New Mayor Vincent Yu talks to media at Temple City’s 2016 Lunar New Year Festival.

Photo by Peter Choi

Nine seats open on City Commissions

Applications accepted through April 29

The City of Temple City is accepting applications to fill nine positions on four separate City Commissions.

Commissioners serve without compensation for two-year terms effective July 1. The City does cover commissioner costs for training and conferences as resources allow.

An application can be downloaded from the city Web site www.templecity.us or obtained during normal business hours from the City Clerk’s Office in City Hall, 9701 Las Tunas Dr.

The deadline for submitting an application is 5 p.m., April 29. The City Council will select commissioners through an interview process.

• Two seats are open on the Planning Commission, which has decision-making authority on a variety of development proposals. Planning commissioners advise the City Council on programs, policies and issues relating to planning, development and land-use regulation.

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Three Temple City ladies honored as Women of the Year in 49th District

La Rosa Elementary School’s Dee Moreno and Nickie Oh along with Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Captain Coronne L. Jacob were among eight outstanding women and one community organization honored by Assemblymember Ed Chau with the 2016 Women’s History Month Leadership Award during a ceremony in the City of Monterey Park on March 18.

The awards presented were in recognition of distinguished achievement and service to the 49th Assembly District in the areas of community service, business, public safety, education, historic preservation, non-profit sector, and women’s empowerment.

Instructional Resource Specialist Dee Moreno and Teacher Nickie Oh are also co-founders of the CS First Club.

“I am proud to recognize and honor these eight exceptional women and Soroptimist International of Alhambra, San Gabriel and San Marino for the leadership, dedication and service they have provided to their communities, which has improved the quality of life for so many people in the 49th Assembly District,” said Assemblymember Ed Chau.

“These remarkable women are an inspiration to us all.”
TCUSD to host annual health fair-run/walk on April 30; free community health fair takes place at T.C. Park

The Temple City Unified School District will host a free community health fair and 5K and 10K run/walk, April 30, at Temple City Park, 9701 Las Tunas Drive in Temple City. Participants should check in for the run/walk beginning at 6:30 a.m. with the event to start at 7:30 a.m.

The run/walk is free and runners and walkers will receive a t-shirt (supplies are limited). Participants need to pick up their t-shirts April 29 between the hours of 3-7 p.m. at the TCUSD District Office, 9700 Las Tunas Drive in Temple City.

Registration forms should be dropped off at the TCUSD District Office front desk, 9700 Las Tunas Drive. The deadline for registration is April 22. Registration forms for the run/walk are available at the District Office, all TCUSD school sites, City Hall in Temple City, and Live Oak Park.

Late registration on the day of the event will be taken but t-shirts are limited to those who register in advance. A free community health fair will also be held at Temple City Park from 8-11 a.m.

The fair will include a variety of health screenings: dental, cholesterol, blood glucose, blood pressure, and more.

Fasting is required for the blood glucose and cholesterol tests. Vendors will provide information about acupuncture and chiropractic care.

The Transportation and Public Safety Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

• Three seats are open on the Public Arts Commission, which advises Council on funding mechanisms for public art, and evaluates the design and selection of public art-works. This commission meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month. Eligibility is open to Temple City residents for the Public Art Commission. Eligibility is also open to Temple City business owners.

For more information, phone the City Clerk’s office at 626-285-2171.

The Temple City Unified School District Local Education Agency, a health community outreach organization. For more information, phone Monique Alvarez at 626-548-2314 or Helen Redmond at 626-548-5069.
Library support group promotes joy of reading

The Friends of the Temple City Library is a volunteer organization of members, primarily library patrons, interested in giving back to the community.

Well-educated, well-read and open-minded, they enjoy used book sales, organic gardening, GPS-based treasure hunting, building electric cars, designing robots, installing low-water landscaping, etc.

The Friends board consists of President Munir Bhatti, First Vice-President Emily Wisneski, Second Vice-President Sam Kho, Secretary Helen Redmond, Treasurer Kathryn Bradley.

In addition, there are Book Sale Committee member Phil Mendel and Hospitality Committee members Mary Hunt and Edna Jukofsky.

Organizational Partners of the Friends include generous sponsor Healthcare Partners, the Women’s Club of Temple City, and the Temple City Chamber of Commerce of which they are a member.

The City Council has also been instrumental in helping the Friends negotiate upcoming library improvements, including the soon-to-arrive Laptop Lending Kiosk. Visitors are encouraged to try it once it opens.

