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Physics students experience indoor flying



PHOTO/ Angela Li

The iFly Hollywood instructor helps Senior Crystal Huang adjust to the force exerted by the blowing wind so she can stay balanced in the wind tunnel.

By Angela Li
Graduating Senior

After taking his nephew to iFly for his birthday, Physics teacher Mr. Kevin Slattery knew his students would enjoy the indoor skydiving activity at Universal Studios in Hollywood and organized a field trip for June 1.

"Students need to be excited about learning so they want to learn more," Mr. Slattery said. "I thought that giving them the opportunity to experience indoor skydiving would be a great way to reinforce concepts learned, and to inspire new thoughts."

iFly Hollywood uses fans located at the top of a flight chamber, which makes the experience in the wind tunnel smooth. This way, participants can soar up and down in the tunnel that moves air in a vertical column.

iFly created a field trip program specifically for Physics classes so there is more to the experience there than just flying. The instructors separated the students into two groups and gave each group a lecture that enabled students to better understand the physics of the experience.

"iFly was very organized and the educational portion was well thought out," Mr. Slattery said. "Ultimately what students enjoyed most

was the flying experience and I think that lived up to everyone's expectations so the whole day was exciting and worthwhile."

Students learned and reviewed concepts about equilibrium of forces, air resistance, minimizing energy losses, Bernoulli's equation, volume flow rate, heat exchange, relative velocity, the reason why the fans are settled above instead of below flyers, and the similarities and differences between actually jumping out of a plane and flying in the wind tunnel. Along with the lecture, the instructors also gave students a tour around the facility before their flying experience.

"It was interesting to go behind the scenes and hear the reasoning behind the design. The flying tube actually extends way beyond what is presented," Senior Emily Fuang said, who attended the event. "It was interesting to see our physics problems come out of our textbooks."

According to the students, the trip was a success. They even got a reduced price on the trip. Normally it costs \$20 per person each minute, but Mr. Slattery had a group price of \$30 a person for two minutes.

"I applied for a Target Field Trip Grant but did not receive their funding so both students and chaperones donated to make the trip a reality," Mr. Slattery said. "I will apply again next year and look forward to going again."

June/July Ram Calendar						
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June 14: Period 1 Senior Final, Periods 4 & 7 Finals
June 15: Periods 3 & 6 Finals, Minimum Day, Senior Picnic
June 16: Periods 2 & 4 Finals, Grad. Rehearsal, Minimum Day
June 17: Periods 5 & 7

Finals, Panoramic Picture, Grad. Rehearsal, School Ends
June 18: Senior Graduation, Grad. Night Party
June 19: Memorial Service for Ms. Tiffany Haerberlein
June 21: Summer School Begins, Summer Begins

New program helps Link Oak students to high school

By Maggie Liu
News Editor

Sophomores and juniors crowded around a list posted near Rm. 311 on June 7 after school to check if they were one of the 120 future Leaders in the Link Crew program.

Guidance Counselor Ms. Deanne Sciarrotta and Spanish teacher Ms. Monica Rodriguez, the coordinators of Link Crew, handpicked 120 students out of over 250 sophomore and junior applicants. They based their decisions mainly on the short responses the students turned in with their applications detailing why they wanted to be part of Link and whether they would be able to balance it with their school activities. The Leaders began their Link training at a meeting on June 9 and learned how to help the incoming freshmen transition smoothly from Oak Avenue to the high school.

"Our goal is to have all of the freshmen come in feeling that they are already part of the school, they already have people to talk to, and they already have a group of people that they're comfortable with," Ms. Sciarrotta said. "The main theme is that nobody is a ghost. Everybody gets noticed, everybody gets paid attention to, everybody matters, and everybody is supportive."

The school board adopted the Link Crew program after a committee, composed of a teacher from each department, discovered that La Serna High School showed successful results when implementing the new intervention schedule along with their Link Crew program. Ms. Sciarrotta and Ms. Rodriguez missed three days of work in order to attend the Link Crew orientation in Temecula and learned how to teach Leaders the basics in mentoring their assigned freshman.

"Approximately one million students are affected by Link Crew each year and 1,583 schools in the nation use Link Crew, so it's a huge program," Ms. Rodriguez said. "Over 5,431 educators have been trained and Ms. Sciarrotta and I are now two of those 5,431."

Each pair of Leaders will first get acquainted with their assigned group of 10 freshmen during the summer at Freshmen Orientation. When school begins, they will meet with each other at least once every week for the mandatory six weeks of intervention for freshmen. For the rest of the year, Ms. Sciarrotta and Ms. Rodriguez hope that the Leaders will supply their own activity ideas and eventually make Link a teacher and counselor supported but student-run program.

In return for volunteering in the Link Crew program, Ms. Sciarrotta and Ms. Rodriguez will give community service hours to the Leaders for their time.

La Rosa Principal dies at 36

By Jessica Meza
Opinion Editor

The daily bulletin began with a moment of silence yesterday, June 10, in memory of La Rosa Elementary School's Principal, Ms. Tiffany Haerberlein.

Ms. Haerberlein died unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 9, due to complications from a pulmonary embolism at the age of 36.

Pulmonary embolisms are a result of blood clots that travel to the lungs. Most often, the blood clots originate deep in the veins of the leg. Inactivity can lead to this condition.

About a month ago, Ms. Haerberlein broke her leg after she fell off the stage at La Rosa and had to wear a cast. Unfortunately on Monday, her condition took a turn for the worse after she went to visit her doctor because she wasn't feeling well that morning. She

passed out at the doctor's office which landed her at Huntington Memorial Hospital, where she then slipped into a coma and never regained consciousness. She later died on Wednesday.

"It seems so unthinkable that this could happen to someone so young," Art Teacher Ms. Kimberly Cales said, who is a family friend of the Haerberleins. "It's just a tragedy."

Under Ms. Haerberlein's leadership, La Rosa received a California Distinguished School Award this year.

She had also been a part of the Temple City Unified School District since she started teaching in 1996. Later, she went on to become the Assistant Principal at both Longden Elementary School as well as La Rosa.

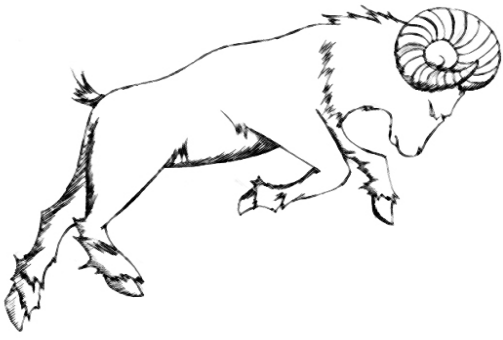
Ms. Haerberlein recently became engaged, with her wedding date set sometime in April 2011.

"She always wanted to get married and have kids," Principal Ms. Mary Jo Fosselman King said. "Everything was going positively in her life before. I feel terrible for her family, her fiancé, and the staff at La Rosa, because I know they'll really miss her."

Her memorial service will be on June 19, at 11 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 512 Duarte Road, Arcadia.



PHOTO COURTESY/ TCUSD
Principal Haerberlein coordinated TCSF grants that benefited TCHS.



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Park leaves, teachers scramble to fill gap

By Taylor Evanko
Staff Writer

Former English teacher Ms. Vickie Park, left the high school this year to take a job at the district office.

Ms. Park is now the Curriculum Coordinator for the office of Instructional Services, a job that is, in her own words, "a myriad of responsibilities."

One of her main priorities for this school year is overseeing the BTSA (Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment) program. BTSA is a state-funded program designed to assist beginning teachers in adjusting to their new work environment.

"I consider it an honor, a privilege to have this role for the district, and I want to do my best," Ms. Park said. "I know what teachers and students go through in the classroom every day, and to make a difference at the district level is an honor because of the students I get to serve."

Her other responsibilities include overseeing programs such as GATE and ELD and helping out with technology, data, and staff development. More often than not, she finds that her work at the district aligns well with her work on earning a doctorate degree from USC and her work overseas in North Korea. She also has Fridays off to concentrate on her studies.

However, Ms. Park is not the only one making adjustments this school year. For one, many students and faculty members are surprised, even saddened, to hear that she is no longer in the classroom.

"Ms. Park will be missed by many here at the high school," Ms. Sarah Penalora said, who worked closely with Ms. Park over the past several years. "She has made a very positive impact on her students, and I think she will miss them as much as they will miss her, but she has shared with her students and colleagues that this move to the District Office is aligned with the graduate work she is doing."

As a result of Ms. Park's departure, Ms. Penalora has assumed the responsibility of teaching two additional AP English Language classes, and taken the role of Model United Nations teacher-advisor.

Despite her departure, she still has a passion for teaching.

"I really miss the students and seeing the light bulbs turn on, and reading literature with them," Ms. Park said. "I also miss my colleagues, hanging out, having lunch with them and hearing what's going on with everyone."

As a teacher, Park also had the opportunity to develop a lasting bond with many of her students.

