January 2014

Temple City ushers in solar, lunar New Year activities

New advanced gas meters coming to Temple City

The Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) is upgrading its metering system by adding a communication device to all residential and business natural gas meters.

Customers’ gas usage is still measured the same way it is today, but with the advanced meter, it is automatically and securely transmitted to SoCalGas’ customer service and billing center.

With an advanced meter, customers will have access to view hourly, daily and weekly gas usage, as well as up to 13 months of monthly data (depending on how long they have been enrolled in SoCalGas’ online “My Account”). By better understanding how much gas is being used and when it is being used, customers can better identify ways to save. For more information, see Page 5.

On Dec. 6 at Lights on Temple City, young residents ages 3-15 built a town from ground up to highlight the various elements that turn geography into place – from neighbors and civic institutions to corner stores and restaurants.

Feeling artful?

Create a diorama for city’s spring contest; applications for entry available online

The current Showcase Community Art Contest is now accepting diorama submissions for Spring 2014, themed “Creating Place.”

Participants are asked to create model representations of Temple City for a chance to be featured in the next issue of Temple City Connect.


Chinese New Year street festival Feb. 1 will have multi-cultural family accent

A new Chinese New Year street festival, hosted by Sing Tao Daily, one of the major Chinese daily newspapers, will take place from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1, on Las Tunas Drive in downtown Temple City.

Temple City government and the Temple City Chamber of Commerce will participate. Over the years, attendance has steadily increased. This year, it is expected to draw thousands of people to Temple City from the surrounding communities.

This year’s event will be a one-day street festival with more fun games, fusion foods, entertainment, and vendors. The festival theme is A Multi-Cultural Family Festival.

The performing arts pavilion in the Temple City Park will be used as the performing stage, with six hours of entertainment conducted in English and Chinese Mandarin.

The performance features a variety of cultural dances and entertainment such as the Chinese Lion dance, Filipino Kids dance, Chinese Fan dance, 

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Downtown Temple City

As the new monument above shows, visitors to Temple City are seeing a new look taking place as the improvements on Rosemead Boulevard progress. See Page 6 for more photos and information. See Page 20 for an ad showing the new Gateway development at Rosemead and Las Tunas Drive.
Camellia Festival coronation kicks off annual event, Jan. 31; Festival Feb. 21-23

The public is invited to attend the royalty coronation at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at the Live Oak Park Community Center.

Last year’s Camellia Festival King Christopher Koyamatsu and Queen Gabriella Pedraza will crown the 2014 King and Queen of the Temple City Camellia Festival. Then the public will be introduced to the princes, princesses, and banner carriers for the 70th Annual Camellia Festival. Don’t forget: if you are past royalty, you are welcome to attend to be recognized.

In addition to the coronation, you will be entertained by local talent. The grand marshal and honorary grand marshals for the parade will be announced. Following the coronation activities, a reception will be held with refreshments.

For more information you may phone the Camellia Festival office located at City Hall at 626-285-2171, ext. 2350 or online at the city’s Web site www.templecity.us.

Camellia Festival Parade will take place Feb. 22

Photo by Jeff O’Brien

Dates to Remember

Carnival Booths, Float & Walking Unit
Application Deadline: Jan. 6
Build a Float Workshops: Jan. 7-14
Royal Court Play Day: Jan. 11
Camellia Festival: Feb. 21-23
Camellia Festival Parade: Feb. 22

Temple City seeks nominations for Older American of the Year; due Feb. 21

Nominations for Temple City’s Older American of the Year are being accepted by the City’s Parks and Recreation Dept. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 21.

Nominees must be at least 60 years of age and a resident of Temple City. Criteria used to select award recipients include service to organizations, special accomplishments and time spent with volunteer activities.

All nominations are reviewed by the City Council.

Nomination forms may be downloaded from the city’s Web site www.templecity.us or obtained by visiting the public counters at City Hall and Live Oak Park Community Center. This year’s award recipient will be announced at the May 6 City Council meeting. The recipient will also be honored in May at a ceremony hosted by the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

For more information, phone Roman Rodriguez at 626-579-0461.
Let it snow. The Tucker family came out to play in the winter wonderland. From left are Haileigh, Ryan, Meghan and Brooklyn Tucker.

Playing in a Winter Wonderland

The sun is shining, the grass is green,
The orange and palm trees sway,
There’s never been such a day
in Temple City, L.A.
But it’s December the twenty-fourth,
And I am longing to be up North
— I’m dreaming of a White Christmas
Apologies to Irving Berlin

On Dec. 6, in Temple City Park, residents enjoyed a Temple City style white Christmas, staged by the Temple City Parks and Recreation Dept.

PHOTOS BY WENDY CHUNG
Temple City Life has snow for a day

These young ladies had a chance to play in real snow at the Lights On Temple City event, Dec. 6. One of the benefits of living in Temple City is that snow has to be trucked in from the mountains. Photo by Wendy Chung.