Using technology, the organization recently inputted electronically the member lists from the past five years during which they have made great progress in rebuilding the group.

With approximately two dozen members, annual revenues of $4,700 last year, and strong interest from library patrons and the community, the Friends is poised for growth, as well as increasing the magnitude of sponsored programs.

The Summer Reading Program is perhaps the most visible of the programs offered by the FOTCL and encourages children, teens, and adults to immerse themselves in reading for the summer. Studies have shown pleasure reading as a leading indicator of success for both youth and adults.

The Friends of the Temple City Library allocates approximately $2,300 per year to the library for various programs including cooking demonstrations, guest speakers and authors, arts and crafts, story times, etc. This year the youth also marched in the Camelotia Festival Parade.

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Ongoing Snack Sale: located inside library
Web site: https://librarytc.wordpress.com/
Facebook: pending
On-line Rare Book Sale: spending (pun-based typo intended)
Library Events: http://goo.gl/1kse9R (doesn’t include member-only events)
Chamber Calendar

April 9, Saturday, 2 p.m. – New York Life Seminar, Saving For College, Chamber Boardroom, 9050 Las Tunas Drive. (Space limited – see advertisement below to RSVP)

April 11, Monday, 12 noon-1 p.m. – Chamber Board Meeting, Chamber Boardroom, 9050 Las Tunas Drive.

April 20, Wednesday, 12 noon-1:30 p.m. – Eat & Meet Lunch Mixer, El Rjandro Grill, 5818 Temple City Blvd. See news story on Page 6, advertisement on Page 7.

April 25, Monday, 7-9 p.m. – Business Networking Mixer, hosted by the Toastmaster’s Club, Temple City Live Oak Community Center, 10144 Bogue St. See advertisement on Page 5.

April 26, Tuesday, 12 noon-1 p.m. – Lunch & Learn Seminar, Payroll Taxes for Small Businesses, Chamber Boardroom, 9050 Las Tunas Drive. See advertisement on Page 7.

Special invitation to Leadership seminar from California Institute of Advanced Management

By Peter Choi

As Pop Queen Katy Perry famously sang, “I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter, dancing through the fire, ‘Cause I am a champion and you’re gonna hear me roar…”

While March may not have exactly come “in like a lion and went out like a lamb,” our focus this month is to help you become the Lion King of your own jungle.

A strong key to success is never becoming set in your ways, but constantly striving to improve yourself and plan for the future. To help you achieve those goals, the Chamber presents a variety of seminars, informational events and, of course, business networking mixers. On this page to your left is our monthly Chamber Calendar which lists the events we are offering each month.

I would like to highlight, however, a very special invitation from Chamber member California Institute of Advanced Management (CIAM) for a $5,000 Leadership Influence Tools Seminar that is absolutely – free.

If you want to increase productivity, efficiency, sales, and profits in any industry or activity, whether for yourself, or for any size organization, the key is leadership.

Dr. Bill Cohen is a retired Air Force major general who graduated from West Point and earned an MBA from the University of Chicago (and many more degrees). You can meet this renowned author of more than 50 books on business and management at a free seminar from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 at CIAM, 9550 Flair Drive, Suite #201, El Monte.

The Leadership Influence Tool Seminar has been presented to major corporations and organizations in the U.S. and should be attended by Top Level - especially HR and line executives - staff managers, emerging leaders, first level managers and entrepreneurs. For more information about this free seminar as well as CIAM’s programs, phone 626-350-1500 and reserve your seat today with Penny Li or Sammi Scott.

I hope to see you at one of our Chamber events this month because you are a champion and I want to hear you roar – louder than a lion.
City announces Concerts in the Park program for summer 2016

The City of Temple City has been hosting free concerts each summer for more than 20 years. With the help of sponsors, musicians and countless volunteers, the City was able to grow the series into the popular event it is today. Plan on attending at 7 p.m. each Wednesday at Temple City Park with family and friends. Bring blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy the music during a balmy summer evening.

Food is available for purchase, but please note that alcohol and dogs are not permitted in the park. Canopies and umbrellas are also not allowed in the concert area out of courtesy for other concert-goers. Temple City Park is located at 9701 Las Tunas Dr. For more information, please phone the Parks and Recreation Department at 626-285-2171, ext. 4515.

A Summer to Remember – 20 Years of Music at the Pavilion, June 22 - Aug. 31, 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

June 22: Stone Soul - Soul & Motown. Get down and funky with Stone Soul. The band’s performance of timeless hits by legendary artists like the Temptations, Stevie Wonder and James Brown will have you grooving all night and shouting, “I feel good.”