"She was one of the best, if not the best, teachers I've ever had," Senior Katie Bell said. "I feel very lucky I was able to have her as a teacher."

The School Board announced on Aug. 11 that Ms. Park would be leaving her job as a teacher to work at the district. Principal Ms. Mary Jo Fosselman King was then notified on Aug. 16 that the Board would not replace Ms. Park, leaving the TCHS administration with just a few days before student registration to make the necessary preparations to accommodate having one less English teacher on campus.

"For me personally, the whole situation was the timing of it," King said. "Had this happened in June or something like that, it would have been much easier to deal with."

One reason why the Board is not replacing Ms. Park is the budget. The district estimates that it will need to cut an extra one million dollars in spending over three years to stay financially solvent.

Dress Up Days Ignite Spirit



PHOTO/ Maggie Liu

ASB Assemblies Commissioner Senior Juno Cheng counts the number of sophomores who dressed up as nerds on Brainiac Day by marking each person's hand during nutrition break.

**September/October
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Sept. 21: Back to School Night, PTSA Bake Sale
Sept. 23: First day of Fall
Sept. 24: Staff Development Day, Football vs. Arcadia
Sept. 28: Comedy Sportz match
Sept. 29: Make-up Pictures
Sept. 30: Club Day, Senior Orientation
Oct. 1: Football @ South El Monte
Oct. 7: Student Senate
Oct. 8: Rampage's next publishing date, Football vs. Rosemead

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By Maggie Liu
News Editor



PHOTO COURTESY/ Jana Galvan

Owner of Sports Fan Photography, Galvan worked with the school for almost 20 years.

Larry Galvan
Photographer Larry Galvan died Saturday, Aug. 16 after suffering from a sudden heart attack. Students often saw Galvan, who worked with the high school

since 1993, at major school events and dances, such as Homecoming, Winter Formal and Prom to photograph the attendees. He started taking Senior and Staff portraits for Yearbook in 1999.

New Football Coach
New Government and United States History teacher Mr. Mike McFarland took over Mr. Anthony White's position as Head Varsity Football Coach this year. White took a teaching position at Buena Park High School closer to his home. The Varsity team's first football game was last Friday, Sept. 10 against Arroyo.

Spirit Week
Starting Monday, students participated in the first Spirit Week of the year. To

show their spirit each day, students wore letters on Scrabble Day, put on sports jersey on Sports Center Day, dressed like nerds on Brainiac Day, wore green, yellow, or red to signify their relationship status on Stoplight Day, and dressed in class colors for Class Domination Day at the Spirit Assembly.



PHOTO/ Debra Ma

Freshman Peggy Lu paints the freshmen class spirit poster along with her peers.

New club promotes business savvy

By Debra Ma
Staff Writer

At the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Sept. 13, Senior Heidi Chow gave a presentation as the Financial Director of the newly instated Junior Chamber of Commerce, an organization with a goal to prepare students for the work force.

"I'm excited about what Junior Chamber of Commerce will bring for the youth in Temple City," Chow said. "Although it is designed to cater more to those who intend to go into the business field regarding things such as ethics or starting and managing a business, it covers topics that are just important in general for getting a job and the how-to's that are great to know once you're out of school."

Conceived about a month ago, the Junior Chamber of Commerce is a branch of the city's Chamber of Commerce, made to encourage entrepreneurship in students. With Seniors Mark Lamb and Jason Wu, Chow will form a club on campus that teaches useful skills, such as how to create résumés and act during interviews. It will also be hosting events where successful business people will impart their expertise and maybe even offer employment.

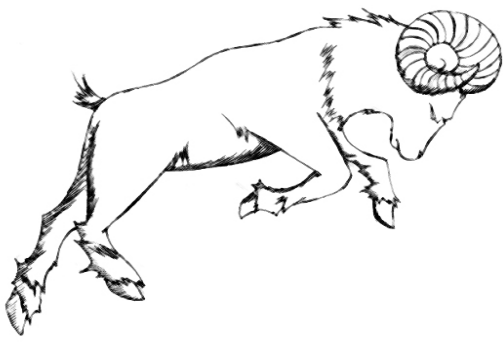
"In addition to the professional how-to's, there is also how to carry yourself when meeting or talking to a colleague," Chow said. "I know I'll be putting everything I learn from the Junior Chamber to good use every day whether I'm working or not."

Using learned communication skills, Chow can improve her chances of being admitted into her dream school through college interviews. Knowing how to talk will also help her build connections, giving her a greater chance of landing a good job.

"We need an educated work force," Chamber of Commerce CEO and the group's off-campus advisor Linda Payne said. "There's a need for students to know how to be comfortable in a business setting."

To Chow, these skills are more valuable than material accolades. The information will help her prosper in the future, and she looks forward to what the coming year will bring.

"What I gain from the organization isn't so much like stuff on paper or awards or hours or anything," Chow said. "I get a chance to network more and to even increase my own knowledge about how to conduct myself professionally."



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Benefitting kids with music Scientists utilize embryonic stem cells in first human trial



PHOTO/ Cody Luk

Request Line singer Scott Yoshimoto performs covers of popular songs with guitarist Casey Nishizu at the FBLA and Division 10 North Key Club Music for Life Benefit Concert on Oct. 23.

By Debra Ma
Staff Writer

Geron Corporations, a biopharmaceutical technology company, announced on Oct. 11 that it had conducted the first human trial for therapy derived from embryonic stem cells.

Geron has not revealed the name and other details of the patient, but in order to have participated in the trial, he needed to have a spinal cord injury that was no more than two weeks old that paralyzed the lower body. Scientists injected specialized nerves developed from stem cells that enabled electric signals to travel between the brain and the body, testing for safety and whether the patient will gain some control over his torso and legs.

"[Stem cells] give rise to undifferentiated, unspecialized cells which are pluripotent, meaning they can become specialized to form any cell in the human body," Biology teacher Mr. Evan Dagger said. "This means that cells which do not regenerate, like those in the nervous system or in muscles, can be created with stem cells."

Stem cells have been used for treatment, but this is the first time *embryonic* stem cells have been used. Some

researchers are reluctant to use them because they must be taken from human embryos, an action which causes the destruction of the embryo. Opponents of embryonic stem cell research consider destroying an embryo to be murder, which is why the Bush administration put a restriction on embryonic stem cell research. However, President Barack Obama lifted his predecessor's ban in 2009.

"Our society has not agreed upon an ethical way to obtain the tissue," Chemistry teacher Ms. Janny Wong said. "When we come to a point where we have that, then we can fund that research, but for now there is still a lot of debate."

Despite the controversy, much of the world is anticipating the results the trial will bring. If the treatment works, it will spur a huge development in funding for the research and in cures for injuries and diseases previously thought permanent, such as paralysis and cancer.

"There's a lot of potential [in this research] because of the types of cells," Chemistry teacher Ms. Debbie Gewecke said. "Theoretically, it could be very beneficial, but it's too early to tell if the results will be good or not."

November/December Ram Calendar						
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Oct. 31: Halloween	Nov. 9: Talent Show
Nov. 1: Staff Development Day, No School	Nov. 11: Veterans Day Holiday, No School
Nov. 2: Election Day	Nov. 12: School Holiday, Football @ So. Pasadena
Nov. 5: Football vs. Blair	Nov. 15: Grad Nite Meeting
Nov. 6-7: Grad Nite E-waste Fundraiser	Nov. 15-18: Musical Tryouts
Nov. 7: Daylight Savings Ends (turn clocks back)	Nov. 20: Arcadia Band Review

In and outs of Election Day

By Chloe Lin
Staff Writer

Although most students are not eligible to vote in this year's upcoming elections, it is never too early to learn how to vote.

What Are The Requirements?

In order to vote in California, you have to be a U.S. citizen living in California, aged 18 years or older. People in jail or on parole for a felony conviction cannot vote, as well as those who have been judged by a court to be "mentally incompetent." Those who are not U.S. citizens but have lived here for five years or more may apply for naturalization.

How Do You Register?

Congratulations if you meet all the voting requirements! Before you can actually vote, however, you need to register. You can fill out a form online, print it at home, or pick up a form from a county elections office or post office. To access it online, go to <https://sos.ca.gov/nvrc/fedform/>. If you fill out a form online you need to print it out, sign it, and send it to the county elections office. Your form must be received by officials at the county elections office at least 15 days before the election to be valid.

You need to re-register when you move, change your name, or change your political party. To check that you are registered and good to go, you can visit Los Angeles'

voter registration clarification at https://lavote.net/SECURED/VOTER_REG/.

Election Day And Other Ways To Vote

Visit <http://lavote.net/LOCATOR/> to make sure you know which polling station to go to. Before Election Day, let your boss or teachers know that you will be voting in case there are long lines, which might cause you to be late for work or class.