One of the benefits of membership in the Chamber is that when we get requests for referrals and we do get a lot – we only refer our members. And we use them ourselves. As we look ahead to new success in the coming year, I thought it would be worth highlighting some of the Chamber members who assist us with their talents and services.

We recently had some repairs and construction work done in our office and, as usual, we reached out to Chamber member Dan Mikolasko Construction. Anyone who has gone through home or business/office renovation knows the potential for delays and frustration, but our experience with Mr. Mikolasko and his crew was blemish-free. Beautiful work, quickly done and right on schedule. A former resident of Temple City, Mr. Mikolasko and DMC can be reached at 5118 Calmview, Baldwin Park, Calif., 91706 or phone 626-716-2273.

Did you get a new ginormous flat screen TV for Christmas? Then you want to protect that plasma puppy and I’m happy to recommend San Marino Security who keeps our office protected and safe. Owner Phil Raacke is a Temple City resident who knows the area and will help keep you and your loved ones (and loved things) safe. San Marino Security is located at 2405 Huntington Drive, San Marino, Calif., 91108 or phone 626-285-7778.

Of course, security begins with a sturdy lock on your door and Lou’s Lock and Key will ensure that your doors and windows are sealed tight. Call Pat Kleman at 626-286-0142 or visit 5954 Temple City Blvd.

Even with the above security efforts, peace of mind comes from being fully insured and The Tyre Agency handles all our concerns in that department. Life, medical, small group, individual, you name it, they will find the right plan for you. Father/son team Steven and Tony head the company located in one of the city’s most charming buildings, but I personally enjoy my conversations and chat time with Adella Gonzalez who is among the agents newly trained to handle questions about the Affordable Care Act, aka ObamaCare.

Let’s face it, whether you like it or not, ObamaCare is the law; it behooves you to find out how it may benefit you or your business and Ms. Gonzalez is just a phone call away at 626-285-7633. The Tyre Agency is located at 5703 Temple City Blvd. or click your mouse to www.tyreinsuranceagency.com.

Finally, a new year means new accounting and tax season is right around the corner. Our books are handled by Quality Bookkeeping Service. Owner Kathleen Chambers and her team, including our Chief Financial Officer Margaret Heyl, help us stay fiscally responsible and financially secure. Quality Bookkeeping is located at 9633 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City. For more information, phone 626-285-1281 or e-mail qualitybk@attglobal.net.
**An Important Message from The Gas Company**

**BENEFITS OF ADVANCED METERS**

- **Manage Energy Use Better:** You will have access to more detailed information and analysis tools online through My Account at socalgas.com, where you can also view and pay your bill, schedule service and sign up for gas alerts. We will notify you when your more detailed information becomes available online.

- **New "How to Save" Interactive Tool on socalgas.com (search "WAYS TO SAVE"):** You can currently create your own customized energy plan by answering a few questions. Track and upgrade your progress and learn how your actions can help you save energy and money. In addition, you can view your hourly, daily and monthly gas usage online once your advanced meter is installed.

- **Location Privacy and Security:** Customers who, in the past, had to provide SocalGas with a key to their gate, leave latches unlocked or confine their dogs to allow meter reading will only need to provide entry for periodic maintenance. To increase privacy and security, encrypted gas usage information will be transmitted from the meter.

- **Greater Accuracy:** Advanced meters can also improve billing accuracy, reducing the potential for errors.

- **Help the Environment:** Advanced meters will take 1,000 less SocalGas vehicles off the road every day, reduce 6.3 million vehicle miles and approximately 60,000 tons of greenhouse gases per year.

- **New Bill Tracker Alert:** Later this year, advanced meter customers will be able to sign-up for weekly alerts, providing up-to-date information on your energy usage. Bill-to-Date and Projected Next Bill via text or email.

- **Operational Efficiencies:** The advanced meter project will enable operational savings over the life of the project, estimated to be more than double the value of our investment. Operational savings will be passed along to customers in overall rates.

- **Where Can I Find More Information?**

  - Visit socalgas.com (search "ADVANCED") or call:
    - Residential Customers: 1-800-427-2200
    - Business Customers: 1-800-427-2200

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. **What are Advanced Meters?**
   - Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas®) is upgrading our existing system by adding a wireless communication device to all residential and most business natural gas meters. This advanced metering technology will automate meter read and forward your gas usage information to our customer service and billing center.

2. **Who is getting an Advanced Meter and when?**
   - Advanced meters are being installed and completed by SoCalGas and will be available online at your new socalgas.com account. The installation schedule is designed to allow you to pick a time when it works for you. The installation is anticipated to take you by a few hours prior to your requested.

