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Concert Series End on "High Note"

By Chris Du

On Wednesday, September 2, the band known as the Answer capped off the eleven-week "Concerts in the Parks" at Temple City Park bringing the 2009 summer concert series to an end.

During the finale, the crowd cheered as the band honored veterans and soldiers overseas. Free stuff was thrown out to the audience. And the stands, which included the Boy Scouts and Temple City schools, set up one last time to sell snow cones, drinks, popcorn and T-shirts.

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"CONCERTS IN THE PARK" ENDS: The 2009 Concerts in the Park held its finale last Wednesday, September 3, 2009.

JSA and TCV Plan Candidates' Forum

By Taylor Evanko

In a joint effort to further involve the community in the November School Board elections, the *Temple City Voice* and the Temple City High School Junior State of America (JSA) chapter will co-host a candidates' forum.

Citizens, prospective voters and students will have a chance to pose questions at the candidates about the most prominent issues facing the Temple City Unified School District (TCUSD).

The forum will be divided into two blocks. The first half will be a general question session, while the second will be a period where residents can ask questions and express concerns.

Incumbents Matt Smith and Joe Walker are both seeking another four-year term. Walker, a crime analyst and former school board president, was first elected in 2005. Smith is a current board clerk and former school

board vice-president.

Challenger Kenneth Knollenberg is the third candidate in the race. Knollenberg, a concerned citizen who attends board meetings regularly, has expressed desire to change the status quos. In a recent interview with the *Temple City Voice*, he stated the local School Board lacked "a clear vision for the school system."



The goal of the forum, says JSA co-president Christine Keung is "to provide first-hand information on the people we're voting for." This con-

nection is necessary, she states, as half-baked votes could lead to policy dissatisfaction.

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News Brief: California Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi recently won the Democratic Party primary for Congressional District 10. Because Garamendi is very likely to win the general election, California will soon lose its No. 2 leader.

Sacramento Bee

How to Have Fun During a Recession

By Jason Alvin Wu

In our current period of economic downfall, everybody is cutting back on expenses at the cost of their entertainment. However, having fun while spending less is completely possible.

Youtube, Hulu, and other online streaming sites offer popular shows- free of charge. These broadcasters contain genres from comedies to cartoons, catering to every age.

Daily programming often replays feature episodes online. Occasionally, movies are streamed as well. Statistics show families are spending less time outside than in, preferring household activities to bank-breaking alterna-



tives.

Cooking, gardening, and reading provide knowledge as well as fun; indoor games also present invaluable family time.

Also, Temple City sponsors numerous civic activities throughout the year. Parades, shows, carnivals, and feature events remain cheap and exciting for citizens. Concerts in the Park, magic shows in the library, and Little League events at Live Oak Park are also provided.

Lastly, you can help out in your community! Taking part in these events allows you to interact with and get to know other members

of your very own community.

A popular activity is painting and crafting floats for the annual Rose Parade.

A common misconception is that community service is drab and boring. On the contrary, most community services are actually much more interesting than you would have ever assumed them to be.

It's not that hard to enjoy life in an economic turmoil. Actually, with proper planning and thinking, it's actually quite easy to find something to do.

Of course, you can spend money but the most important thing is to save. There's no such thing as a free lunch in this world, but you can always save a bit of money if you think smart.

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School Board Candidates' Forum

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perfect opportunity for students and residents to voice what they think are important," adds *Temple City Voice* Editor-in-Chief Sophia Chang.

The 2009 School Board candidates' forum will take place on October 24, 2009 at Temple City High School in Room 601 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Summer Concerts

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The Concerts in the Park, one of Temple City's most popular traditions, began over two decades ago in the parking lot of Temple City Park.

In the past, the San Gabriel Band played, free of charge to the city. Now, with over ten bands playing each week at the Gazebo, the city spends \$20,000 annually to fund the summer concerts.

According to Cathy Burroughs, Parks and Recreation director, crowds of up to 2000 people gathered Wednesday nights.

Burroughs lauded the summer concert series, stating it "ended on a high note" in the City Manager's Weekly Report on September 3. When asked what will happen in the future for the concerts, she responded, "nothing really, except the bands."

Olivas Appointed to Parks and Recreation Commission

By Margaret Thi

A vacancy on the Temple City Parks and Recreation commission was filled on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 when the City Council appointed resident Andrea Olivas.

Olivas, also the Vice-Chairman of the Temple City Chamber of Commerce, succeeds former Parks and Recreation commissioner Cynthia Sternquist.

