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Camellia Festival This Weekend, Parade on Saturday

High School Hosts Annual Art Show

Work from the high school's various art classes will be displayed until Friday, February 26.

BY NELSON LUU

Art students at Temple City High School showcased their talent at this year's annual Art Show on Thursday February 18, 2010 from 3:30 to 6:30 PM in the school media center.

This year's art show showcased work from all of the visual arts classes ranging from Art 1 and Advanced Art to AP Studio Art and this year's newly introduced Illustration class.

Students worked from the beginning of the

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ART SHOW: A display featuring the breadth and concentration of Advanced Placement Studio Art students Jasmine Wang and Zoe Dong.

Photo Courtesy of Art Instructor Ms. Kim

UNPUBLISHED, HISTORICAL NEWS ARTICLE

Pulido Assumes City Manager Position

Interim city manager returns to her former post.

BY RANDY SHUN

Jose Pulido on Monday officially took the reins at City Hall.

The former San Fernando city administrator succeeds former city manager and city attorney Charles R. Martin, who stepped down from both roles in May.

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School Board: Furlough or Layoff Teachers?

Difficult decisions may be made in order to save money.

BY TAYLOR EVANKO

On Wednesday, February 17 the Temple City School Board held a joint meeting with the budget committee to discuss ways to meet the district's budget requirements for the next three fiscal years.

California requires that districts propose a budget for the next three years by March 15 and have a reserve of 3% of the budget at the end of each fiscal year.

The board, budget committee, and audience received copies of the different *"Budget" on Page 3*

Show inspires students to become better artists continued from front page

school year until the start of the Art Show to prepare pieces to be on display. Ms. Mihee Kim, the AP Studio Art, Ceramics and Honors Painting teacher expresses her pride in the art students on campus.

“The Art Show really helps promote art and highlights all of the talent our school has.” Kim says. “Students really take ownership in the Art Show each year.”

Students from different disciplines also gave demonstrations much to the delight of the visitors. Christian Arrants, Allie Chen, Nicole

Hau and Meiyu Yip gave demonstrations on how to make pots on a potter’s wheel. Jackie Hou showed onlookers how to paint digitally using a tablet and Adobe Photoshop while Sharon Lai demonstrated different techniques of using oil paints and talked about the concept of social paintings.

“You pick an issue that is important to you and use your painting as a platform to express your feelings.” Lai said. “And you use colors to evoke emotions from the viewer.”

Her paintings were based on the rising divorce rates in America which she has had personal experience with. Students who came to the art show were awed at the works of their fellow students; some had no idea that their friends had so much talent. Some were even inspired.

“It really inspired me to become a better artist someday.” freshman Art 1 student Jing Zhu states. The pieces will be on display in the media center until Friday February 26, 2010. ■

Search for permanent city attorney is next continued from front page

Pulido, 44, was named the next city manager on October 6 by Temple City mayor Fernando Vizcarra. He beat approximately forty other candidates to secure the city’s highest appointed office.

“I see a town and a city with a lot of potential,” Pulido previously said. “Where you see some downfalls, I see a lot of opportunity.”

The new city manager began his job October 26, 2009. Prior to coming to Temple City, Pulido worked for the cities of Montebello, Pico Rivera, and San Fernando. He also worked for Los Angeles County.

Pulido holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master’s degree in urban planning from the University of California, Los Angeles.

As city manager, he will earn an annual salary of \$195,000 plus four weeks of vacation time.

Cathy Burroughs, who has served as interim city manager since May, will return to her post as parks and recreation director.

Last week, Burroughs thanked city councilmembers and city staff for the opportunity to serve.

“I want to thank the City Council for the opportunity to serve as your interim city manager over the past few months” Burroughs wrote in the October 22 city manager’s report. “Although difficult and trying at times, the experience has been very rewarding.”

Now that a permanent city manager has been found, the City Council will direct its focus toward hiring

a permanent city attorney.

Since June, Eric Vail of Burke, Williams and Sorensen LLC has acted as the interim city attorney.

The City Council was originally scheduled to discuss filling the vacancy at the previous city council meeting, but decided to postpone discussion due to the late hour. ■

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TCUSD, though impacted, still in better shape than some surrounding districts

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budget plans that the committee came up with after long negotiations. The was really one major difference between the two most recent budget plans.

One option is to start creating furlough days (three per year) for all district employees and enact a step freeze--teachers not already at the top of the district pay scale would have their salary increases postponed.

The other is to reduce the class sizes in K-3rd grade and 9th grade math and English classes, which would raise class sizes from 22 to 31 in K-3 and from 20 to 30 in 9th grade math and English over three years.

The latter would also result in the layoffs of around 21-25 teachers.

Many board members, however, expressed their hopes of avoiding as many layoffs and class reductions as possible.