3. **Why are SocalGas conducting this project?**
   - California’s energy policy supports investment and implementation of cost-effective advanced metering systems, advanced meters provide detailed information and tools that can improve your delivery decisions about your usage, which may lead to enhanced conservation efforts and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

4. **What type of information will be available and how can I access it?**
   - In addition, your current meter readings will be transmitted to SocalGas by your service provider on a regular basis, which will be made available to you online through socalgas.com. You may also view your meter usage and plan on socalgas.com. The advanced meter installation may require a few hours of your time to ensure the installation is completed and verified by SoCalGas and your service provider.

5. **How will I receive my gas usage information?**
   - Your new advanced meter is installed and we have validated the meter readings, you will be able to view your gas usage online. You may also choose to receive your gas usage information on your computer, phone or other device.

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As 2013 becomes 2014, it’s not just your calendar that’s changing, but the city itself. In good news for Rosemead Boulevard, businesses and restaurants, the road construction is ahead of schedule and each day brings a changing landscape to the intersection at Las Tunas Drive where the Gateway commercial shopping center is taking shape. “I drive this street every morning,” said Chamber President Peter Choi, “and I work right across from the Gateway development, so I am as excited as the next guy at the progress of these construction projects and the promise their completion holds for the bright future of this city.”

A massive parking structure takes form at the Gateway site.

**Downtown Temple City will be transformed on Feb. 1**

**Chinese New Year street festival Feb. 1**

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traditional Korean dance, and Japanese Taiko drummers. Other fun games and activities for all age groups include inflated castles, water bubbles, animal adoption, and balloon twisting. Authentic Chinese cuisine and gourmet food trucks will be there for all food lovers. The Chinese New Year street festival provides an opportunity for the community to recognize the harmony and diversity of Temple City and to appreciate the traditions and creativity among multi-ethnic groups.

For more information on retail tenant leasing, see full page ad on Page 20.
Modern Lighting featured in Connect magazine

A fixture of the community since 1946, Modern Lighting and owners Mike and Debbie Kowalski were recently featured in the Winter 2014 issue of Temple City Connect magazine (“Be-coming Hometown Super Heroes”), the City’s quarterly magazine that connects the community to City Hall.

“Whether your preference is Art Deco, Craftsman or Mid-Century Modern,” states the profile, “it’s hard not to find a fixture to suit your style.” Referencing the “mind-blowing display of light fixtures . . . chandeliers . . . and sconces,” Ms. Kowalski notes that home owners and home builders both enjoy and benefit from entering the 7,000 square feet showroom and experiencing the merchandise first hand.

For more information, pick up a copy of Connect at the Chamber office or visit Modern Lighting at 9034 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City. For more information, phone 626-284-8961.

GP Wedding & Photo Studio is an online company that offers a money-saving alternative to traditional wedding photography. They offer a wide range of services, including traditional wedding photography, videography, and online sharing of your photos and videos. This company is based in Temple City, California, and has been in business since 2001.

GP Wedding is Outstanding Beautiful Business

GP Wedding & Photo Studio was honored as Outstanding Beautiful Business this year for their showroom at 9636 Las Tunas Drive. One of their specialties is wedding photography. For more information on all their services, phone 626-284-8961.

For their showroom at 9636 Las Tunas Drive, but in this case, they will make you look beautiful (or handsome). For more information on all their services, phone 626-284-8961.

Modern Lighting at 9036 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City has a seemingly unending selection of lighting, lamps and fixtures in their 7,000 square foot showroom.

Our Board Chair Rita Padilla’s photo with her column on Page 9. GP Wedding & Photo Studio was honored as Outstanding Beautiful Business this year for their showroom at 9636 Las Tunas Drive, but in this case, they will make you look beautiful (or handsome). For more information on all their services, phone 626-284-8961.

BUSINESS NEWS

Local realtor joins Giveback Homes

Rudy L. Kusuma, Team NuVision Realty, announced he will join Giveback Homes, a charitable real estate movement. Giveback Homes members use a percentage of their commissions to build safe homes for families in need.

“What I love most about my profession is the satisfaction of knowing that I’m helping families find their dream home,” said Mr. Kusuma. “Through the efforts of Giveback Homes, I’m now able to double over that gratitude.”

For more about the Team NuVision Social Program, please visit the Web site www.TeamNuVisionCares.org.
Start new year with renewed effort to save for future

Q. Emmy, do you have any New Year’s resolutions?
A. As the calendar flips over to a new year, this is an ideal time for a little financial housekeeping. How could I es-pouse anything less? Here are some suggestions:

- Sit down and calculate what you can comfortably spend this year. Be vigilant in sticking to that limit. Make sure to review and understand any payment terms with your creditors. Financial discipline takes prac-tice, so get into the habit of bud-geting and tracking your ex-penses.
- Review your beneficiaries. Was there a death, birth, or di-vorce this year that could alter your intentions?
- Check your gains and losses. Verify your current investment balances to ensure they’re on target to reach your goals. Remember: you can de duct up to $3,000 per year resulting in loss against ordinary income. Talk to a qualified advisor if you’re in doubt whether to sell off a poor investment or to keep holding it.
- Save as much as you can in tax-advantage retirement ac-counts. Take advantage of any company matching programs. Many employers may match your contributions one dollar for two dollars. Find out from your em-ployer what their limit is and is also about “catch-up” provis-ion on tax returns over 50. Don’t let this opportu-nity go to waste.
- Re-balance your investment portfolio. Keep track of the rate of return on stock and bond funds you hold. If you’re unable to put more money into retire-ment savings, reallocate your portfolio may be a good way to get out of over-taxing. Consider having a professional advisor evaluate last year’s financial performance and offer recommenda-tions for a sustainable path.