Now that you have done all your research on who and what to vote for, all you need to do is go to the polling booths. Take a book or iPod along to pass the time. California requires first-time voters and people who register by mail to bring some form of I.D., such as photo identification, a utility bill, bank statement, or government document with their name and address on it.

Why Should I Vote?

Many people believe that voting may be their only chance to participate in government. U.S. History teacher Ms. Sue Noice believes that people should vote whenever possible.

"I think voting is a privilege," Ms. Noice said. "It's something that, especially as women, we had to fight so hard to get. I don't think you should ever miss an election."

The first major voting opportunity for Seniors and most Juniors will be the Presidential Election on Nov. 6, 2012.

By Maggie Liu
News Editor

"Mad Dog" Assembly

At yesterday's assembly, Dale "Mad Dog" Messmer spoke about his major life-changing choices. He explained how one careless decision could ruin someone's life. "Mad Dog" talked about the impressive careers he had before he went to prison for nearly 11 years and how that sentence impacted his life.

Music Benefit Concert

Future Business Leaders of America and D10 North Key Club co-hosted a Music Benefit Concert for Pediatric Trauma Prevention on Oct. 23. Temple City students and students from other high schools went to see Victor Kim, Jennifer Chung, Scott and Alexa Yoshimoto, Casey Nishizu, and B-botz sing and dance in Room 601. Audience members were able to meet, take pictures, and talk with the performers during intermission and after the show.

Advanced Drama Halloween Production

The Rams Repertory Company put on a one-night Halloween production, Troubadours of Trouble, in Room 601, on Oct. 25. The two hour show featured one family friendly act and one act aimed at a more mature audience. Advanced Drama acted out Halloween-themed poems, plays, and short stories written by Tim Burton, Edgar Allen Poe, and other authors. Before the

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show, tarot reading, Siamese twins, fortune telling, magic tricks, and face painting entertained early attendees.

AIDS Walk

A handful of campus clubs participated in the 26th Annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles on Saturday, Oct. 17. It is an event focused on raising money to provide funds for services provided by AIDS Project Los Angeles and other AIDS service organizations throughout L.A. County. Although many organizations sponsor AIDS Walk, such as Anthem Blue Cross, it encourages participants to also raise money in their area. This year, the organization raised almost three million dollars. Attendees began at West Hollywood Park and walked for 6.2 miles until they returned back to the park.



PHOTO/ Cody Luk

It took AIDS Walk participants an average of three to four hours to complete the entire walk.

Brown and Whitman compete for CA votes

By Taylor Evanko
Staff Writer

Voters in California will head to the polls next Tuesday, Nov. 2 in part to decide who will be the next leader of the Golden State. Democratic Nominee Jerry Brown or Republican Nominee Meg Whitman is favored to win amongst the six candidates running for Governor.

Democratic Candidate Jerry Brown

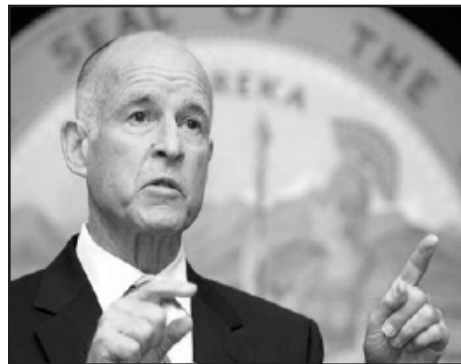


PHOTO COURTESY/ Jerry Brown

Brown is currently the Attorney General of California but has also served as the Secretary of State and Governor of California, as well as the Mayor of Oakland. He has campaigned on a platform that focuses mainly on jobs, education, the budget, and the environment. If elected, he hopes to make California the leader in renewable energy and green jobs. Brown opposes Prop 23, which would repeal California's clean air bill that currently mandates that

greenhouse gas emissions in California be reduced to 1990 levels by 2020.

Although he has admitted that budget constraints may prevent him from doing so, Brown hopes to invest more in our K-12 and higher school systems. He is also in favor of overhauling the current state testing program, claiming that the current system is too expensive and ineffective at measuring teacher and student performance.

Additionally, Brown claims an essential part of putting Californians back to work to create thousands of construction jobs by investing in our infrastructure. Brown supports high-speed rails in California and building renovation projects, a key part of his environmental plan.

Republican Candidate Meg Whitman



PHOTO COURTESY/ Meg Whitman

Former eBay CEO Meg Whitman is concentrating on three main goals: creating jobs, cutting government spending and deficits, and fixing the education system.

She hopes to create thousands of jobs by giving targeted tax cuts—a total of around \$5 billion—to businesses and wealthy individuals. Deregulating industries and eliminating the capital gains tax is a key part of her plan to attract businesses to California, which would bring much-needed jobs to the unemployed.

Whitman has proposed implementing a spending cap for the state government, which would increase only as California's economy grows. In addition, Whitman opposes changing the two-thirds vote in each house of the Legislature required to pass a budget to a simple majority, as proposed in Prop 25. She wants to cut wasteful spending, which would reduce the size of the state government and, according to Whitman, save the state \$15 billion.

Whitman wants to reform our costly state welfare system, as a disproportionate amount of welfare cases are in California compared to other states. To improve California's education system, Whitman wants to reform the way the state spends money on education, not increase the amount the government spends on it, claiming that as much as 40 percent of education spending in California never reaches the classroom and is lost in administrative costs.

The Campaign

Recently, Brown has been campaigning with former President Bill Clinton and the Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor, Gavin Newsom, at public universi-

ties around California. He held a rally at UCLA on Oct. 15 and another one at San José State University on Oct. 17 in an attempt to increase turnout for young voters.

In contrast, Whitman has been campaigning at production plants and other manufacturing sites to emphasize her focus on keeping and creating jobs in California. On Oct. 21, she toured a Southland Steel Company and talked about her economic plans and her pledge to create two million jobs in the private sector by 2015.

Third Party Candidates

In addition to Brown and Whitman, there are actually four other candidates for running Governor this election. American Independent candidate Chelene Nightingale is a businesswoman who wants to secure the borders, protect individual rights, and support the free market principles. Libertarian Dale F. Ogden plans to significantly cut spending and taxes and create a business-friendly environment to attract companies and jobs if elected.

Green Party Candidate Laura Wells and Carlos Alvarez, the Peace and Freedom Party candidate running on a platform of socialistic ideals, have similar plans for California. Alvarez supports a \$15 minimum wage and the rights to both free higher education and free universal healthcare. They both support taxing the rich, spending less money on the military, and increased concentration on infrastructure, healthcare, education, and the environment.

Prop information made simple *Fiorina challenges Boxer*

By Kyle Evanko
Staff Writer

Citizens will cast their votes on nine propositions at their polling place on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Prop 19: Marijuana

Perhaps the most controversial proposition of the nine, 19 regards the legalization of marijuana. The proposition would allow people age 21 or older to possess and grow marijuana for personal use. Likewise, if it is not passed, the marijuana rules would stay as they are: illegal unless medically permitted. If passed, people would no longer be sent to prison for using marijuana recreationally, saving tax-payers' money. However, individuals may be more inclined to use and potentially drive under the influence of marijuana.

Prop 21: State Park Funding

This proposition's purpose is to add \$18 to annual vehicle registrations to provide funding for state parks and the conservation of wildlife of at least \$250 million. All the surcharged vehicles would be admitted to all state parks for free. YES on this proposition would increase the price of registering a motor vehicle by \$18 and give those vehicles free admission to state parks. People urging voters to check NO are against the proposed \$18 fee.

Prop 22: Government Borrowing

Prop 22 would stop the state from borrowing or taking money that would be otherwise spent on transportation, redevelopment, or other local government-run projects and services. If passed, it would increase the funding for both transportation and redevelopment projects. YES would prohibit the state from using funds from fuel and property tax incomes. As a result, the state would have a harder time balancing the budget and maintaining state services. NO would mean the state's authority regarding local taxes would not change.

Prop 23: Pollution Control

This proposition would suspend the law that enforces air pollution control until the unemployment drops to 5.5 percent for a full year. If it does not pass, the state would continue its policy to prevent and slow global warming. California Jobs Initiative states, "Proposition 23 will protect over a million

jobs and save California families [money]." The NO on 23 Campaign wants to reduce California's greenhouse gas emissions. They cite that two Texas oil companies—Valero and Tesoro—are funding the campaign supporting Prop 23.

Prop 24: Business Taxes

Prop 24 would repeal recent legislation that lets businesses "lower their tax liability initiative statute" (2010 Ballot). Its purpose is to make businesses pay taxes like they would normally pay without the new legislation. If passed, the state would receive around \$1.3 billion by 2012-2013 in taxes from businesses. If not passed, this measure would allow the recent changes to take effect, which will result in businesses paying fewer taxes. The Yes on 24 website states, "Proposition 24 Repeals the Billion Dollar Giveaway." Opponents of Prop 24 say on their website, "[Prop 24] would force more small businesses to close shop and more of their employees onto the unemployment lines."

