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## *In a turnaround, Assembly votes to confirm Maldonado*

### **Opinion:** **Rush Hour**

*Student discusses traffic problems at Temple City High School*

BY NELSON LUU

It's a warm spring day and you're trying to pass through a jumble of traffic for what seems like miles just to enter a well lit tunnel.

You finally manage to squeeze through thinking that the traffic would settle down once you get inside. It's rush hour and you are already late as it is but you have to continue on.

Traffic is moving sluggishly as you try to maneuver through the crowd. You finally make it to the end of the tunnel only to find another clogged up exit to traverse through before reaching dear sunlight.

Sound like the morning commute on the I-10? