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School Board Candidates' Forum This Saturday

Forum To Take Place Saturday

The 2009 School Board Candidates' Forum will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2009.

BY SOPHIA CHANG

The 2009 School Board Candidates' Forum will take place tomorrow, October 24, 2009. It will be held in Room 601 at Temple City High School (TCHS) from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The TCHS Junior State of America (JSA) and Temple City Voice will be co-hosting the event. A bake sale and various fundraising activities will occur during the forum.

"We firmly believe it is important for the community to be informed and active," said Matthew Wong, Founder of the Temple City

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AIDS WALK: The 6.2 mile annual Aids Walk took place on Sunday, October 18, 2009. Three Temple City High School clubs participated in the event.

3 Temple City High School Clubs Participate in 2009 Aids Walk

The Environmental Club, Red Cross, and Kaleidoscope attended the annual Aids Walk in Los Angeles.

BY JENNIE LI

The 25th annual Aids Walk-Los Angeles, sponsored by the Hilton family, Channel 4 News, Macys, Nordstrom and numerous modern industries occurred on Sunday, October 18, 2009.

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Three Republicans, Two Democrats Vying to Succeed Schwarzenegger

In the midst of high unemployment and a struggling economy, many Californians are looking forward to the California Gubernatorial Election in November of next year.

BY TAYLOR EVANKO

The 2010 gubernatorial elections for California are just around the corner. Current Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, is term-limited and cannot run again.

Citizens will likely turn to a leader capable of reviving California's economy. In August, the unemployment rate climbed to a record 12.2 percent and budget problems for next fiscal year are expected.

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Schools, celebrities, mayors, companies and over thirty thousand dedicated guests participated in the event.

Three Temple City High School clubs participated in the Aids Walk: Environmental Club, Red Cross and Kaleidoscope. Each donated \$100 to the cause.

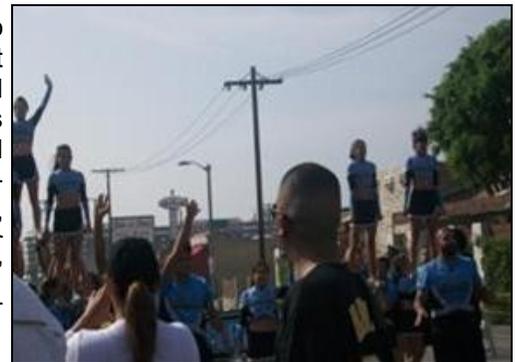
Cheers and bells rang loudly when \$1000 was donated. Official 2009 Aids Walk T-shirts, caps, eco-friendly water bottles, duffel bags and pins were provided to guest.

The 2009 Aids Walk featured an aerobic and motivational warm-up exercise prior to the official start of the event.

Activists in support of the war against AIDS and celebrities also addressed the crowd with message of congratulations, encouragement and gratitude.

Los Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa was a special guest speaker. Villaraigosa praised the involve-

ment of so many activist groups and citizens as John Lloyd Young performed, "You'll Never Walk Alone" in the background.



The Aids Walk formally began at ten in the morning.

The three checkpoints along the 6.2 mile route offered tasty, complimentary snacks and juice. Numerous performances energized and cheered on the crowd. DJs played music. Cheerleaders flipped in the air. Many activists rallied for the cause. 

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Five major candidates have entered or are expected to enter the race: three Republicans, two Democrats.

The Republican candidates are former CEO of eBay Meg Whitman, Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner and former Congressman Tom Campbell.

A few weeks ago, the Republican gubernatorial candidates addressed the GOP at its state convention.

Whitman called for additional budget cuts, totaling \$15 billion and the layoff of tens of thousands of state employees. Poizner advocated for a reduction of state taxes by ten percent. Campbell, the most moderate candidate, offered a detailed plan to fix the state's chronic budget crisis that included raising taxes.

All three Republican candidates support abortion rights. Campbell is the only candidate to support same-sex marriage.

On the Democratic side, San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom and former governor and now the California attorney general, Jerry Brown, are competing for the party's nomination. Newsom is the only Democrat to have officially declared he was in the race. Brown currently leads the polls.

The Democratic and Republican primary elections will be held on June 8, 2010. The general election will occur on November 2, 2010. 