Prop 25: Voting on Budgets

Prop 25 would make changes in the Legislature and its voting. If 25 passes all budget bills, including the annual state budget, would change the current two-thirds majority vote to a simple majority vote in both houses of the Legislature. The bills would only need a simple majority. This does not affect the issue of raising taxes. The proposition also proposes that the Legislature forfeits daily salary and expenses until the budget bill passes.

Prop 26: Tax Approval

Prop 26 deals with state and local fees and the approval of these fees by a two-thirds vote. First, if this proposition passed, the definition of taxes would include several payments that are currently considered fees or charges. An increased number of state and local proposals to increase revenues would need approval by two-thirds of the Legislature or local voters. The Yes on 26 website boasts, "Prop 26 will stop politicians from using gimmicks to steal more money from California taxpayers." Chevron contributed much funding to the Yes on 26 side. In contrast, the opponents' website says, "Chevron, ExxonMobil, Phillip Morris and others have spent over \$14 million to pass Prop 26 because it would let polluters off the hook and force taxpayers to pick up the tab."

By Hugo Wong
Staff Writer

For the Senatorial race in California, Republican Carly Fiorina is running against current Democratic incumbent Barbara Boxer.

Before running for the senate seat, Carly Fiorina ran AT&T and Hewlett-Packard as senior Vice-President and Chief Executive Officer respectively. She believes in tax cuts for small businesses and less regulations to stimulate the job market. She wants to balance the budget and reduce deficits and finds the federal government's current spending as a "misguided policy."

Fiorina opposes Obama's healthcare reform and, instead, proposes to open competition between private insurance groups. On energy issues, Fiorina is against implementing a cap and trade system, which penalizes companies for exceeding pollution limits, claiming that "it will punish manufacturers and small-business owners." She also supports domestic energy such as natural gas, oil, coal, solar, wind, and nuclear energy. Fiorina is in keeping with her Republicans; she is against trying terrorists in civilian courts, against the closing of Guantanamo Bay, wants further sanctioning against Iran and further support for Israel, and favors continued combat operations in Afghanistan. She also opposes gay marriage.

As the incumbent Democrat, Barbara Boxer currently holds one of California's Senate seats, while Diane Feinstein currently holds the other seat. Boxer, who took office in 1993, has chaired the Environment and Public Works Committee and the Select Committee on Ethics in Congress. Like her opponent, she believes in giving tax cuts to small businesses and wants to create jobs for Californians. Additionally, fixing California's water problems is important to her.

Boxer supports Obama's healthcare policy, and she wants people to have the same healthcare insurance she has as Senator. On environmental issues, Boxer believes in preserving California's coast and natural habitats and voted against off-shore drilling along Alaska's coast. She also supports the cap and trade system and cleaner water for California. Overseas, she wants to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Unlike Fiorina, Boxer supports same-sex marriage.

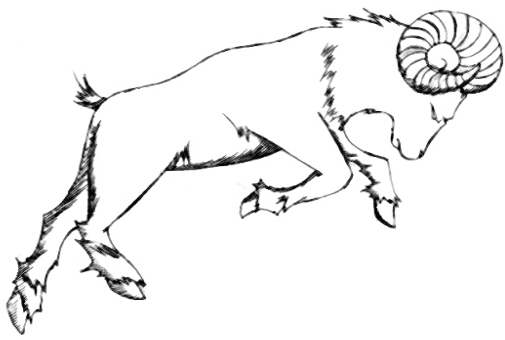
Whoever wins this election will assist her fellow senator in furthering California's interest in the Senate for the next six years.



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Brown astounds at talent show High school reapplies for 2011 Distinguished School Award



PHOTO/ Jacqueline Wong

Sophomore Elyssa Brown placed first in this year's talent show, hosted by Dragonflicks, with her dance routine to the song "Man of La Mancha." Brown also won second in last year's talent show.

By Caroline Sun
Staff Writer

Temple City High School qualified to reapply for the California Distinguished School Award.

The California Department of Education rewards schools that meet its four requirements. The first is to show growth in its Academic Performance Index, which is calculated from CST results, CAHSEE scores, and graduation rates. The second qualification is to meet the Department's 2010 Adequate Yearly Progress target, which is taken from CSTs. For the third and fourth conditions, the school's graduation rates need to be high, and the school closes the achievement gap.

"We are one of ten high schools in

L.A. County that are eligible," Principal Ms. Mary Jo Fosselman King said. "Students benefit because when they say that they graduated from a distinguished school, it looks good on a college application."

The California Department of Education bestowed the high school with the same award in 1997. However, the school is reapplying since the old award has expired. The school hopes to once again carry the title of Distinguished School to acknowledge the hard work students have exhibited throughout the years.

"I'm proud of the fact that I attend a school with this award," Senior Justine Martinez said. "The more awards we have, the more prestigious we seem, and it opens up more opportunities."

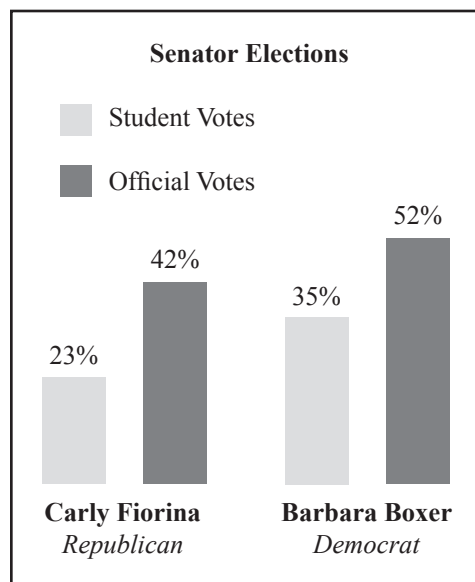
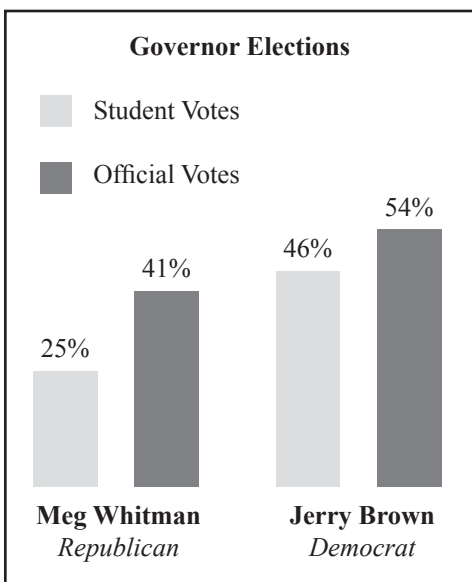
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- Nov. 24: Minimum Day
- Nov. 25-26: Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 1-9: Hanukkah
- Dec. 2: Student Senate, Honors Orchestra @ Disneyland
- Dec. 3: Grading Period Ends
- Dec. 3-4: Advanced Drama Performance
- Dec. 11-22: Spain Trip

Results for JSA mock election

Junior State of America distributed ballots for a mock election on Nov. 2, asking students to pick their preferences on the Governor and Senator election and the propositions. *Undecided and other party votes will not be shown.*



Propositions

Prop 19: Legalizing Marijuana TCHS Results: Yes 39% No 59% State Results: Yes 46% No 54%	Prop 23: Suspend Pollution Control Law TCHS Results: Yes 43% No 47% State Results: Yes 39% No 62%
Prop 21: Funding State Parks TCHS Results: Yes 58% No 40% State Results: Yes 43% No 58%	Prop 25: Simple Majority to Pass Budget TCHS Results: Yes 44% No 42% State Results: Yes 55% No 45%
Prop 22: Prohibit State Borrowing TCHS Results: Yes 69% No 30% State Results: Yes 61% No 39%	Prop 26: 2/3 Vote for State/Local Fees TCHS Results: Yes 63% No 29% State Results: Yes 53% No 48%

SOURCES/ JSA & vote.sos.ca.gov

NEWS BRIEFS

By Jacqueline Wong
Staff Writer

Talent Show

The winner of this year's talent show is Sophomore Elyssa Brown who performed her dance routine to the song "Man of La Mancha," from the musical *Don Quixote*. Temple City High School's Dragonflicks hosted this year's talent show on Nov. 9 in Rm. 601. Tickets to the show were \$5 pre-sale and \$6 at the door. The show began at 7:00 p.m. and featured 17 acts ranging from singing and dancing to piano and flute performances.

Las Tunas Piazza

Progress is on the way for the Temple City Plaza project on the property located at the corner of Las Tunas Drive and Rosemead Boulevard. Temple City Chamber of Commerce CEO Linda Payne met and discussed the construction of Plaza project with property owner Randy Wang and his senior project manager, Howard Poyourow, on Oct. 6. Due to present economic conditions, the development team will proceed cautiously with the project. However, they assured the public that the new development would still be commercially and economically feasible.

