter Service & Plumbing), Commissioner Cynthia Vance, Mitchell Salem (partially hidden, EH Financial), Judy Ruckle (Sam's Club), Gerard Atienza (Toastmasters Club), Board member Victoria Quach (Wells Fargo), President Peter Choi, Board member Darice Tsai (Edward Jones Financial), Devlin Chung (Edward Jones Financial), Brian Barreto (California American Water).

New Member Vicki Knight of Century Rooter Service & Plumbing is welcomed by members Steven Tyre (Tyre Agency) and Board member Brian Barreto (California American Water). Century Rooter Service & Plumbing is located at 1609 S. California Ave, Monrovia, CA 91016. Contact vicki@centuryrooter.com or 626-255-6277 (cell).

Wushu Action Star Academy’s Jing Li and Wells Fargo Business Specialist Victoria Quach help welcome new member Jennifer Stone. (See New Member Profile of Imprintability on Page 12 and feature on Wushu’s recent fashion fight on Page 10)

L.A. County Library expands hours to meet community needs

Temple City Library 5939 Golden West Ave., Temple City, CA 91780 (626-285-2136) will be open six additional hours starting July 1. In continued efforts to eliminate barriers to library use and increase access to resources and services, LA County Library will increase its annual open hours by over 15,000, or about 8%, at locations throughout its service area. Through the creation of more efficient staffing models, the County Library is able to expand service hours to the community without an increase in operating costs.

The expanded hours for Temple City Library will be:

Mon.: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tues.: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wed.: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thurs.: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fri.: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sat.: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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City’s General Plan Update, July 8

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be oriented to multi-family neighborhoods and to properties near the intersection of Rosemead Boulevard and Las Tunas Drive.”

Regarding the latter, Reimers said, “Future land uses near Rosemead Boulevard and Las Tunas Drive, more specifically the K-Mart and Office Depot shopping center, would fall under the Crossroads Specific Plan, a detailed plan that would transform the area into a community destination complete with shops, restaurants, services and entertainment.”

The site would take shape of a lifestyle center, a mixed-use development that pairs higher-density housing with retail and leisure amenities.

The General Plan Update’s proposed land uses were the result of a three-year process overseen by a 12-member General Plan Advisory Committee.

Along with approving a vision statement and guiding principles for the project, the committee coordinated the upcoming community workshops as public forums to vet and confirm recommended land uses.

Participants of the workshops also will discuss potential environmental impacts related to the proposed land uses, including their anticipated effects on traffic, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions.

Comments collected during the sessions will be incorporated into a final General Plan Update, which will be presented before the City Council later this fall.

Chinese translation will be available at both meetings. To arrange services, phone the city clerk’s office 72 hours in advance of the meeting at 626-285-2171, ext. 4132.

For more information on the proposed General Plan Update, phone Scott Reimers at 626-656-7316 or visit www.MakeTCHappen.com.

Sales tax rates set to increase, July 1

Effective July 1, the sales and use tax rate for Temple City will increase from the current rate of 8.75% to 9.25%. The .5% tax increase was approved by California voters in November 2016 (Measure M) and applies to the county of Los Angeles, including all cities and unincorporated areas.

Visit www.boe.ca.gov for more information.
Summer’s here and the living is easy, especially if you are hosting family and friends and would like to take them out for a meal in Temple City. If it seems like there is a new restaurant opening up every month, it is because Temple City has become a foodie destination offering a very wide range of dining options from a pastrami sandwich at The Hat or Oaxacan Mexican sauces at El Ruizenor Grill to a diverse range of all sorts of Chinese and Korean offerings. Following are some top dining destinations in Temple City:

Ahipoki Bowl
Since its opening day, Ahipoki Bowl has been a popular option for delicious healthy Hawaiian fusion cuisine with food made to order and served right before your eyes. Sourced from the freshest ingredients guarantees the freshest ahi poke seafood. There is often a line at lunchtime. (See ad, below.)