Money at Work

Emmy Hernandez is an attorney and a fi-nancial advisor helping clients in the San Gabriel Valley grow and protect their wealth. Questions for Emmy can be sub-mitted to emmy.hernandez@natplan.com. She can also be reached at 626-943-8833. Visit her Web site at www.elfinancial.com.

IRS Warns of Phone Scam

Will you be the next victim?
The following article appeared on the IRS Web site: IRS.gov.
The IRS is warning the pub-lic about a phone scam that tar-gets people across the nation, including recent immigrants. Callers claiming to be from the IRS tell intended victims they owe taxes and must pay using a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer. The scammers threaten those who refuse to pay with ar-rest, deportation or loss of a business or driver’s license.
The callers who commit this fraud often:
- Use common names and fake IRS badge numbers.
- Know the last four digits of the victim’s Social Security num-ber.
- Make caller ID appear as if the IRS is calling.
- Send bogus IRS emails to support their scam.
- Call a second time claiming to be the police or DMV, and caller ID again supports their claim.

The truth is the IRS usually first contacts people by mail — not by phone — about unpaid taxes. And the IRS won’t ask for payment using a pre-paid debit card or wire transfer. The agency also won’t ask for a credit card number over the phone.

If you get a call from some-one claiming to be with the IRS asking for a payment, here’s what to do:
- If you owe federal taxes, or think you might owe taxes, hang up and phone the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you with your payment questions.
- If you don’t owe taxes, call the report the IRS to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484.
- You can also file a com-plaint with the Federal Trade Commission at FTC.gov. Add “IRS Telephone Scam” to the comments in your complaint.
- Be alert for phone and email scams that use the IRS name. The IRS will never request per-sonal or financial information by email, texting or any social media. You should forward scam emails to phishing@irs.gov.
- Don’t open any attachments or click on any links in those emails.

Read more about tax scams on the genuine IRS Web site, IRS.gov.

Joseph Barnes, Enrolled Agent, is a member of Franklin J. Ru-edel, EA. Corp., specializing in taxation of estates and trusts. Franklin J. Ru-edel is a member of the Temple City Chamber of Commerce. For more infor-mation, phone 626-286-9662 or contact Frank Ru-edel at taxprofrank@charter.net or Joe Barnes at jdbtes@gmail.com. You may also learn more at www.frankruedel.com.

Dual language workshops about Obamacare dates changed to Saturdays, Jan. 11, 18, 2014

Chamber member LA First Tax & Financial Ser-vices will host workshops on the Patient Protec-tion and Affordable Care Act commonly called the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or Obamacare, Satur-day, Jan. 11 and 18 at the Temple City Chamber of Commerce conference room, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Depending on the composition of the audience, workshops will be provided in both English and Mandarin Chinese, as appropriate. Making the res-ervation is strongly suggested and can be achieved by phoning 626-285-1221.

Tax professional and IRS Enrolled Agent Natalie Lee will review how the healthcare-related tax pro-visions will affect both businesses and individu-als.
Information will be given on how to research the topic online, by introducing the Web sites of the federal and state agencies where businesses and individuals may find comprehensive information on issues regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA), a United States federal statute signed into law by President Barack Obama, March 23, 2010.

Ms. Lee will render education on ACA tax pro-visions, provide assistance on tax requirements, and on obtaining non-tax healthcare how-to in-formation. She will also present helpful informa-tion on the preparation of tax returns in compli ance with ACA requirements. An insurance agency representative will also be present to answer in-urance-related questions.
Together with the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, the Affordable Care Act repre-sents the most significant regulatory overhaul of the country’s healthcare system since the passage of Medicare and Medicaid in 1965.

The ACA ostensibly aims to increase the qual-ity and affordability of health insurance, lower the uninsured rate by expanding public and private insurance coverage, and reduce the costs of healthcare for individuals and the government. It provides a number of mechanisms, including mandate, subsidies, and insurance exchanges, to in-crease coverage and affordability.
Five ways to beat foreclosure while avoiding credit collapse

By Rudy Lira Kuwana, REALTOR

It can happen quickly. An expensive car repair, an unexpected illness, just a couple of little things and your finances and the life you’ve worked so hard to build can begin to feel completely out of balance.

No one segment of the population has been immune from the housing crisis in this country. The foreclosure crisis hit every income, every region, and every education level. And while there are signs the housing market is recovering, the number of homeowners in danger of losing their homes to foreclosure is still historically high.

For these homeowners, it is important to remember one simple fact: There are options. Below are five ways that homeowners can beat foreclosure and safeguard their future:

1. Reinstatement
Was the reason you missed your payments temporary and now the issue has been resolved? If you can make that time payment that includes all missed payments, legal fees, and late fees, you are eligible to be reinstated back into your loan agreement.

2. Mortgage modification
In some cases, you may be eligible to modify your loan in a way that reduces principle or lowers payments. Some of these programs vary from bank to bank, but there are also government-sponsored programs that are available to help homeowners in distress.

3. Refinance
If you have enough equity in your home, refinancing may help you get back to more affordable payments. This will be determined by whether or not you are current on your loan, how much the property is worth, and your credit.

4. Bankruptcy
In some cases, bankruptcy is an option. It may stop foreclosure and allow you to reorganize your debt. The stoppage is only temporary, however, and if you are still unable to make payments after the bankruptcy, the foreclosure will go through. It also makes a property much more difficult to sell.

5. Short Sale
You sell your property for less than it is worth and the bank, realizing that some money is better than no money at all, agrees to release you from your obligation to the remain-der of the loan. In some cases, you are able to walk away from the loan clear of any obligation.

Timely tips to make next year better

Reduce your withholding tax, Refile Form W-4 with your employer and take all possible exemptions and deductions. The goal is to pay your exact tax in 2014 and not get a refund, which is simply an interest-free loan to the federal government. Instead, invest the additional income on a monthly basis and develop-ment your own refund.

Start organizing your tax documents as soon as they arrive. The more orderly your preparations, the more likely that you or your accountant will find all of the deductions. Winter is the worst time of the year for household fires. Put new batteries in the smoke detectors. Remember to cover your delicate outdoor plants and shrubs on frosty nights with cloth (old sheets) and not plastic, for better protection against frostbite.

City offers free emergency response training

Learn the best practices in disaster preparedness, first aid, search and rescue, and fire safety, at a free Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT) lead by the City’s public safety staff. Only residents ages 18 years and older, courses will take place Friday-Sunday, Jan. 17-19, in Temple City Council Chambers, 5938 Kauffman Ave. Training will be provided from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, and 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Sat-urday and Sunday. This training will include a series of interactive activities that cover broad emergency response skills including medical triage and disaster psychology.

Each course is designed to educate residents on preparedness tactics, focusing on emergency preparedness and di-saster psychology on January 17; medi-cal operations and CERT organization on January 18; and fire suppression and search and rescue operations on January 19. The final course will end with an in-teractive simulation exercise where partici-pants form mock disaster response teams and learn how to search for and rescue victims of major disasters and other crises. Those who attend the classes will receive a CERT training certification. In the event of a disaster, this certification al-lows the general public to work with city emergency response teams.

For more information, phone the Public Safety and Services Division at 626-285-2171 or visit www.templecity.us.

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Special guests Congresswoman Judy Chu, State Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez, and Assembly member Ed Chau joined Temple City Mayor Cynthia Sternquist, Chamber members and a packed room of business and civic leaders at the newest addition to the hot Temple City dining scene, UR Space Cafe. Chamber President Peter Choi and Board Chair Rita Padilla welcomed the festive guests who marveled at the stunning new eatery on Las Tunas Drive. “This looks like it could be on LA’s west side,” said Rep. Chu as fellow party-goers beamed with local pride. As a giant projection of the classic holiday film “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer” played across the inner courtyard, the diverse crowd celebrated a banner year for Temple City while nibbling on delicious hors d’oeuvres from Chef Molly Yeh and commending UR Space owner Sharlina Lin on her new eatery. New Chamber member Best Photo Booths had the festive crowd smiling broadly as they posed for photo post cards to take home. Also going to some lucky homes were raffle prizes donated by a variety of Chamber members like Temple City realtor Jackson Wong, Vista Cove at San Gabriel Assisted Living, and Quality Bookkeeping Services which ranged from a brand new CBTL coffee machine to a pair of tickets to Les Miserables at the La Mirada Theatre. “There was a sense that there is something special happening in this city,” said President Choi, “and that this was a scene of which you want to be a part.” In the spirit of the season, Choi noted that the celebratory evening also raised a mountain of toys for the LA County Fire Department’s toys for kids program Spark of Love. “It’s been a great year for the Temple City business community,” said Mr. Choi, “And it’s important to keep our good karma going by giving back.”

**Holiday Party debuts Temple City’s new UR Space Cafe**

The evening attracted a shining cross section of community leaders. From the left are Chamber President Peter Choi, CFO Margaret Healy, Mayor Cynthia Sternquist, Mayor Pro Tem Carl Blum, City Councilmember Fernando Vizcarrondo, UR Space owner Sharlina Lin (front), Steven Tyre (back), Board Chair Rita Padilla, Rep. Judy Chu, State Sen. Dr. Ed Hernandez, Vice Chair Jane Chavez, City Councilmember Tom Chavez, UR Space Chef Molly Yeh, Assemblymember Ed Chau, Past Board Chair Nicholas Pon. Photo by Riley O’Brien.

Fun-tastic raffle prizes brought early Christmas cheer to the lucky winners. Photo by Riley O’Brien.

Congresswoman Judy Chu and Chamber member Jackson Wong. Photo by Riley O’Brien.

Chef Molly Yeh kept the hors d’oeuvres coming faster than folks could nosh ‘em. Photo by Donna Choi.

A full box of toys ensured that the evening’s holiday spirit would be shared by others. From left are Temple City Fire Station 47 Firefighter/Paramedic Craig Morgan, Firefighter Clairon McAlister, Firefighter/Paramedic Rigo Martinez, Firefighter/Paramedic Norm Queen, Captain James Matthews. Photo by Riley O’Brien.

President Peter Choi introduces UR Space Cafe owner Sharlina Lin. Photo by Riley O’Brien.

From left are Firefighter Clairon McAlister, Rep. Judy Chu, Captain James Matthews, Firefighter/Paramedic Rigo Martinez and Chamber President Peter Choi. Photo by Riley O’Brien.

**Thanks to Photographer Riley O’Brien**
Chamber annual Holiday Party was delightful affair

TCUSD Superintendent Chelsea Kang-Smith got into the spirit of things. Photo by Riley O’Brien.

Assemblymember Ed Chau makes a point during his remarks. Photo by Riley O’Brien.

President Peter Choi and LA Area Chamber’s Pamela Farber presented the Chamber’s new Office Depot discount program. Photo by Donna Choi.

Mayor Pro Tem Carl Blum and wife Jeanette brim with holiday cheer. Photo by Riley O’Brien.

Chef Molly Yeh with Peter Choi. Photo by Donna Choi.

State Sen. Dr. Ed Hernandez, President Peter Choi and Vice Chair Jane Chavez. Photo by Donna Choi.

Chamber member Steven Tyre and Chamber President Peter Choi. Photo by Donna Choi.
**Blue Star elves, local children boost troop morale with cards, gifts**

By Monique Weiland

The Blue Star Banner Program holiday elves Delera, Kris, Sharon, Stacy, and Monique were hard at work recently wrapping gifts and stuffing goody boxes for the military personnel who call Temple City home.

Fourteen boxes were shipped off to Afghanistan, Japan, South Korea, and the United Kingdom.

The elves would like to say a special thank you to Eva Arrighi who hand knit a bag full of hats that allowed each box to offer plenty of hats to share with others.

Sgt. Alex Perenishko called to let Ms. Johnson know how much he appreciated receiving his goody box and how the contents boosted morale for all of his friends. The cards were the best.

This year’s cards were extremely unique with their three-dimensional designs.

**Marines**

Francisco Arevelo
Steven D. Alexevedo
Garnetti Aguirre
John Andrews
Brant Afgan
Arthur R. Baker III
Jason Bestpich
Milton Cabrera
H. Joseph Camerano, Jr
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James Cardenas
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Stacy Curtoz
amos Deines
James Earhart
Dakota Erickson
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John Paul Flores
Nicholas Gary
Derek W. Goodwin
Evon Guyant
Joshua N. Harris
Stacy J. Harris
Brnt Allan Hascaul
Jakob Hight
David C. Hill
Noah Hillbruner
Delbert Kelsey
Bren Kiby
Tracy Kirby
Jonathan Kline
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Brian Lo
James M. Loianco, Jr
Jessie L. Luna
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Brant Marston
John Mantorina
Nicole L. McCarthe
Steven D. Mcmurry
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Chari Wood-Andenia
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Residents asked to help TCHS Pride of Temple City Marching Band with small donation toward its appearance in 2015 Tournament of Roses Parade

Start the new year by helping the Pride of Temple City – Temple City High School Marching Band and Pageantry Corps reach their $125,000 fundraising goal for the 2015 Tournament of Roses Parade. A $15 donation each month for 15 months by 550 supporters or a one-time donation of $225 will provide $125,000 for new uniforms, instruments and transportation. The donations are tax-deductible.

All who donate $225 will be recognized publicly and their name will be affixed into a band uniform for the life of the uniform.

To donate, go to the Temple City High School Band Web page, www.tchsmusic.com and print out the form. Or write your first check payable to TCHS Band with your name, address, phone number, and email address and mail it to Temple City High School, 9001 Lemon Ave., Temple City, California 91780, Attention: Band. The 2015 Rose Parade Committee will send you a friendly reminder each month along with a stamped envelope. Look for the band’s appearance in the Temple City Camellia Festival Parade, Feb. 22.

