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## *Sunday: Valentine's Day and Lunar New Year*

### *Senate, Assembly Committees Divided on Whether or Not to Confirm Maldonado*

*His nomination now heads to the full Senate, Assembly.*

**BY CHRIS DU**

A Latino state lawmaker is moving closer to becoming the next Lieutenant Governor of California.

Abel Maldonado, 42, received a 4-0 recommendation from the Senate Rules Committee last Wednesday, February 3 and a unanimous non-recommendation from the Assembly Rules Committee on Tuesday, February 9.

Maldonado, a moderate Republican state senator, was nominated by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in November to fill a  
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**CAMELLIA COURT CORONATION:** *The Miss Temple City court, Sharon Lai, Caroline Truong, and Shine Fu (left to right) with the Camellia Royal Court.*

*Photo courtesy of Samantha Ho*

**UNPUBLISHED, HISTORICAL NEWS ARTICLE**

### *Avant Garde Presents Summary of Town Hall Meetings*

*More than three hundred participated in community meetings.*

**BY RANDY SHUN**

The verdict is in: Temple City residents support having a community farmer's market, more captivating retail businesses and restaurants, parking, a theater, but express doubts with parking me-  
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### *Catching Up with Former Staff Writer Angie Yeh*

*The former Assistant Editor-in-Chief is now majoring in Kinesiology at Cal Poly Pomona.*

**BY RAYMOND TRAN**

From the heavy responsibilities to the new perspective gained through her time writing for the *Temple City Voice*, former Assistant Editor-in-Chief Angie Yeh is currently pursuing her goals outside of the community newspaper.

Yeh first joined *Temple City Voice* as Assistant Editor-in-Chief at  
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vacancy left by former Lieutenant Governor and now Congressman John Garamendi. Garamendi, a Democrat, resigned from his position after he was elected to the House of Representatives in a special election.

The governor praised the Senate Rules Committee and Senate majority leader Darrell Steinberg after the vote.

“Today the Senate Rules Committee put Californians ahead of politics and exercised its constitutional duty by recommending that Senator Abel Maldonado be confirmed as Lieutenant Governor.

Senator Maldonado is an outstanding public servant who has worked across the political aisle to accomplish great things on behalf of all Californians,” Schwarzenegger said in a February 3 press statement.

But the governor was sharply critical of the Assembly Rules Committee’s vote on Tuesday.

He said, on February 9, “Today’s non-recommendation vote by the Assembly Rules Committee is about partisan politics and is the latest example of why Californians have lost confidence in Sacra-

mento’s ability to get anything done.”

The governor’s pick now faces confirmation hearings and votes from the full Senate and Assembly. The state legislature has until February 22 to decide on whether or not Maldonado becomes the state’s number two. Should the legislature fail to act, Maldonado would automatically assume the post.

Maldonado represents the 25<sup>th</sup> senatorial district in Sacramento. He was elected to the state senate in 2004, after being term-limited from the state assembly. ■

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ters and head-in parking.

The summary report, draft by Avant Garde Inc., was officially presented to the City Council on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.

According to Avant Garde program director Robert Paz, more than three hundred individuals showed up at the four scheduled event.

The first event, which was hosted by the Temple City Chamber of Commerce, was held in August at Wells Fargo Bank. Three town hall meetings were subsequently held in September at the Live Oak Park Community Center.

Paz noted that an overwhelming majority of the people who attended the events were residents.

The participation showed “a demonstration of a cohesive community,” he told city officials.

Those who attended the Avant Garde-sponsored town hall meetings were presented with the same PowerPoint given to city officials. Attendees sat in tables of up to ten individuals and later had the opportunity to provide commentary.

In addition, participants placed a dot on a map of Temple City, marking where they lived, ran a business, or owned property.

A total of 271 comments were received, Paz stated.

The economic development and redevelopment consultant will provide the city with a copy of the summary and PowerPoint slides for the city to post online.

A potential blog may also be set up for residents to share additional comments regarding Avant Garde’s economic proposal. ■

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Former Assistant Editor-in-Chief Angie Yeh.

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of 18, and gained many responsibilities during her first year on staff.

As the second-in-command, Yeh helped organize and the entire newspaper and lead the staff.

She finds that her experience held numerous opportunities for her to meet new people and improve her social skills.

“My time in *Voice* was very interesting. I was forced, more or less, to come out of my comfort zone to interview people,” Yeh said. “I’m usually very shy, and it gave me a sense of leadership and responsibility.”

Yeh graduated from Temple City High School in 2009, and currently attends California Polytechnic State University. She is majoring in kinesiology, with an emphasis in the field of clinical health science. Yeh hopes to become a physical or occupational therapist in the future, and plans to write during her spare time.

In addition to her current pursuits in the field of science, Yeh contributes to the community by occasionally teaching piano.

She recently taught multiple students every week, and used the money that she earned from her job to sustain her college life. Although Yeh no longer teaches piano every week, she hopes to keep teaching piano as a part time job.

The former Assistant Editor-in-Chief views her overall experience of writing for *Temple City Voice* as an opportunity to learn and help out her

community.

“[I] think people will get to see the world around them, and make small differences in their communities,” Yeh said. “I hope they [staff at *Temple City Voice*] will continue to work hard, and appreciate the opportunity to have their voices heard.”

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This comic strip was designed by Peterson Cheng.

## FOUNDER'S COLUMN: WORTH REPEATING

Alright, if you have not seen the movie "To Save a Life" you may have entirely missed out.

Released on January 22, "To Save a Life" is a Christian-based film that tells the story of how a popular, all American basketball player copes with the suicidal death of a former best friend. Jake Taylor, the star athlete, is the protagonist of the film. He is also the star athlete that everybody envies, and after Roger's death (his ex-best friend), Taylor begins to reach out to the students often left behind or unnoticed in high school.

Two weeks ago, I used my column to urge the Temple City community, specifically the youth, to check out "To Save a Life." I have not changed my mind. In fact, I have already seen the movie, in the theaters, twice.

I still feel that this film is a wake-up call to our youth. I stand by my recommendation because I have a feeling "To Save a Life" will change the way students live their lives.

For those out of high school, you should still check out the film. As I stated before, this movie has a storyline that I feel would connect with anyone who has gone through high school.

The closest screening of "To Save a Life" is currently in the city of Covina. Other locations include the cities of Los Angeles and Redondo Beach. If none of the theater locations mentioned work for you, perhaps, you can check it out on DVD or Blu-Ray when it comes out. Or even stream the movie online, legally, of course.

I do not think the movie will be out in the theaters for a long time, so I highly encourage you to not procrastinate on deciding whether you want to check it out or not. It's really a good film, inspiring also.

*Matthew*

*"To Save a Life" was directed by Brian Baugh and written by Jim Britts. The film has grossed more than \$3 million, three times the costs of production.*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| February | 16 | City Council Meeting<br><i>@Council Chambers, 7:30 P.M.</i>                        |
|          | 17 | Parks and Recreation MTG<br><i>@Council Chambers, 7:30 P.M.</i>                    |
|          | 18 | TCHS Art Show<br><i>@Media Center, 3:30 P.M.</i>                                   |
|          | 22 | Temple City Chamber of<br>Commerce Mixer<br><i>@El Monte Sam's Club, 5:30 P.M.</i> |
|          | 24 | School Board Meeting<br><i>@District Office, 7 P.M.</i>                            |