Bistro Na’s
There’s a reason this restaurant topped the list of “Everything You Should Be Eating During The San Gabriel Valley Asian Restaurant Dining Week”:

Cabrera’s Mexican Cuisine
Since opening its doors in 1985, Cabrera’s Family Restaurant has served quality Mexican-American cuisine to generations of families. Today, Cabrera’s Mexican Cuisine operates and owns three localities serving delicious and fresh Mexican-American food and other dishes that are served Mexican style. The business also runs a successful catering operation, so book them for that summer barbecue event. Cabrera’s is located at 625 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia. www.cabreras.com

Clearman’s Galley
AKA “The Boat,” watch Dodgers games on one of their many screens, including a huge 15-foot HD screen, while enjoying hot-off-the-grill entrees paired with a beverage from a massive bar with impressive draft selection including imported, domestic and craft beers as well as wines and inventive cocktails. Don’t forget the addictive cheese bread. (Little tykes will scarf down the grilled cheese and fries or the creamy Mac ‘n Cheese.) Nothing says summer like eating outside, so scarf those big burgers and your favorite brew outside. The patio is also available to book for a group get together. With a few days notice, the restaurant can customize a party menu and even whip up a special cocktail menu for your event. The Galley is at 7215 N. Rosemead Blvd., San Gabriel. www.clearmansgalley.com.

Clearman’s North Woods Inn
Just across the same shared parking lot and around the corner of the block, The Boat’s upscale sister restaurant with its distinct Swiss Chalet exterior is a warm, woody family restaurant with a stuffed bear, and cheese bread to die for. Everyone will find something to their taste in the menu, but you will want to devour the very fine steaks. And leave room for the famous cheese bread. Clearman’s North Woods Inn is located at 7247 N. Rosemead Blvd., San Gabriel.

El Ruizenor Grill
Named Best Restaurant of the Year, every day is like Cinco de Mayo when you bite into Chef/Owner Norma Perez’s interpretations of Oaxacan cuisine from her native Mexico. That region is known for its sauces and El Ruizenor Grill does not disappoint. The delicious breakfasts are the reason the Chamber hosts its business breakfast mixers here, but the full bar makes it a terrific place for lunch and dinner. El Ruizenor Grill is located at 5818 Temple City Blvd., Temple City.

The Hat
5505 Rosemead Blvd.
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Visit One of Temple City’s Many Fine Restaurants

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The Hat

Dave Smith and the gang at the city’s most popular burger and sandwich place offer a wide array of delicious sandwiches from pastrami dip and roast beef to grilled cheese and chili dogs, and, of course, delicious burgers. Go healthy with a tuna or turkey, but you will want to order fries. Bonus: You can order to go at 626-292-1080. The Hat is located at 5505 Rosemead Blvd., Temple City.

Kang Ho-Dong Baekjeong

Consistently ranked as one of the top 10 Korean BBQ restaurants in Koreatown, it was a red letter day when this branch of the wildly popular restaurant opened in Temple City. The restaurant invigorates the senses through great service, inspired traditional interiors, and barbecue that simply tastes delicious. The secret to the restaurant’s success is the premium cuts of meat matched with attentive service. This is one Korean BBQ where the server handles the meat for you leaving you free to chat and dine with your table mates. How terrific that one doesn’t have to leave Temple City to try the nation’s best K-BBQ. Kang Ho Dong Baekjeong is located at 5770 Rosemead Blvd., Temple City in the Camellia Square shopping center.

Meet Tea

Meet Tea offers a variety of specialty teas, beverages, snacks and lunch/dinner options ranging from sandwiches to hearty noodle soups in a spacious environment with free Wi-Fi and large tables with ample power outlets. It is a perfect place to get work done or enjoy tea with a friend. Meet Tea is located at 5817 Rosemead Blvd., Temple City. 626-287-2888. The web page is www.meet-tea.com.

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Because your home may well be your largest asset, selling it is probably one of the most important decisions you will make in your life. And once you have made that decision, you’ll want to sell your home for the highest price in the shortest time possible without compromising your sanity. Before you place your home on the market, here’s a way to help you to be as prepared as possible. To assist home sellers, a new industry report has just been released called “27 Valuable Tips That You Should Know to Get Your Home Sold Fast and for Top Dollar.” It tackles the important issues you need to know to make your home competitive in today’s tough, aggressive marketplace. Through these 27 tips you will discover how to protect and capitalize on your most important investment, reduce stress, be in control of your situation, and make the best profit possible. In this report you’ll discover how to avoid financial disappointment or worse, a financial disaster when selling your home. Using a common-sense approach, you will get the straight facts about what can make or break the sale of your home.