Sternquist left the commission to serve on another city commission, the Planning Commission.

The City Council decided to hold a special meeting prior to their regular meeting on Tuesday evening. Councilmembers conducted interviews with two candidates: Dina Piraino and Pamela Vigil.

Olivas was appointed by a 4-0 margin.

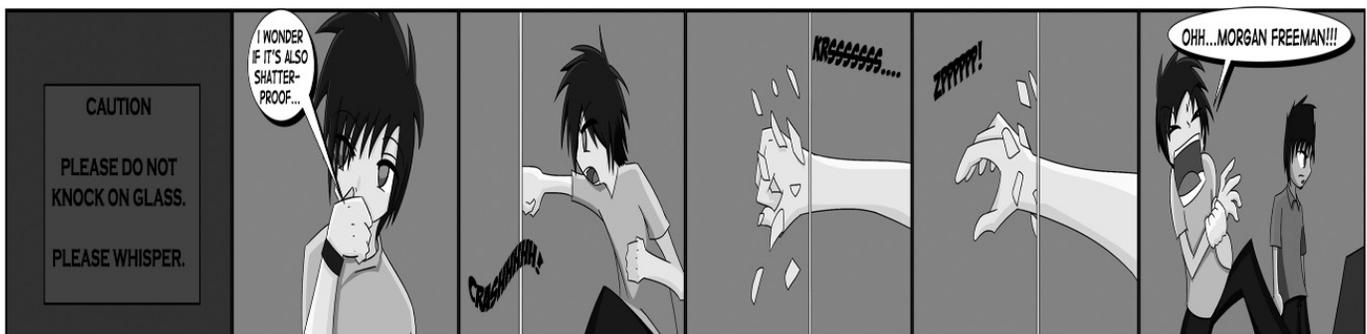
Councilman David Capra had resigned earlier this morning. He was not present at the meeting.

A total of seven individuals, including Olivas, had applied for the vacant commissioner position.

Excluding Dina Piraino and Pamela Vigil, the others were John Qunitanilla, Robert Young and Peggy Miller. Qunitanilla, Young, Olivas and Miller were interviewed in May 2009.

In addition to her role as Vice-Chairman of the Temple City Chamber of Commerce, Olivas also works for the *Temple City Tribune* and has directed past Miss Temple City pageants.

After Olivas is sworn in on June 16, she will join current Parks and Recreation commissioners Dan Arrighi, Chris Goad, Pamela Yugar and Nanette Fish.



This week's comic was drawn by Jason Alvin Wu.

EDITOR'S COLUMN: ON FIRE

The Station Fire that recently ravaged the Los Angeles mountainside took the lives of two firefighters and the multiple homes. It burned over 160,000 acres and has currently been contained to 71 percent. Officials have recently determined that the cause of the as arson, and it is now being investigated as a case of homicide.

"Some men aren't looking for anything logical, like money. They can't be bought, bullied, reasoned or negotiated with. Some men just want to watch the world burn."

This line from the Dark Knight sums up many people's fears. It's hard to remain positive when there are people, who destroy as a pastime, lurking everywhere.

Knowledge that this type of sadistic behavior is present in many, not just in the form of causing physical violence but mental manipulation as well, can cause the rest of us to build up layer after layer of self-defense mechanisms that distance ourselves from the world around us.

For the most part, these DIY immune systems of ours have probably spared us a lot of pain. On the other hand, it's probably also tuned us out to a lot of people who have tried very hard to connect with us. Distrust can make friendly gestures seem overbearing or insincere.

It's hard to stomach the actions of these kinds of people. Caring for their victims never seems to compensate for the damage that they've done. And nothing we can ever give them will make up for what they've lost.

While we need to build up a means of protecting ourselves and others from harm, we should remember that not all people are inherently self-profiting, manipulative, insincere, or destructive, even though it's impossible for us to ever tell what goes on inside someone's head.

The fires have already consumed enough, and we shouldn't let whoever caused them destroy our connectivity with the world and desensitize us.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| September | 11 | Patriot Day |
| | 15 | Town Hall Meeting with
Avant Garde
<i>Live Oak Park @ 7 P.M.</i> |
| | 19 | Senior Health Fair
<i>Live Oak Park 9 A.M. -12 P.M.</i> |
| | 21 | City Council Meeting
<i>Council Chambers @ 7:30 P.M.</i> |
| | 24 | Free Flu Immunizations
<i>Live Oak Park Community Center</i>
<i>9 AM–11:30 AM</i> |



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