Little League rule change affects Temple City American Little League

Little League Baseball has announced a major rule change in the residency requirement for players. Previously, players were required to live within designated league boundaries. Beginning with the 2014 season, children who attend a school located within the league boundaries are also eligible to play in the league.

For Temple City American Little League this includes La Rosa, Cleminson, Gidley, Rio Hondo, and Savannah.

The change was made to allow more flexibility for classmates to be able to play together, ease the burden on parents, and create the best Little League experience possible.

The 2014 season will be the 75th for Little League and the 60th for TCALL. Players from TCALL will be wearing special patches on their uniforms to honor the 75th Anniversary of Little League Baseball.

There is still time for boys and girls ages 4-12 to be a part of Temple City American Little League’s 60th season.

The final opportunities for registration will take place at Live Oak Park on January 11 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; January 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; and January 18 at player evaluations, beginning at 9 a.m. Teams will be formed and practices will begin the first week of February.

Opening ceremonies will be held on March 1, at Live Oak Park beginning at 10 a.m. TCALL Alumni and the entire community are invited to attend. Former TCALL players can RSVP for the event on the league Web site and be eligible for prizes.

For more information on registration and TCALL’s 60th season events, go to the league Web site at leaguelineup.com/tcall.
**January, 1954**

The area of Temple City bordered by Jack in the Box to the Southeast, (next to the long-gone batting cages), Blackley to the north, and Golden West to the west are typical quiet Temple City neighborhoods. But on January 3, 1954, a big battle was brewing in this area as the residents petitioned to have it remain in the El Monte School District and not in the newly-created Temple City USD.

Until TC formed its own district, children in the city went to a variety of districts and to this day, are often times mixed up by what district to attend until they see their exact address.

The previous month there had been an election where Pasadena Unified School District voters cast their votes on whether residents of Temple City and La Canada should be allowed to form their own districts or remain in PUSD. TC voters chose to leave, while La Canada voted to stay.

Another TC educator made headlines 60 years ago this month when Redney Money of 6424 Barela Ave., Temple City, was named superintendent of Rosemead School District.

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The Knights of Columbus Council No. 9128 of St. Luke’s Catholic Church will be hosting a bus turnaround trip to the San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino, Wed. Jan. 29. Cost is $15 per person, is non-refundable, and is first-come, first-served. The bus will leave promptly at 9 a.m. and return around 6 p.m. Parking is available at the south lot at the corner of Cloverly Avenue and Broadway in Temple City. Knights will be there to direct the parking. This is a fundraiser for St. Luke’s Youth Account, college scholarships, acolytes, robotics team, etc.). Bottled water will be available on the bus, no charge. Upon casino arrival, all will be given a voucher for $10 (to be used for food or gambling).

For tickets, phone Luis Osorio at 626-350-1655, Rady Russ at 626-833-6958, or Dennis Wycko at 626-444-7881. The public is welcome.

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**First United Methodist Church invites public to program on changes, updates in Medicare**

Confused about how Medicare works? Temple City First United Methodist Church invites the public to an informative presentation to learn about new updates in Medicare. The presentation will take place from 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16. The church is located at 5957 Golden West Ave., Temple City.

A representative from the Center for Health Care Rights (CHCR) will be present to discuss the recent changes to Medicare as well as information on Medicare benefits, co-payments and deductibles. The public is welcome to attend, and all are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to this enlightening opportunity.

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An invisible vision from Invisalign

By Jack Von Bulow, DDS

Five years after my teeth-straightening experience, especially when Diana consented to hold her breath while I removed the wires from each monthly breakfast. After the successful whitening, I asked Diana if she had any other concerns about her smile. Everything looked great … with the exception of one poorly positioned upper front tooth taking a curtain call way in front of its dental co-stars.

But Diana didn't want braces. "What if we could straighten that tooth without braces … using appliances that are virtually invisible?"

"Can you do that?"

I still attend the monthly Pasadena Chamber breakfasts and really love the experience, especially when Diana confidently stands up and delivers her 20-second commercial to a group of about one hundred or so … smiling.

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Sun. 10 AM – 12 PM San Gabriel Academy Class
6827 East Broadway, San Gabriel, CA 91776
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626-482-8267 coachmarquis@gmail.com www.playsmarterbasketball.com

Temple City Kiwanis Club recognizes outstanding students

Oak Ave. Intermediate School

The Kiwanis Club of Temple City honored Devan Lopez and Millilani Dreibus, two outstanding students from Oak Avenue In-
termediate School, Dec. 3. Attending with the students was their
teacher Ms. Amanda Kasuyama, shown in the photo above.

Devan, 14, has a brother and sister. He enjoys baseball, foot-
ball, and drawing. Devan said the best things about Oak Avenue are "the
"the awesome teachers, the cool principals, and all my friends." The best thing that ever happened to Devan was finding $20 on
the ground. If he could change one thing it would have been to
be a better student. His goal is to build a baseball field for Oak, to keep his grades up, get a scholarship to USC or UCLA,
and become a baseball player. The best thing that ever happened to Devan was when he scored his
first home run.