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Phoenix Kitchen
Since 1965 Phoenix has served thousands of customers at all its many locations in the greater Los Angeles area. Phoenix Kitchen is a fast-casual dining version of the popular chain offering your favorite Chinese cuisine and desserts. Phoenix Kitchen is located at 9225 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City.

Pokelicious
Even with a plethora of poke restaurants opening in the 626, Pokelicious has stayed above the pack by offering its unique Poke Burrito. Stop by this cute restaurant in the Camellia Square shopping center and build your own burrito or bowl with the enormous amount of toppings. Be creative. Pokelicious is located at 5728 Rosemead Blvd. (Special discount coupon ad on Page 5.)

Rendez-vous Café
This centrally located café in the center of town is a perfect spot for pastries, snacks, coffee and what some say is the best tea in the Los Angeles area. Rendez-vous café is located at 9566 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City.

Starbucks
Our favorite java stop is located at 5705 N. Rosemead Blvd. in the Temple City Square center.

The Tea Station
Since opening 20 years ago in San Gabriel, Tea Station has expanded to 12 locations in California and Nevada, with two in Temple City, the main Tea Station in downtown Temple City and the smaller fast service location in the Camellia Square center. The restaurant brings the ancient Chinese tea culture to you by offering an extensive selection of cold and hot tea related beverages as well as tea flavored snacks and meals. The décor of all Tea Station stores has also become an icon among its patrons. Tea Station offers a modern and relaxing environment with a touch of Chinese flair, creating memorable drinking and dining experience for all customers. Tea Station is located at 5708 Rosemead Blvd., #102, Temple City and 9578 Las Tunas Drive. 626-285-3788.
Many clients first come into my office saying, “I would like to have a living will drafted.”

Most clients don’t realize at first that they actually want a living trust drafted.

If you own real property, there are many advantages to having a living trust, but the No. 1 reason is simple: a living trust allows your survivors to avoid probate court.

The probate process typically takes 12-16 months to complete and in this area, typically costs over $10,000 between filing fees and statutory attorney’s fees (by law, the attorney receives a percentage of the probate estate).

There are typically four to five court filings, and your survivors may need to appear at the only probate court in Los Angeles County, in Downtown Los Angeles.

This increase in half the cost-basis can greatly lower your tax bill: If you became the sole owner of the home on the date of death, the gain on the sale of the home will be the excess of the sale price over the adjusted basis.

However, the IRS offers another mechanism to lower your tax bill: the step-up in basis, which is often the case, you may claim a step-up in one spouse’s basis.

If you become the sole owner of the home after your spouse’s death, your basis is increased to the fair market value of the home on the date of death.

The state, pre-planning offers another strategy: change the title of the house. If the home is titled as “community property with right of survivorship,” then when one spouse dies, the survivor will automatically become the new sole owner of the home. Essentially, the widower acquires the property and the purchase price is set at the fair market value on the date of death.

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2017 Temple City Relay for Life raises more than 50k to fight cancer

Twenty-six teams, 213 participants, and uncounted number of visitors representing a diverse cross section of Temple Citians joined the American Cancer Society fight against cancer at the 2017 Temple City Relay for Life, June 24, at Temple City High School. The weekend event was the culmination of a strong effort led by event chair Mary Sneed and her awesome team who successfully raised more than $50,000 dollars over the past several months for this worthy cause.

TCUSD Sends Out the TCHS Class of 2017

TCUSD Commencement
Friday, June 9, 2017
Hitchcock Stadium
Temple City High School

TCUSD Board of Education:
Vinson Bell
George Goold
Ken Knollenberg
Larry Marston
John Pomeroy

TCUSD Staff:
Supt. Kathryn Perini
Asst. Supt. Art Canha
Asst. Supt. Melissa Kistler

Participants and volunteers just before the final lap.

TCIUSD Administration: Principal Jennifer Lashier, Asst. Principals Aaron Chang, Richard Lohman, Laura Sanchez.

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Relay for Life Volunteers

Congratulations

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L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger and Cloverly Principal Steven Edo.

Gene & Event Chair Mary Sneed.
The words fashion show evoke images of super models sashaying glamorously down a runway, but the recent Made LA’s second annual art, fashion and music showcase presented June 9 in downtown LA caused a sensation when Southern Californian designers Humberto Leon and Carol Lim combined Georgia O’Keeffe, nunchaku, scorpions and Wu Tang Clan’s RZA.

The duo’s fashion line opening ceremony’s fall 2017 women’s runway show had proceeded as most presentations do until the finale when one model bumped into another. The situation escalated until the two models engaged in actual hand-to-hand combat, drawing in other models that blew up into a model-on-model martial arts melee.

More than a simple high fashion catfight, the massive set was full of ferocious martial arts moves, showcasing elements of dance and impressive acrobatics until the music stopped, the “models” froze, and Wu Tang Clan’s RZA took the mic to rap-narrate an elaborate story behind the women leading the two gangs. (Astute cinephiles will recall that RZA, a martial arts aficionado, produced the soundtrack to “Kill Bill”.)

What the audience did not initially know was that the first model was actually choreographer, actor and stuntwoman Zoe Bell, Uma Thurman’s stunt double in “Kill Bill,” who choreographed the show-ending chaos, nunchaku and all, with the other model, Temple City’s own Jing Li, owner and lead instructor at Wushu Action Star Academy located on Las Tunas Drive.

While it is doubtful that learning Wushu will propel you to walking the runway in Milan, it will help you develop better health which certainly translates into better looks.

And if Kendall Jenner or Gigi Hadid tries to start something with you, you can confidently say, “I got this.”

Wushu Action Star Academy is located at 9657 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City. For more information, phone 626-278-3100 or go online to www.actionstar.com.

REALTORS to host home buyer and seller fair
The West San Gabriel Valley Association of REALTORS® will be hosting a free Home Buyer & Seller Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at its headquarters in San Gabriel at 1039 E. Valley Blvd., #205B.

The fair is designed to provide a one-stop-shop for anyone interested in obtaining information and essential tools needed to proceed with the home buying and selling process in Southern California.

The Home Buyer and Seller Fair will feature several workshops conducted by industry experts on how to successfully navigate through the home buying and selling process. Topics include an Economic Housing Forecast, the Lending, Title and Escrow Processes, Home Warranty, Insurance, Inspection, Green Housing, and the latest Property Tax information. On hand will be REALTORS, lenders, representatives of insurance, title, escrow, home warranty, inspection companies, and Los Angeles Tax Assessor’s Office to answer all your questions.

Families are welcome as there will be food and prizes. For more details, please contact the Association at 626-288-6212 or info@wsgvar.com.
Blue Star program celebrates military from TC

The Temple City Blue Star Banner Program celebrated military personnel from Temple City, June 3, with a dinner at Temple City First Baptist Church. After Blue Star Banner President Sharon Johnson welcomed and thanked attendees for their support over the last 13 years, MC Bob Oakley introduced the Boy Scout Troop 169 color guard, followed by a rousing sing-along of God Bless America by Jim Roebuck, accompanied by Margaret Hunter on the piano. Special guests were Temple City Councilmembers Tom Chavez and Nanette Fish, Temple City Sheriff’s Captain David Flores, Sgt. Ronald Miranda, and Deputy Joe Zuniga (who have all served and support the Blue Star Banner Program), and Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kelvin Li, son of Planning Commissioner Helen and School Board President Larry Marston. Officer Li is a graduate of Temple City High School who will attend the Naval Academy of the 2021 class. Following dinner (with slideshow created by Tony Hillbruner), the evening’s guest speaker former Marine Sgt. Wyatt Reneer, veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, shared his experience serving in the USMC Reserves’ 2nd Battalion 23rd Marine Regiment (2/23). Activated in 2002, Sargent Reneer’s Quick Reaction Force was the first complete infantry reserve battalion to deploy in support of the Iraq War.

Wonder Women of Temple City install officers

The Woman’s Club of Temple City made several notable recognitions at its most recent meeting. Carol Daughtery was named to the Temple City Senior Master Plan Advisory Committee. Cynthia Sternoquist (currently serving as Mayor of the City of Temple City) was named the president of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. Debi Mistretta and Carole Rodenbucher were given Helping Hands Awards from Friends of Foster Children - San Gabriel Valley, for their work on the Fundraising Luncheon. Helen Redmond was named the Outstanding Older American for 2017, Temple City, at the Temple City Council Meeting, May 2. Mayor Cynthia Sternoquist performed the Installation of the 2017-2018 Incoming Board and Chairmen for the Woman’s Club of Temple City.

Contact the Woman’s Club of Temple City at P.O. Box 283 or send an email message to womanscluboftemplecity@gmail.com.
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He started his presentation with the news video field coverage of the Iraq war during a three week ride-along with the 2/23 which covered the roller coaster of quiet down times vs. heart-pounding combat action ranging from flushing out insurgents, destroying hidden ammo depots, and being greeted by residents who thank them for setting up incarcerated care facilities.

The 2/23 completed their mission and returned to Kuwait for their departure, meeting Peter Jennings, which for Sgt. Reneer meant going home to his one-month-old baby girl. He was honorably discharged in 2005 and is now employed as a police officer while studying law at the University of La Verne. During his service from 1999-2005, Reneer was awarded nine medals, ribbons, and other awards for military action.

Imprintability offers various ways to promote businesses with imaginative printed items.

For more than a decade, Imprintability has been meeting the promotional needs of the San Gabriel Valley. In 2005, owner Jennifer Stone started Imprintability to help businesses grow by coming up with creative products and marketing material ideas to best promote their company.

“I love taking the time to get to know each customer so I can serve their needs,” said Ms. Stone. “There are so many innovative promotional items on the market today; it’s next to impossible to select the ones that will work for you without talking to a professional with experience.”

As an example, she cites something as universal as business cards: Imprintability will work with your existing design, or actually design an eye-catching, new professional card that is uniquely yours.

And because you are dealing with a real person, there’s no run-around talking to one person one time and another the next time. You talk to Ms. Stone, and she will recommend options for your business or event and help to guide your many choices of: printing, promotional products, signs, banners, embroidery, screen printing, plaques, awards and name badges.

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Imprintability has the heart of a small business and is a true believer of shop local, shop small. Ms. Stone loves building relationships and working directly with her clients.

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4. Promotion. We will run articles on special news and events about your business that you may wish to share. FREE display for your business cards and flyers in our Chamber front office.

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6. Discounts. Chamber members receive discounted advertising rates in the Temple City Life Newspaper which is available throughout the city on our website.

7. Networking. Our popular Mixers help you raise your profile while networking and mixing with business folk from Temple City and the region.

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Big night in a desert town

Last night, three of my co-workers, friends, and adopted daughters in my own mind treated me to an amazing night on the town. And true, we were still celebrating yet another of my birthdays and the town, Palm Springs, is home for citizens who remember Dwight D. Eisenhower as a lad. But as we would learn, even my fave co-median Chris Rock, whose Total Blackout tour stop in the desert was my B-day gift, isn’t a kid anymore.

And for Kelleen, Dani, and Dalila, family is everything. And though I think of them as daughters, there are times when I know they see themselves as my mother. And being responsible and accountable for me is really hard work.

Financial Coordinator Dalila walked into our office for the first time during the Clinton Administration. Several months into her new job, Dalila and her husband were sitting in the chapel when I eulogized my mom. The next day, Dalila was working in the kitchen over at my aunt’s house following the funeral services. And we all look back at some indelible images.

And Dalila might resent my sharing it, but I think she’s mellowed a bit. During those early years, the NBA Finals paled by comparison with our battles of will.

But Dalila was my first co-worker to actually follow my conflict resolution coaching. Team Leader Dani and I became godparents to Dalila’s first born. We were also there for one memorable Karate Kid type performance by son Andrew.

And I think, these days, kindergartner Jacob and I can actually both smile in the same room.

There are times when Dalila could be the next great source for renewable energy: her love for and loyalty to family shine through as authentically as a sunrise. Dalila and I and her co-workers can be on different pages of the same novel but when our vision is on the line, we’re all still family.

It was a great night. I’ve known Dalila for as long as I had the chance to know my brother. And don’t tell anyone... but it’s not so bad having three moms who are all way cooler than you are.

Play Pinochle at Live Oak Park every Monday

Pinochle players are invited to test skills of strategy, teamwork and card counting with fellow pinochle enthusiasts at 1 p.m., every Monday at 1 p.m., in the Camellia Room at Live Oak Park.

Originally called Senior Pinochle club, the group today welcomes players of all ages for the free Monday afternoon games. ‘There is no cost to join,” said Temple City resident Jim Law who has been playing since 1999.

“No phone call to start, just show up at 1 p.m., every Monday afternoon when the park is open,” Mr. Law said.

Pinochle is a trick-taking card game typically for two to four players and played with a special Pinochle 48-card deck.