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UNPUBLISHED, HISTORICAL NEWS STORY

Four Commission Seats Filled

City Council holds special meeting to fill commissions' vacancies.

BY RANDY SHUN

Former city council candidate Peggy Miller fills an unexpected vacancy on the Parks and Recreation commission, while former School Board Member Ed Chen, Patrick Horton and Manuel Valenzuela III were appointed to the Planning commission.

All appointees were considered by the City Council on Monday, July 6, 2009 and will be sworn into office tomorrow, July 7.

Miller, a Temple City resident, was nominated by councilmembers Cynthia Sternquist, Judy Wong and Vincent Yu. She was approved by a 3-2 vote, with councilmembers Tom Chavez and Fernando Vizcarra casting the dissenting votes.

She replaces former Parks and Recreation commissioner Pamela Yugar, who submitted her resignation in June.

The term for Miller's seat ends on June 30, 2010.

After selecting Miller to serve on the Parks and Recreation commission, the City Council moved to consider applicants for the Planning commission.

Valenzuela, the only candidate that received a unanimous confirmation, was nominated by councilman Yu. He previously interviewed for a seat on the Planning commission and now serves on the board of directors with the Temple City Chamber of Commerce.

Horton was nominated by councilman Chavez and won confirmation with a 4-1 vote. Councilman Yu cast the lone dissenting vote.

Former School Board Member Chen was nominated by councilwoman Judy Wong. Chen, defeated for re-election in 2005, won confirmation by a 3-2 vote. Councilmembers Sternquist and Vizcarra voted against his appointment.

Don Griffiths, a long-time Planning commissioner and past

chairman whose term expired on June 30, was denied another term on the commission.

The terms for the Planning commissioners expire on June 30, 2011.

After the new appointees are sworn in, both commissions will finally be completely filled. Since the March election, a cycle of vacancies and appointments has affected the Parks and Recreation and Planning commissions.

Miller will join Parks and Recreation commissioners Dan Arrighi, Nanette Fish, Chris Goad and Andrea Olivas.

Chen, Horton and Valenzuela will join Planning commissioners Tom O'Leary and Jerry Seibert. ■

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Voice. "The forum is an opportunity for the voters to listen to the School Board candidates."

He pleaded, "Please, take a few hours off to come to our forum and remember to bring your family and friends."

There are three candidates running in the November 3rd School Board election: Kenneth Knollenberg, Matt Smith and Joe Walker.

The *Temple City Voice* has been publishing interviews with the candidates. This week's issue was supposed to feature an interview with Joe Walker; however, the *Voice* was unable to reach him. ■

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EDITOR'S COLUMN: TURBULENCE

The 2009 School Board Candidates' Forum is coming up this Saturday, and everyone participating in it and attending it is waiting in anticipation. For those who have been organizing the forum from behind the scenes, it has been anything but a smooth ride.

Much preparation is behind anything, no matter how simple the end result actually is. A famous Chinese proverb states, "There are ten years of practice behind a magnificent ten-minute performance."

The *Temple City Voice* and Temple City High School Junior State of America joined hands in making this forum possible. Various events and conflicts hindered our progress and depleted our vitality, but all of us persisted by keeping one common goal in mind: to inform the community what their politicians are like and can bring to Temple City. Obstacles are inevitable landmarks in the path of any growing organization, and this was no different.

The *Voice* is relatively novel in the community, and has progressed much in the past three years, now being distributed in multiple areas around the city. We have no intention to stop progressing, and have accepted the fact that struggles await us as a result. It does not seem to matter at all when one thinks about what his or her efforts can do for others, and in this case, his or her very own community.

In a way, the *Voice* is under construction, and will be for the entire year. By this I don't mean that it will forever lack what is needed to be deemed a professional publication, but that it will always strive to inform the community with the tireless dedication of a newcomer. Turbulence may shake our organization, but it will never cause a collapse.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October	24	S.B. Candidates' Forum @TCHS Room 601 4:30-6:30 P.M.
	27	Parent Conferences @TCHS, 3:30 P.M. College Fair @TCHS Gym and Room 601
	28	School Board Meeting @District Office, 7 P.M.
	30	Staff Development Day H1N1 Flu Clinic @Live Oak Park 9 A.M.-4 P.M.