Millilani, 15, has an older brother and sister. She enjoys school auxiliaries, baking, food, culture, and learning the Korean lan-
guage. Millilani said the best things about Oak Avenue are "the
amazing teachers, education standards, and the effort the staff
put into Oak Avenue." The best thing that ever happened to Millilani was going to Washington D.C. and other east coast cities
in the fifth grade. Her goals are to get an A in math, get into an honors class for her freshman year, and to one day speak fluent Korean.

Cloverly Elementary School

The Kiwanis Club of Temple City honored Jeffrey Van and Nicholas Hung, two outstanding students from Cloverly Elemen-
tary School, Dec. 3. Attending with the students was their teacher Mrs. Sally Stokes, shown in the photo above.

Jeffrey, 11, is in Mrs. Stokes class. He has an older sister and
enjoys piano, violin, drawing, writing literature, clay modeling,
basketball, and LEGO® building. Jeffrey said the best things about Cloverly are "the new computer labs, the Spirit Rallies, and games
played during P.E." The best thing that ever happened to Jeffrey was becoming Student of the Month. If he could change one thing
it would be to have kids play more games outside than online. His goals are to build a starship that could send people to other plan-
ets and back, become an author, travel around the world, and learn
different languages and instruments.

Nicholas, 11, is in Mrs. Sudlanas’ class. He has three older sis-
ters and enjoys playing soccer. Nicholas said the best things about
Cloverly are the good campus, and the nice teachers and staff. The
best thing that ever happened to Nicholas was when he scored his
first soccer goal. If he could change one thing it would be for people
to not do bad things. His goals are to build an amusement park for all
groups, become better in school and soccer, and help people who
receive a certificate, a letter for their parents, a bumper sticker, a gift
certificate from The Hat restaurant and a photograph of them re-
cieving their award. There is also a published in Temple City Life and displayed in the Temple City Unified School District lobby.

Longden Elementary School

The Kiwanis Club of Temple City honored Kelly Chin, Rosie Van Dyke, and Peter Fuentes, three outstanding students from
Longden Elementary School, Nov. 26. Attending with the students was their teacher Mrs. Gana Lam, shown in the photo above.

Kelly, 11, has an older sister. She enjoys riding her bike, play-
ing cards, soccer, Girl Scouts, and Girls On The Run. Rosie said the best things about Longden are "the supportive teachers, my awe-
some friends, and all the activities." The best thing that ever hap-
pened to Rosie was when she and her sister were adopted. Her
goals are to stop world pollution, build a food machine, become a babysitter, and visit cancer patients and do art and crafts with
them.

Peter, 12, has four brothers and sisters. He enjoys playing soccer
and hanging out with his friends. Peter said the best things about Longden are "the big playground, and Mrs. Lam." The best thing that ever happened to Peter is having the best family and
friends. His goals are to stop world wars and bring everyone home,
buid a hotel for the homeless, get good grades, have a good life, and
a happy and healthy future.

Emperor Elementary School

The Kiwanis Club of Temple City honored Phoebe Loh, Zephania Hartoyo, Ashley Lemos, three outstanding students from
Emperor Elementary School, December 10. Attending with the students was Emperor Media Clerk Mrs. Tessi Ridley, shown in
the photo above.

Phoebe, 11, is in Mrs. Ganganose’s class. She has an older brother
and enjoys doing homework, swimming, singing, reading, and reading books. Phoebe said the best things about Emperor are "being able to hang out with my friends, helping teachers, and learning new things." The best thing that ever happened to Phoebe was when she adopted her
dog Cookie. Her goals are to stop all wars, build an animal shelter named after her, get straight A’s all year, become first chair in the viola section, and win a swimming contest.

Zephania, 11, is in Miss Parrilles’ class. She has two sisters and enjoys playing the viola, reading, and singing. Zephania said the best things about Emperor are the caring teachers and staff, my
wonderful friends, and we have the greatest Principal." The best
good thing that ever happened to Phoeb was going to Catalina with her friends. Her goals are to dominate pollution, cure cancer, get
straight A’s, improve her musical skills, and be a responsible member of the commu-
nity.

Ashley, 11, is in Mrs. Scanlan’s class. She has three brothers and sisters and has en-
joyed playing soccer for the past eight years, and playing handball. Ashley said the best things about Emperor are "the great teach-
ers and staff, the clean campus, and the nice supplies." The best thing that ever hap-
pended to Ashley was getting her first iPad for Christmas. Her goals are to stop child and animal abuse, build a bakery, do bet-
ter in math, and to try harder in soccer. 

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Traffic Count

- 33,851 Cars Per Day on Las Tunas Dr.
- 37,746 Cars Per Day on Rosemead Blvd.

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