MUN Conference

Sixteen delegates from the Model United Nations club participated in a MUN Conference at UCLA on Nov. 13 and 14. Rep-

resenting the country of Israel, the delegates discussed world politics and issues in a mock UN conference. Around 1,000 to 1,500 high school students from different regions of the country attended. This is Temple City's first time in three years participating in the conference at UCLA.

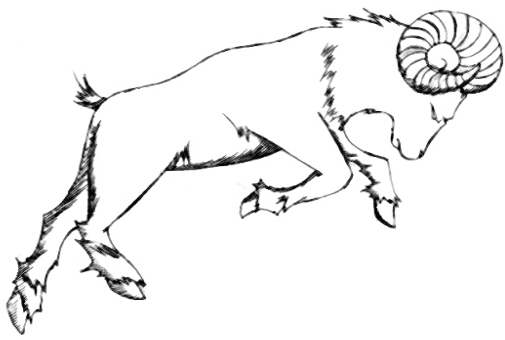
Musical Auditions

Students auditioned for Temple City Performing Arts' upcoming musical, Roger and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" from Nov. 15 to 18 by showing off their singing and dancing skills. People who wanted to take part in the musical were required to audition for both singing and dancing. This is Temple City High School's first time doing "Cinderella," and Mr. Matt Byers will be directing the production while Mr. Burt Ferntheil will be conducting the musical scores.



PHOTO/ Maggie Liu

Junior Stephanie Terrell practices a dance routine similar to one from the musical.



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L.A. Trial Deputy reveals Internet dangers

By **Chloe Lin**
Staff Writer

During Senior Trial Deputy Tracy Webb's assemblies about Internet safety on Friday, Dec. 3, students found how easy it is for complete strangers to pull up their personal information on the Internet.

"Nothing dealing with this technology is one hundred percent private," Webb said. "We all want to think that the information that we're putting out is safe, but I'm here to tell you that it's not."

During the hour-long assemblies, Webb covered topics such as IP addresses, sexting, cyber bullying, and the ease with which strangers can look up intimate details about someone through sites like Facebook.

"I thought the assembly was a good reminder for us," Junior Melissa Ziegler said. "I'll probably be a little less open on Facebook. I'm actually a little paranoid now."

Webb had advice for people who have already put their private information online.

"Probably the most important thing is to go back into your computer, go back into your phone, go back into your Facebook page, and change the information in there, so there's no private information," Webb said. "A lot of kids decide to not use their real names and use a screen name or pseudonym."

Webb does not advise that students get rid of their online profiles or Facebook accounts entirely. They should, however, take out their birth date, address, high school name, and any other identifying information, and take care in the future to not disclose that kind of information online.

"I never tell parents to make their kids delete their Facebook page," Webb said. "You just have to know how to use it safely and know what the problems are."

One of the most serious issues Webb talked about was sexting, or sending sexually explicit messages or photographs, usually through cell phones. People who receive unsolicited sexts

should tell an authority figure and delete the message. They should not save the sext or send it to others.

Anybody who has sent or saved sexually explicit images of anyone under 18, even if the image is of themselves, is guilty of distribution and possession of child pornography and can have a felony record for the rest of their lives. No juvenile has ever been prosecuted in California for sexting, but the laws against child pornography exist.

Some call the assembly a much-needed prompt for many students about the dangers and long-lasting impact of announcing where you live over the Internet or forwarding a risqué photo of a classmate.

"I came home that day and started deleting [my private information], even though I knew that people could probably see it anyway," Sophomore Ginny Wang said. "I guess I was always aware that it was pretty dangerous to put things online, but now I'll be more cautious."

In addition to worrying about strangers looking up personal information about them, students have to worry about how what they post Facebook may affect their careers. Kaplan, a private company which provides educational material and classes, surveyed 320 top colleges and found that about 10 percent of Admissions Offices used Facebook as a determining factor in accepting applicants.

Kaplan's report shows that 38 percent of the applicants whose Facebook profiles were looked at as a part of the application process left an unfavorable impression, while 25 percent of the applicant's profiles left a favorable impression.

Webb gave staff members a similar presentation before school started on Wednesday morning, Nov. 17.

"I'd like to think that our students at Temple City High School are more sophisticated than the average bunch," Science teacher Mr. Randles said. "If not, then hopefully this woman provided a wake up call to expose them [the students] to what things can happen."



PHOTO/ Jennifer Su

Guest speaker Tracy Webb proved that a person's privacy is non-existent online by pulling up random students' private information from social networking sites.

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- Dec. 14: Holiday Concert
- Dec. 17: Minimum Day
- Dec. 20-31: Winter Break
- Dec. 21: First Day of Winter
- Jan 3: School Resumes
- Jan. 6: Student Senate
- Jan. 7: Comedy Sportz
- Jan. 14: Winter Spirit Assembly, Dance Concert

NEWS BRIEFS

By **Cody Luk**
Business Manager

Increase in UC and Cal State Tuition

The tuition for the Universities of California increased by 40 percent over the past two years. Undergrad tuition is now around \$12,000 per school year. California State Universities raised their tuition by five percent this year and will raise it another 10 percent by next school year, adding on to last year's 32 percent increase. Students at campuses around the state protested last month because tuition had risen to \$4,884 and campus fees had reached \$1,000.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Red Cross Club collaborated with the American Red Cross and held a blood drive in Room 601 on Nov. 30 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 60 students donated one pint of blood each, helping save at least 180 lives. Representatives from the ARC first interviewed blood donors privately about their health history and tested samples of their blood to check if it met the required levels

of iron. The donation process took roughly an hour per donor, but the actual blood drawing only took a few minutes.



PHOTO/ Cody Luk

Senior Alex Vu and other students donated enough blood to save at least 180 lives.

JSA Fall State Convention

Twenty students from the Junior State of America went to the Fall State Convention hosted at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott from Nov. 20-21. Around 800 students from different schools attended the convention. Students participated in debates, listened to

a guest speaker from *ProCon.org*, and attended a dance. First-time attendee Junior John Wu won the "Best Speaker" Gavel.

Holiday Strings Concert

Orchestra, Advanced Orchestra, and Honors Orchestra performed in the Holiday Strings Concert on Nov. 30. The performance included several arrangements of traditional holiday music and other orchestra pieces, such as "O Come Emmanuel," "Deck the Halls," and "Kashmir."

ACS Anti-Smoking Balloon Launch

American Cancer Society held an anti-smoking balloon launch in the quad during lunch on Nov. 30. Participants received helium-filled balloons tied with anti-smoking messages and released the balloons at the end of lunch in hopes of smokers changing their perspectives towards smoking after reading a message on one of the balloons.

"A Christmas Story"

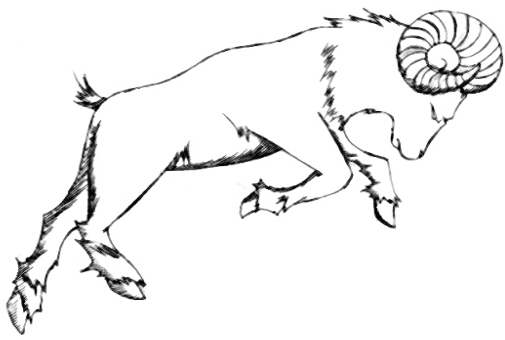
The TCHS Rams Repertory Company performed "A Christmas Story" on Dec. 3-4

in Room 601. Tickets were \$5 for presale and \$7 at the door. The performance was based on the 1983 classic holiday movie of the same name. The play is set in Hohman, Indiana in 1938 and revolves around young Ralphie Parker, played by Senior Amer Quilala, who wants to receive an official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot range model air rifle for Christmas. Sophomore Curtis Tang narrated the play.



PHOTO/ Cody Luk

Ralphie Parker, played by Senior Amer Quilala, is surprised and ecstatic at getting an air rifle.



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New Starbucks drink size receives unnecessary attention.



Read about Arredondo's singing experience.



Read how Boys Varsity Soccer's season progressed.

Protests in Egypt nearing fourth week

By Maggie Liu
News Editor

For some students on campus, the protests in Egypt are more than just news occurring on the other side of the world; these past few weeks have left them in a state of worry as they try to keep up with the "Nile Revolution" as it evolves day by day.

The demonstrators in Cairo and other major cities are protesting President Hosni Mubarak's 30-year regime and are demanding his immediate resignation. Millions have crowded in Cairo's Tahrir Square, the center of the protests, and many sleep there at night to show that they will not stop until he resigns.

"They're fighting for a real democracy. It upsets me because this would never happen in the U.S. since what you say matters," Senior Tony Tawfik said, who has relatives in Egypt. "But [in Egypt], your individual vote and voice doesn't matter, so they think the only way they can get a message through is through violence."

Inspired by Tunisia's overthrow of its president, Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali, Egyptians organized an event on Facebook for Jan. 25, calling it a "day of revolt against torture, poverty, corruption, and unemployment." At first peaceful, violence escalated between protesters and police, which led to over 300 dead and countless injured.