June 29: Woodie & The Longboards – California Tribute. Woodie & The Longboards will bring their “California Tribute” to Temple City featuring greatest hits from Journey, the Eagles, the Beach Boys and more.

July 6: Yard Sale - Americana & Pop. Come celebrate the Red, White & Blue with us as Yard Sale takes the stage and gets you up and dancing to your favorite Americana and Pop tunes.

July 13: Pop Vinyl - Disco. Voted Southern California’s #1 Dance Band, Pop Vinyl will make their Temple City debut this summer with all your 70 and 80s favorites.

July 20: Raymond Michael - Tribute to Elvis. Raymond Michael wows in his tribute to the King of Rock-and-Roll, including flashy showpiece and exceptional renditions of all-time classics that are sure to leave audiences feeling “all shook up.”

July 27: Smith The Band - Country & More. Smith The Band comes to bring a wide mix of old country to classic oldies. Great ready to dance the night away from great hits by Brooks & Dunn to the Dixie Chicks.

Aug. 3: Bella Donna - Fleetwood Mac Tribute. The “Rumors” are true. Enjoy critically acclaimed tribute band Bella Donna as they recreate some of the biggest hits from Fleetwood Mac and legendary singer, Stevie Nicks.

Aug. 10: Sharon & The Chevelles - 50s & 60s. Sharon & The Chevelles are guaranteed to put the bop in the bop-shoo-bop with a nostalgic mix of hits from Buddy Holly, the Beatles, Chuck Berry and more.

Aug. 17: The Wise Guys - Big Band Standards. From Swing to Swank this Montecello CA based big band features a screaming horn line, exciting vocalists and a roarin’ rhythm section. Their repertoire includes the tunes of Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin and Peggy Lee as well as big band favorites from Glenn Miller, Perez Prado and Buddy Rich.

Aug. 24: Mrs. Jones Revenge - Classic Rock. Mrs. Jones Revenge will take you on a trip through time with some of classic rock’s most iconic acts including, The Lovin’ Spoonful, Bachman Turner Overdrive, The Animals and more. Don’t miss out on welcoming this new band to TC straight from Temecula, CA.

Aug. 31: Fortunate Son - Creedence Clearwater Tribute. Fortunate Son is America’s premiere Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band. Join your neighbors for a night of classic rock, blues and country music that’ll have you feeling like you’re “rollin’ on the river.”

Note: The City is no longer accepting demos for 2016. Bands who would like to be considered for the 2017 concert series must submit an electronic press kit and electronic demo package via e-mail to dgram@templecity.us by Sept. 1.

Are trusts too complicated?

The simple answer is no, 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 a 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, will you 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.

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My clients are happily surprised how simple having a trust actually is, in addition to enjoying the protections a trust provides.

Tony does not charge for initial consultations. For more information, please contact Tony at 5703 Temple City Boulevard, 626-285-7033, or tyre@tyrelawgroup.com.
Student reporter Jessica Huang interviewed Norma Perez, owner of El Ruizenor Grill restaurant on Temple City Boulevard. The popular Mexican restaurant featuring Ms. Perez’s interpretations of Oaxacan cuisine is the location for this month’s Eat & Meet Chamber Lunch on April 20. See ad on Page 7.

Q: Please tell us a little about yourself.
A: My name is Norma Perez, and I came from Mexico in 1990. I began in the restaurant business by working at Carl’s Jr. and worked there for 12 years. I went to Cal Poly Pomona and earned a business degree, which I later used to start a business.

Q: Why did you choose the restaurant business?
A: I love cooking and I want to bring diverse cuisine into Temple City.

Q: What do you like most about your job?
A: I feel very satisfied when I see people say they like my food. They would give me compliments about the food, and the different flavors of the food. It makes me proud to see people enjoy the food I make.

Q: What responsibilities do you have as a small business owner?
A: As a small business owner, I have to do a little bit of everything. I am the owner, but I am also the chef. I sometimes come out to greet customers and relax, but I also work before and after hours.

Norma Perez at El Ruizenor Grill.

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Wells Fargo home mortgage Arcadia team earns trust

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— John G. Stumpf
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See cars from the Wild Side
Chamber member special for La Jolla Concours D’Elegance

Come to the breathtaking shores of La Jolla for an up close look at more than 300 classic American and European cars at the 2016 La Jolla Concours D’Elegance. As a Chamber member, you are eligible to receive an exclusive 15% discount on general admission and VIP tickets. Enjoy a beautiful day of world class cars on April 10 at this world class experience.