"I think these are just difficult decisions. Regardless of what we do, it's going to be felt by everybody," Board Vice President Matt Smith said, "I hope we do the least damage to our students with the decisions we are making, but these are difficult times for everybody and tough decisions [must be made]."

Other ideas to save money were brought up as

well. Board Clerk Janet Rhee proposed to consider reducing the high school's curriculum requirement from three years of physical education down to two, as many other districts do.

Board President Rachel LaSota even suggested that she wouldn't mind giving up the entire district building and selling it if it meant keeping people employed.

Despite what may seem to be a bleak future for the district, Board Member Bob Ridley expressed hopes about the long-run, stating that after a few years the economy will have probably recovered somewhat and if the state will get its act together, that will leave the Temple City Unified School District in considerably better shape.

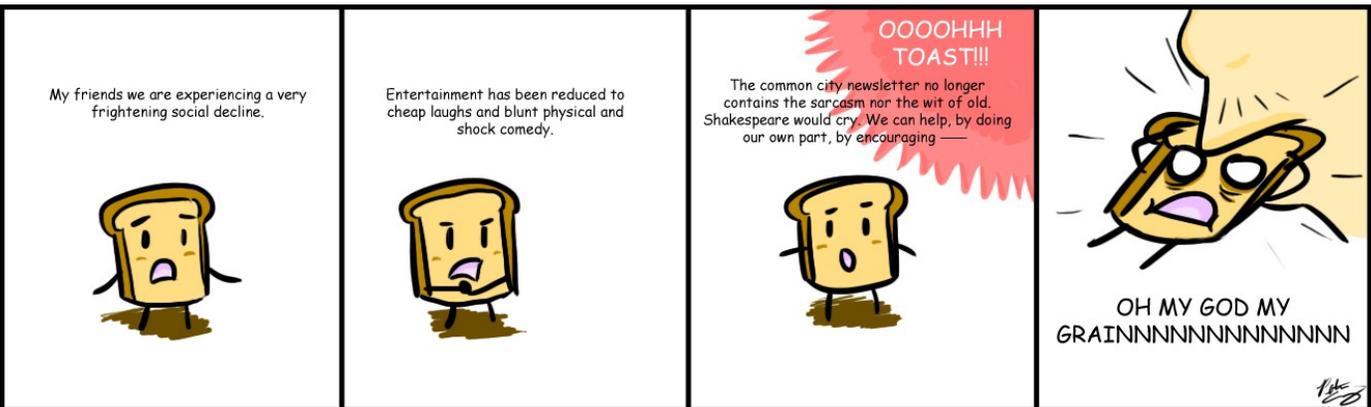
Furthermore, Emperor Elementary School Principal Kathy Perini and Superintendent Chelsea Kang-Smith pointed out that TCUSD is really in a much better situation than many surrounding districts, some of whom have had to shut down some elementary schools and enact as many as ten furlough days a year. ■

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This comic strip was designed by Peterson Cheng.

SR. EDITOR'S COLUMN: RACIAL INJUSTICE?

Recently, I saw an article in "The Week" regarding how some schools are putting admission limits on Asian students.

The article stated that here in California, 40 percent of the students in public universities are of Asian heritage, while making up 13 percent of the state's population. Nevertheless, Ivy League schools such as Yale, Dartmouth, and Harvard are making plans to limit the number of Asians who are admitted into their schools to no more than 20 percent.

It is understandable that this action is meant to keep the student body diverse. The stereotypes dictate that all Asian are to go to big-name colleges, graduate at the top of their class, and run companies, usually in the electronics industry. It does not help that while America still remains the world superpower, Japan and China are not too far off in terms of economy.

This decision by universities is ironic. By barring Asians from admittance into colleges in order to prevent a tip in the racial balance, they themselves exclude a certain race!

Asians do not all possess geniuses nor are we extraordinarily gifted in the academic arts. What the Western world as a whole fails to realize is that the reason why many Asians are beating their sons and daughters for class ranks and for the title of valedictorian is not because we are educationally superior. In actuality, Asians work harder because we are pushed harder.

Most Asian students can all mutually agree that the reason why they succeed is because of pressure from our parents and our peers. What causes Asians to be how we are today? Simply pressure from above.

Jason

A Note to Readers:

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| February | 26-28 | Camellia Festival |
| March | 2 | City Council Meeting @ Council Chambers, 7:30 P.M. |
| | 9 | Planning Commission Meeting @Council Chambers, 7:30 P.M. |
| | 10 | Board of Education Meeting @District Office, 7 P.M. |
| | 11-14 | "The Wizard of Oz" @San Gabriel Mission Playhouse |
| | 14 | Day Lights Savings Time SPRING FORWARD 1 Hour |