"A lot of my family has been watching CNN almost every day," Junior Hannah Mousa said, who has family in Cairo. "Part of me is in support of the riots but the other half says, 'it's scary, you're killing people.'"

By Jan. 29, Mubarak named Omar Suleiman as his first-ever vice president and installed a new cabinet in hopes of calming the protestors and restoring peace on the streets. Yet, protesters believe these actions are just for show.

In response to the protesters' wishes, Mubarak stated he would not run again; however, he will not leave his position until his term ends in September, saying that doing otherwise would put Egypt into a further state of chaos.

The Obama administration agrees there must be a shift in power but have not outright asked Mubarak to leave.

"The U.S. has justified interventions in Afghanistan and Iraq based on the idea that we were fighting for democracy and against dictatorships," history teacher Ms. Stacy Rudzik said. "Yet in places like Egypt, you have a U.S.-backed 30-year dictatorship."

Chinese lions impress crowd



PHOTO/ Maggie Liu

The Temple City Lion Dance Association entertained students on Monday during lunch by performing a traditional Lion Dance to celebrate the Chinese New Years.

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Feb. 12: Jamie Oliver's Cooking Competition
Feb. 13: City Council Forum
Feb. 14: Lincoln's Birthday Holiday, Valentine's Day, No School
Feb. 15: Mr. Temple City
Feb. 18: Last Day to Pay for AP Tests, Comedy Sportz
Feb. 21: President's Day Holiday, No School
Feb. 23: Drumline Fundraiser @ Rose City Pizza and Cold Stone
Feb. 25-27: Camellia Festival
Mar. 3: Student Senate
Mar. 4: Next Rampage Issue

Temple City ranks second in Bloomberg survey

By Jacqueline Wong
Staff Writer

Temple City ranks as one of the best places to raise children in California, according to a 2011 magazine survey.

"If you're looking at why Temple City is so special, the community is involved with a lot of things, and it's got a small town feel," history teacher Mr. Anthony Russell said, who grew up in Temple City and went to the high school. "Temple City is better now than it's ever been."

The weekly business magazine, *Bloomberg Business Week*, conducted a survey that categorizes the top places that offer a secure and friendly environment in each state. Temple City placed as runner-up to Rowland Heights for the best place to raise children in California.

The magazine's 2011 survey, published in December, considered over 5,000 average-income communities nationwide. It mainly focused on small towns, cities, and villages with populations under 50,000, unlike in other years,

when it also featured large urban areas. *Bloomberg* took its information from Onboard Informatics, a New York-based real estate company that specializes in data on residential demographic and lifestyle.

"[I think] more people would want to move here which will benefit our economy and popularity," Sophomore Jolene Peng said. "I would want my own kids to live here in the future because it's a safe environment, and they'll have more opportunities here."

The main factors of *Bloomberg's* evaluation are the cost of living, quality of education, job growth, and crime statistics. It also acknowledged other aspects such as air quality, ethnic diversity, and convenient access to the surrounding entertainment and recreational facilities.

"We have low crime rates, which go into good property value," Mr. Russell said. "[And] you're looking at an excellent school district where you have an excellent combination of teachers and parents."

NEWS BRIEFS

By Chloe Lin
Staff Writer

Jamie Oliver Food Revolution

Fifteen TC High School students were in a filming of an episode of the Jamie Oliver Food Revolution on campus, Feb. 10. The episode is to be part of Oliver's television show, which aims to change American's unhealthy eating habits. The second season focuses on the L.A. area. The winners of Thursday's competition, Seniors Marissa Torres, Dustin Lee, Diana Espinoza, and Cheyenne Moreno., will move onto the next round, which is this Saturday at the 3rd Street Promenade in Santa Monica. It will be a public event.

Breanna Redmond

TCUSD student Breanna Redmond passed away on Friday, Jan. 4, after complications from a stem cell transplant. Redmond, who suffered from lymphoma, had not attended school since November 2009. She would

have been a freshman this year. Counselors are available on campus to assist students affected by her passing.



PHOTO COURTESY/ White House

Members of Congress wore striped ribbons in support of Representative Gabrielle Giffords.

State of the Union Address

President Barack Obama gave a State of the Union Address on Jan. 25 to a joint session of Congress. Among the issues President Obama brought up were the replacement of Bush's No Child Left Behind education policy, availability of high speed

internet to 80 percent of Americans, and reform of medical malpractice. Members of the House of Representatives and Senate were paired up with members of an opposing political party to show bipartisanship.

New ASB Policy

ASB, Student Senate, and Interclub Council have voted to change the ASB constitution by introducing a new regulation stating that class presidents and vice-presidents must run on the same ticket during elections instead of separately. In order to pass the resolution, two-thirds of each group had to approve.

CC Forum

JSA and *Temple City Voice* will host a City Council Candidates forum on Feb. 13, at the Live Oak Park Community Center, from 3 to 5 p.m. The forum will allow Temple City residents a chance to get to know the candidates in the upcoming 2011

City Council Candidates election. Various officials from TC will be attending the forum. The event is open to the public.

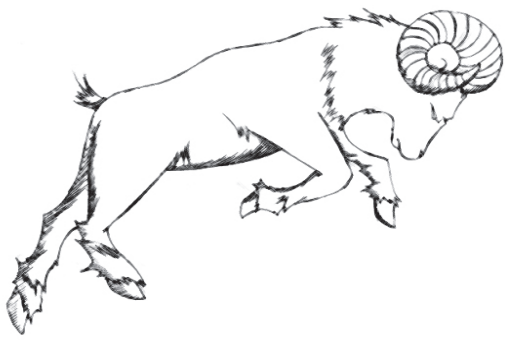
Multi-Cultural Week

Multi-Cultural Week was from Jan. 7 to 11. ASB decorated the school and planned multiple activities. Performances during lunch included a lion dance and a dance exhibiting different Asian countries. Clubs and class councils sold food on Thursday.



PHOTO/ Cody Luk

The band Brick House performed a medley of songs during Fun Food Thursday at lunch.



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Students create the sound of music



PHOTO/ Wendy Van Thiel

Quantum Physics Club competed in the Science Olympiad at Occidental College on Feb. 26. There were 23 events that covered categories such as biology, chemistry, anatomy, astronomy, and physics. Temple City placed tenth overall, and Sophomore Eric Lin and Senior Ryan Gao placed third in the astronomy category. Sophomore Emily Lam and Senior Harrison Huang (pictured above) ranked ninth in "Sounds of Music" with their team's handmade PVC pipe instruments.

Obama proposes budget "to win the future," more spending for education

By Taylor Evanko
Staff Writer

President Obama proposed his \$3.7 trillion budget for fiscal year 2012 on Feb. 14. In all, the proposed budget with estimated tax revenues would amount to a \$1.6 trillion deficit.

One of the significant changes in Obama's budget is the proposed increase in education spending.

However, schools across the nation, especially in California, are still likely be forced to get by with less money in the long run. Currently, TCUSD has to function with a budget constrained to approximately 2004 levels despite increased student enrollment in the district.

Revenues for TCUSD peaked around three years ago but have since declined due to state-wide education cuts. As a result, the district has had to cut \$3 million from its budget since then. The district has previously estimated that at least an additional \$1 million will have to be cut from the district's budget over the next three years.

However, only around ten percent of TCUSD's revenues come from the federal government. Because the district receives so much of its funding from the state government, many TCUSD officials and teachers are still weary about the fiscal shape of the district.

"Generally speaking, education funding has fallen in California [at the state level]," TC Education Association President Mr. Evan Dagger said. "Even when times were good, state funding increased the smallest amount, and when times were bad it decreased the largest amount [relative to other programs]."

Voters in California will head to the polls in June to vote on a proposed extension of temporary tax increases that are set to expire this year. If the extension fails, schools across California will face drastic funding cuts.

Obama is proposing \$48.8 billion for the Department of Education's budget, excluding Pell grants, a modest gain of four percent from last year.

With greater funding for education, Obama hopes to meet many of the education goals he outlined in his State of the Union address. Among them are to recruit 100,000 new math and science teachers and make the U.S. the country with the highest college graduation rate by the end of this decade.

Although Obama wants to increase education spending, his proposal cuts the Pell grants program by \$100 billion over the next ten years. Almost nine million students nationwide receive Pell grants every year.

"I'm worried about paying for college," Junior Justin Lin said. "I think students have a big enough burden as it is, so I don't think cutting [Pell grants] is the answer."

Obama's February proposal would increase spending in other areas, like transportation and medical research, while decreasing spending in others, like defense, Medicare, Medicaid, and energy subsidies for low-income families.

However, Republicans, who currently control a majority of the seats in the House of Representatives, claim that Obama is not doing enough to control the deficit and tackle excessive spending.

"This budget is going to kill job creation in America," Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner said in an interview with FOX News. "It spends too much, borrows too much, and taxes too much."