For discount tickets, go to www.WildatWork.com and enter “Temple City Chamber of Commerce” when registering. For registration assistance, please phone 800-767-7657 ext. 110 or send an e-mail message to customerservice@WildatWork.com
Bliss & Wisdom Buddhist group has positive mission

The Bliss & Wisdom Foundation of North America is a Buddhist non-profit organization headquartered in Pomona with offices in San Gabriel, Irvine, and Artesia. The Foundation adheres to the mission established by its founder, the late Ven. Jih-Chang: to impart positive and purifying energy to society, and to protect the environment and its habitants.

Since 1982, the group has embarked on many activities to service its neighboring communities. These activities include Buddhist studies, life camps, concerts, festivals, Chinese school, health and environmental seminars, and vegetarian cooking classes.

Sharing the same mission, the Foundation and Heartland Markets, which offer organic and natural foods, have been working closely together to promote a green lifestyle.

One of the recent projects of the group has been to encourage tree planting.

In order to address the climate change situation that is being exacerbated by the rapid and widespread destruction of forests, the Foundation has launched two seminars titled From Our Hearts to the Earth this past February and March to educate the public about the importance of planting trees. Bliss & Wisdom believes that being environmentally friendly can be both entertaining and delicious.

One of the most effective ways to reduce one’s carbon footprint is to eat vegetarian foods.

Starting with the March issue of Temple City Life, Bliss & Wisdom will share a tasty and easy-to-make vegetarian recipe with readers each month.

Volunteer Miss Cheng Lu shares her thoughts on how everyone can “Kindle the Light of Our Hearts” during the 12th Bliss & Wisdom Life Camp attended by 120 young adults.

The Bliss & Wisdom Young Adult group embrace Mother Nature during their 3-day trip to Yosemite National Park.

Local Agent Buys Homes for Cash

San Marino - Every month, thousands of homeowners are faced with the stressful dilemma of whether to buy first or sell first. You see, if you buy before selling, you could run the risk of owning two homes. Or, just as bad, if you sell first, you could end up homeless. It’s what insiders in the industry call the Real Estate Catch 22, and it’s an extremely anxious position to find yourself in.

This financial and emotional tightrope is one you usually have to walk alone because most agents have no way of helping you with this predicament. But one local realtor is using a unique Guaranteed Sale Program which solves this dilemma. This program guarantees the sale of your present home before you take possession of your new one. If your home doesn’t sell in 120 days, they will buy it from you themselves for the previously agreed price ensuring that you never get caught in the Real Estate Catch 22.

Before you hire any professional, you should research the market to find out who can do the best job for you. When interviewing agents, find out what kind of guarantee they are willing to give you with respect to the selling of your home. Unfortunately, you’ll find that most agents simply cannot make such a guarantee.

To help you learn more about this program and how it can make your move less stressful, a FREE special report has been prepared entitled “How to Avoid Getting Stuck with Two Homes.” To order a FREE Special Report, phone toll-free 1-888-300-4632 and enter 1022. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Volunteer superstar Trish O’Brien honored with TCUSD’s 2016 (ACSA) Golden Apple Award

Temple City Unified School District administrators have announced Trish O’Brien as the recipient of the District’s 2016 Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Golden Apple Award. A 1985 graduate of Temple City High School, Ms. O’Brien is a familiar face around town with a volunteer service record that continues today.

Ms. O’Brien is currently serving as Parliamentarian on both Temple City Council and Temple City High School PTAs. She has served more than 14 years as a PTA Board Member or Chairman at Emperor Elementary School, Oak Avenue Intermediate School, Temple City High School, and Temple City Council PTA.

During this time, she also chaperoned field trips, assisted with school events, and assisted in numerous classrooms.

Ms. O’Brien has volunteered for TCHS Grad Nite for the past six years and is currently the Co-Chairman for the 2016 Grad Nite.

In the past, Ms. O’Brien has been acknowledged for her dedication to the TCUSD PTAs by receiving the Honorary Service Award at Emperor and the Continuing Service Award at the Council level.

In addition to her volunteer work with TCUSD, Ms. O’Brien was also involved with many youth organizations such as AYSO, TCHS Ramrodgers, Cub Scouts, and Sunnyslope Little League.