Republicans, who pledged to cut \$100 billion from this year's budget, have advocated for even more reductions in discretionary spending. Discretionary spending composes around 35 percent of all federal spending and includes all programs excluding Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and other mandatory programs.

Many experts are speculating that Republicans will not approve of Obama's budget without further cuts in the budget.

NEWS BRIEFS

By Hugo Wong
Staff Writer

Anti-Gaddafi Movement

The regime of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, who has been the ruler of Libya for 42 years, could fall into disarray due to protests. Anti-Gaddafi protesters took control of major eastern cities and clashed with pro-Gaddafi groups in the western cities, including the capital, Tripoli. Several Libyan diplomats and Libyan ambassadors to the United Nations severed ties with Gaddafi and defected to the protesters' cause. The U.N. and the U.S. criticized Gaddafi and imposed economic sanctions on his regime for its use of mercenary troops to kill civilian demonstrators. Rising fears of instability in the Arab world caused oil prices to skyrocket from around \$70 a barrel in February 2010 to about \$100 a barrel today.

Camellia Festival

The annual Camellia Festival kicked off on Friday, Feb. 25, with rides and festivities for all ages. On Saturday, people gathered on both sides of Las Tunas Drive to watch the parade, which featured marching bands,

floats, drill teams, Boys and Girls Scouts, and the Camellia Court. The Temple City Marching Band was the featured band of the parade. Community clubs set up food and game booths. The cast of "Cinderella" promoted the play in the gazebo in front of the city park.



PHOTO/ Hugo Wong
ASB Leadership pushes the Camellia Court down Las Tunas Drive, Feb. 26.

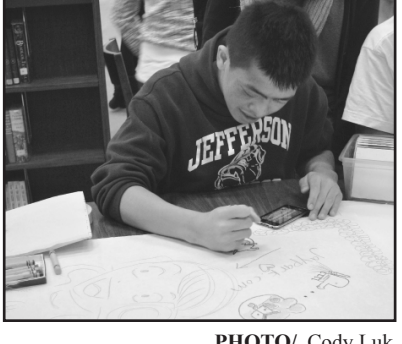
Budget Battle in Wisconsin

Wisconsin Republican Governor Scott Walker proposed a budget that would take away collective bargaining rights from state union workers and make state workers contribute 5.8 percent of their salaries for their pensions. Thousands of people spoke out against the bill and pro-

tested in front of the Wisconsin capitol building. Fourteen Democratic state senators fled to Illinois to prevent the bill from passing. President Barack Obama supported the union and called the bill an "assault" to organized labor groups.

Art Show

Students in the Visual Arts department displayed their skills in the Annual Art show on Feb. 24 in the Media Center. Senior Tracy Shen performed a ballet routine while Senior Jeremiah Gonzalez beatboxed. There, attendees could express their creative sides by drawing on papers with crayons.



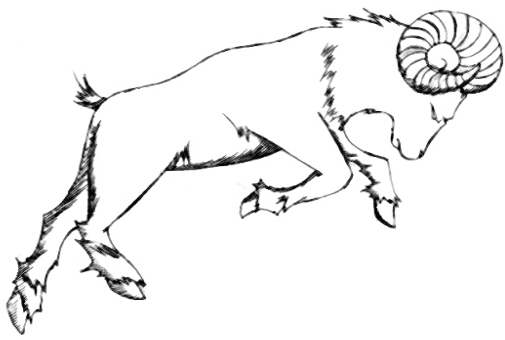
PHOTO/ Cody Luk
Junior Brian Chen glances at his iPhone as he tries to draw Angry Birds.

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March 10: Musical Matinees
March 11-13: Musical @ San Gabriel Mission Playhouse
March 11: End of Grading Period
March 12: SAT Testing
March 13: Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 14: Staff Development Day, No School
March 17: Activities Fair
March 18: Comedy "Sportz" @ Room 601
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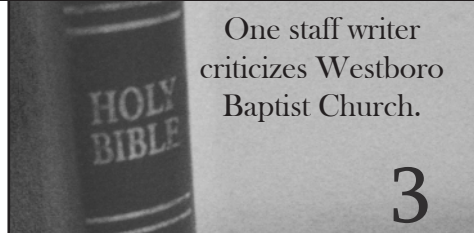
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Fresh Farmer's Market caters to locals



PHOTO/ Benjamin Chan

Senior Rachel Wang browses over a variety of fresh, organic fruit, vegetables, and baked goods at the new Temple City Farmer's Market, which is open every Sunday morning in the City Hall parking lot.

Libyan crisis causes gas prices to rise

By Taylor Evanko
Staff Writer

Anti-government protests in the oil-rich Arab world, particularly in Libya, have caused investors all over the world to be concerned about the supply and production of crude, causing the price of oil to skyrocket and drivers all across the nation to pay more for gasoline.

The average price for a gallon of gas in California increased sharply from \$3.26 on Feb. 24 to \$3.98 on March 24. The average price in 2010 at this time of the year was \$3.10 per gallon.

"I used to go off campus almost every day, but now I just go off once or twice a week," Senior Kattie Rodriguez said. "I'm always worried [about using gas]; it costs me \$70 to fill up my tank."

California ranks third in the nation for highest gas prices at just under four dollars a gallon. Many students have refrained from excessive driving as a result of the increase in price.

This year is different from normal years, as gas prices typically decrease during the first few months of the year. Since demand for oil usually

surpasses supply during the summer months, causing prices to climb even higher; many experts are worried about how expensive gas may become.

"If this thing escalates there's a good chance that there'd be a shift in [oil] supplies," Senior Analyst at energy monitoring company Energy Tracker DTN Darin Newsom said in an interview with *USA Today*. "\$5 gas isn't out of the question."

Economists claim rising gas prices can have a profound effect on the rest of the U.S. economy. Food prices rose 3.9 percent in February, the biggest increase in any month in the past 36 years.

Meanwhile, the situation in Libya, the world's 12th largest oil producer, continues to escalate.

On March 17, the United Nations Security Council unanimously approved a no-fly zone over Libya in order to prevent the Libyan air force from executing attacks against rebel forces. Because of this turmoil, gas prices will continue to rise.

The United Kingdom, France, and the United States have spearheaded the mission and have begun airstrikes against Libyan military loyal to Muammar Gaddafi.

Quake continues to rock Japan's stability

By Hugo Wong
Staff Writer

For many of us, the Japanese earthquake is just a wake-up call for what can happen here in earthquake-prone California; however, some students are focused on finding their loved ones and keeping up with the unfolding nuclear crisis in Japan.

"My parents and grandma were in Japan the day the earthquake hit, and I tried to call them, but the phone service is out," Sophomore Sophia Sato said. "My parents in Tokyo said they are fine, but I am still worried about other Japanese people."

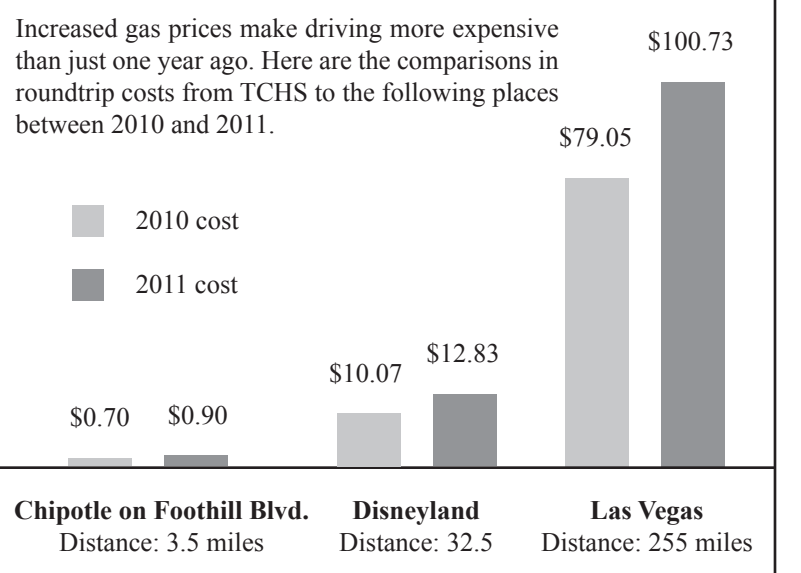
The 9.0 magnitude earthquake devastated Northeast Japan and was followed by a tsunami. Officials estimate that 18,000 people have died. Another half-million people are left homeless and living in shelters. Many other people evacuated the warning areas after the earthquake.

"My mom's family that lives up north lost electricity and it snowed after the earthquake," Sophomore Lina Kimoto said, who has family near the affected areas. "They are fine right now since they stayed at my aunt's restaurant for fear of aftershocks."

The people in Japan are starving because food is scarce and the trucks carrying supplies are running out of fuel. Despite such conditions, the Japanese people are calm and have not resorted to drastic measures.

The earthquake also caused explosions in the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant on Friday, March 11. The four nuclear reactors in Fukushima burned after the earthquake because the tsunami knocked out the power supply, and the back-up diesel generators failed. The military and firefighters are making progress in trying to cool down the nuclear reactors by spraying water into the plant.

Small amounts of radiation have reached the West Coast, but scientists have deemed them not dangerous.



GRAPHIC/ Maggie Liu

UC budget cut proposal leaves students unhappy

By Debra Ma
Staff Writer

The Universities of California have been planning their budget for the next year, increasing fees and potentially cutting various programs and classes, ever since Governor Jerry Brown announced his proposal to cut \$500 million from the University of California system on Jan. 10.

In order to address the funding gap, UC Regents have approved tuition and fee increases of eight percent, which means fees for all students increase by \$822, bringing undergraduate tuition and fees to \$11,124. Students will also pay campus-based fees that will average out to about \$1,025.

For the first time, the student tuition revenue will surpass state contributions to the

universities' core budget. The governor's proposed a fund contribution of \$2.5 billion while the estimated student tuition will provide revenue of \$2.7 billion.

"I think [the cuts] are unfair because the reason why I wanted to go to UC's was because of the price," Senior Jowei Sun said. "Now that it's getting more expensive, I'm regretting not applying to more privates."

UC Riverside will be relying on philanthropy to meet budget deficiency. It will also be reducing campus activities, enrollment, library hours, and course offerings, while increasing class sizes among other measures. The other universities will be taking similar approaches, though UCLA hopes to keep their enrollment level by maintaining high graduation rates.

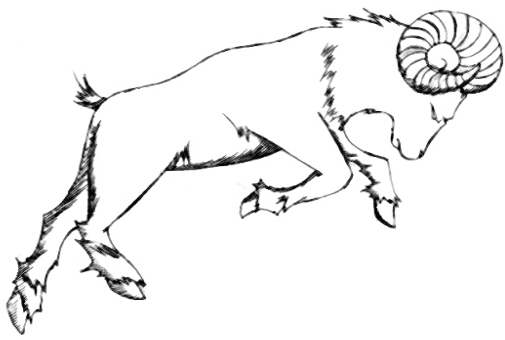
"The proposed budget cuts will be impactful," UC Riverside's Director of Media Relations Kris Lovekin said. "The chancellor will try to keep it away as much as possible from the student experience."

According to UC Vice President of Budget and Capital Resources Patrick Lenz, the \$500 million cuts to UC represents a best case scenario and is dependent on the successful passage of Gov. Brown's tax extension package, which California residents will vote on in June. If it is not passed, the cuts may increase, causing education costs to increase as well.

As of now, the package is facing opposition from Republican lawmakers to even be put on the ballot. To create a smooth, successful election, it needs to be added to the ballot by Friday.

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March 28-29 & March 31-April 1: ASB Elections
March 30-April 8: French Trip
April 1: Spring Spirit Assembly
April 4-8: Spring Break
April 15-16: Advanced Drama Performance
April 22: Earth Day



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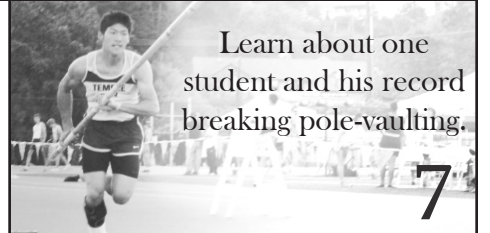
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Budget crisis spurs action from community

By Debra Ma
Staff Writer

The news of more budget cuts and teacher layoffs has students starting petitions, planning protests, and showing their support for teachers.

Sophomore Michael Zhong went to a Board meeting on May 11 to defend his Spanish teacher Ms. Monica Rodriguez after hearing that the district gave her a pink slip, a notice that she may lose her job so that the district can balance its budget. The next day, he and his friends talked to Principal Ms. Mary Jo Fosselman King and started a petition. They currently have more than 600 signatures.

"We felt really upset so [my friends and I] were talking about it. Ms. King okay-ed the petition," Zhong said. "It is a really good way to hear the thoughts of the students."

Besides Ms. Rodriguez, English teacher Ms. Dawn Neufeld, Math teachers Ms. Brenda Pan and Mr. Ken Chin, and Special Education teacher Ms. Mary Jane Card also received pink slips. These teachers are also involved in clubs and programs s Link Crew and Yearbook. Their pink slips may be rescinded, but their futures are unclear.

Sophomore Kyle Evanko planned a protest via Facebook, and over 200 students accepted his event invite. They were to have a peaceful protest outside the district office on May 25 starting at 6 p.m.

"The plan was to show the district how the students feel about budget cuts and teacher layoffs in a more powerful way than on paper," Evanko said. "We were not protesting TCUSD directly but rather budget cuts in general."

Superintendent Chelsea Kang-Smith and the district office found out about the protests and complaints. They held a meeting today during lunch in Room 601 to clarify some points with the students, so Evanko canceled the protest.

The state government decides on the education budget while the Board tries to balance the numbers the government gives. Since there is such a huge deficit in California's budget, the cuts are inevitable.

"The budget cuts are happening. There's nothing we can do," Board President Matt Smith said at the May 11 board meeting. "I don't want to do any of this, [but] if we don't balance the budget, the state takes over the district."



PHOTO/ Cody Luk

Zhong (far right) asks Sophomore Henrik Wang (left) to sign a petition for Ms. Rodriguez in response to the district giving her a pink slip. Five teachers, including Ms. Rodriguez, will not be returning in the fall unless their pink slips are rescinded.

However, Governor Jerry Brown must modify the budget because the state revenue recently spiked by \$6.6 billion, \$3 billion of which will go to education. As such, the final budget for the district may change.

During the last board meeting, teachers spoke about keeping the freshmen English classes' student to teacher ratios 20 to 1 instead of increasing it, which would save some teachers from losing their jobs.

"The freshmen year is a pivotal transition year. Students entering high school need that one-on-one guidance to be successful and it's far more difficult to do that in 34 to 1 ratios," English teacher and department co-chair Ms. Sarah Penalora said. "I was hoping that they would look at

more creative ways to make money instead of looking at [cutting] teachers and staff."

Six teachers went to the rally at Pershing Square on May 13 and participated in State of Emergency, a week-long political action movement that aims to protect public education and other essential public services by forcing the Legislature to pass Governor Brown's tax extension proposal, which would prevent deeper cuts.

"We want citizens to call their legislators to tell them that we want this tax extension on the ballot," Teacher's Union President Mr. Evan Dagger said. "[With] more pressure the legislature has from the citizens to represent their interests, they'll hopefully put [it] on the ballot."

NEWS BRIEFS

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PHOTO/ Benjamin Chan

The Jazz Band was one of the features of the Auxiliaries Spring Show held on May 7.

Spring Show

The Performing Arts department held its annual Auxiliaries Spring Show on May 7. The show featured Auxiliaries, Pep, Choreo, Jazz Band, and Drumline. The next Performing Arts dance concert is Choreo's Showcase on May 26, which will highlight everything the Choreo dancers have accomplished during the second semester and will wrap up their entire year.

Cathé Wilson

A jury found former Temple City Mayor Cathé Wilson guilty of three felony counts each of bribery and perjury for her involvement in the Piazza scandal. Judge Alex Ricciardulli is expected to sentence Wilson on June 2. Wilson, now 78, faces a maximum of nine years in state prison.

Doodle 4 Google

Sophomore Ruth Xu succeeded in qualifying for Regionals in the Doodle 4 Google competition "What I would like to do someday." Her design, "Befriend Nature," is among 39 other designs that voters can choose from for the Google Homepage display on May 20. The district encouraged students to vote for Xu's illustration so that she could win. All of the 40 finalists received a trip to the Google New York Office, from May 18-20. Xu's doodle, along with all of the other regional finalists' doodles, will be displayed at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York.

Career Day

Students had the opportunity to speak with and listen to actual representatives of various careers on Thursday, May 20. After first

period, students reported to their fifth period classes and attended two Career Day sessions. Professionals spoke to students about their respective fields such as education, design, and law.



PHOTO/ Taylor Evanko

Participants start the annual 5K Run/Walk at TC Park to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Annual 5K Run/Walk

The district's fifth Annual Health Fair and 5K Run/Walk at Temple City Park on Saturday, May 7, welcomed everyone to participate. After stretching, the runners and walkers began the exercise around 7 a.m., and the free health fair was open from 8 to 11 a.m.

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May 19-20: Brighter Side Extravaganza

May 24: Orchestra Pops Concert

May 25: ASB Transition Day

May 26: Choreo Showcase

May 29-June 4: Spring Spirit Week

May 30: Memorial Holiday

May 31: Battle of the Bands

June 2: Fun Food Day, Dragonflicks Film Festival, Miss Temple City Pageant, Early Yearbook Distribution

June 3: Renaissance Assembly, Powderpuff Football, Last Chance Dance, Advanced Drama Showcase

June 9: Regular Yearbook Distribution