As a Little League volunteer, she acted as team manager, team coach, team mom, and Chairman of the snack bar and yearbook. During this time, Ms. O’Brien received the Sunnyslope Volunteer of the Year Award.

Ms. O’Brien continued to support the Temple City High School Football Program by serving as the team mom for the Freshmen, Junior Varsity, and Varsity teams over the past six years (even after her boys had completed their football careers). She is also very involved with the TCHS Ramrodgers Booster Club Board as Sponsorship Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

At Cub Scout Pack 169, Trish served as a Committee Chair and Den Leader for the Tiger, Cub, and Webelos dens.

Ms. O’Brien acted as General Chairman of the 2012 Temple City Camellia Festival and Parade and has chaired the Royal Luncheon and school site visits. She continues her work with the City’s signature event and plans to for years to come. She is currently Board Secretary and Food Truck Event Coordinator.

Ms. O’Brien and Jeff, her husband of 24 years, have three sons: Jesse, 22, TCHS Class of 2012 and a graduate from MMI in Arizona; Josh, 20, TCHS Class of 2013; and Riley, 17, a senior at the Dr. Doug Sears Learning Center.

Ms. O’Brien is currently working full-time at Total Education Solutions as a Medical Billing Specialist and part-time at the Pregnancy Help Center of San Gabriel Valley as an Administrative Assistant.

Ms. O’Brien was recognized as an outstanding community leader at the Golden Apple Awards Breakfast, Feb. 24 and TCUSD Board of Education Meeting on March 9.
School News

TCHS Grad Nite 2016 seeks support

Each year the Temple City High School and Temple City High School Grad Night committee provides an on-campus celebration following the graduation ceremony on Friday, June 10, for seniors.

This memorable all-night extravaganza is part of a nationwide program to keep students “safe and sober.”

Under adult supervision, held on the high school campus, this party will be a closed, alcohol-free celebration with food, prizes, games, rides and music to create this special night.

The Grad Night committee has dedicated many hours of time and tireless energy into organizing this event. The 2016 Grad Nite needs help from the entire community, not just the parents.

Temple City residents, business leaders, administrators and teachers are encouraged to assist in one or more of the following ways:

- Provide prizes (i.e. gift certificates, gift cards, passes to movies, performances, amusement parks, sporting events, small gift items, etc. or any other item). A monetary donation that can be used for materials, etc.
- Donation of your services or your business’ service that help keep our costs down.
- Make Pocket Tissue Cover, First Saturday of each month, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Adult Programs: Basic Knitting, Friday April 8, from 3-4 p.m.
- Family Bingo, last Friday of the month, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For more information, phone Dawn md@sbcglobal.net or e-mail tchgradnite@gmail.com. More details available at the Web site www.tchgradnite.com.
The TCHS Olympiad Team went to state in an effort to bring home a medal, and they are currently sitting at the 10th place. However, the team has been actively finding ways to improve their performance and their chances of advancing further.

The Clovery students give back to Ronald McDonald House

The Clovery Elementary School Student Council has been actively finding ways to give back to the community. Students recently donated money and purchased an Italian dinner for the 24 family members that are currently residing at the Ronald McDonald House in Pasadena.

The Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families whose children are facing serious medical crises. Families are offered meals and a place to live close to the hospital.

Elizabet Dever, House Director, gave Clovery students a tour of the facilities and a time to ask questions. Students learned that it is the family's task to go through your home, closets, and garage to find new homes for those useful but unwanted items. The Temple City Blue Star Banner has a solution: donate them to the yard sale scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 23, at the Alta Dena Dairy on the corner of Las Tunas Drive and Encinita Avenue.

Donations will help pay for new and replacement banners as well as the care packages sent to the active military personnel from Temple City for major holidays. To donate items for this yard sale, phone Joel Johnson at 626-285-5852.

Nine Easter gift packages have been sent out. Thank you to everyone who provided good

TCHS Olympiad Team goes to state

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Blue Star Yard sale April 23; please donate now

By Monica Weiland

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St. Luke Parish Fiesta celebrates 29 years

St. Luke Catholic Community in Temple City will host its 29th Annual Fiesta on April 22–24. The three-day event will feature a food court with a diverse selection of menu offerings, live entertainment, rides, and a food pavilion with a beer garden (with TVs).

This year’s event will once again present an enhanced and expanded carnival games area. The event will also include a boutique and craft fair all weekend, along with a general exhibit area on Saturday and Sunday in the Plaza.

Pre-sale priced ride tickets and unlimited ride wristbands (select hours) are currently available. Daily wristbands are $35 pre-sale at the pastoral office and $40 at the Fiesta. A weekend wristband can be purchased at the office for $100 prior to the Fiesta. Wristband hours: Friday, 6-1 p.m; Saturday, noon-5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Rider tickets can also be purchased at the event.

The weekend’s entertainment will include a great line-up of bands and a DJ, among others. Gold Duck will headline Saturday’s entertainment from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Vendor space is still available at the boutique at $135 for Friday-Sunday or $125 for Saturday and Sunday, and general exhibitor area at $125 for Saturday and Sunday, $100 for Saturday or Sunday.

The Fiesta also hosts a grand prize raffle (first prize $5,000 cash; second prize $1,000; third prize $500). Tickets are $1 each and a book of 50 tickets is $50. The raffle includes an Early Bird Raffle Drawing.

For every book of 50 tickets purchased by April 10, participants are entered into an additional drawing for $400 cash. The raffle will take place on the Sunday evening of Fiesta; Early Bird Raffle Drawing held on Friday evening during Opening Ceremony; Winners need not be present. Tickets can also be purchased now at Pastoral Office or until sold out.

The event, host to more than 7,000 Greater San Gabriel Valley residents, is the parish’s main fundraiser with proceeds directed toward parish and elementary school maintenance needs. Lead event sponsors include Pierce Brothers Turner and Stevens Mortuary; Phil and Mary Daniels, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage; Dolores Chile; Super A Foods; Carmine’s Italian Restaurant; and Mercury Mailing and Printing.

The parish’s church and school grounds are located at 5605 Cloverly Ave., Temple City. Admission is free. Hours are Friday, April 22, 6-11 p.m.; Saturday, April 23, noon-11 p.m.; Sunday, April 24, 11-8 p.m. The event is subject to change.

For more information, call the Pastoral Office at (626) 291-5900 or visit www.stluketemplecity.org. Like “STLukeParishFiestaTC” on Facebook.

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Camellia Festival announces theme contest for 2017 festival; Deadline is April 25

Camellia Festival Director Dawn E. Tarin has announced the theme contest for the 2017 Temple Camellia Festival has already begun. Cash prizes are awarded to the two age divisions as well as for the chosen theme winner. Applications are available at City Hall, Live Oak Park, and www.CamelliaFestival.org. The deadline for entry is 6 p.m. Monday, April 25. In addition, the winner will ride down Las Tunas Drive in his/her own car and be invited to the parade luncheon. Contestants must reside within the boundaries of either the City of Temple City or the Temple City Unified School District borders, and be between the ages of 5-18 years old.

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 extension 4030 or by e-mail to Ms. Tarin at dtarin@templecity.us.

THEME CONTEST RULES:
1. Suggest a theme for the 73rd Temple City Camellia Festival which will be held February 24, 25 & 26, 2017. 2. Contestant must be a student who resides within the boundaries of the City of Temple City OR within the boundaries of the Temple City Unified School District. 3. Maximum of five (5) entries per contestant.

So if you’re anything like me, you’ve probably heard enough divisive political rhetoric to last you at least one lifetime. Sometimes you just have to go for a walk. I’ve found walks can definitely be useful when you need some mental/emotional recovery time. These Saturday mornings, my walks land me right in the middle of a bubble that excludes the negative stuff you can’t control.

Today, the bubble included some serious time spent with the Sports Page and Yahaira’s special breakfast enchilada. I also booked a 10:45 a.m. starting time across the street at the Laemmle … where I saw my fave film of early 2016.

And what’s not to love about spending 96 minutes with Pulitzer Prize-winning restaurant critic/poet Jonathan Gold while he spins a heartfelt inclusive L.A. love story?

In the City of Gold, food is the not-so-secret handshake shared and learned among people accounting for one of the richest and most diverse cultural mosaics in the world.

The film begins with a quote from preeminent food writer, the late MFK Fisher. Fisher wrote, “First we eat. Then we do everything else.” Gold was actually traveling straight down Las Tunas in Temple City right up there on the Big Screen when he said, “White people used to own the restaurant and they served Chinese-American food to white people. Now Chinese own Ye Loy and they serve Chinese-American food to Chinese who find the food exotic.”

I stopped by Vroman’s after the movie and bought Gratitude, a book by neurologist/best-selling author, the late Oliver Sacks; seemed like an appropriate Saturday choice.

As I walked back home I thought, “For the love of God, will someone please chauffeur The Donald to a food truck?”

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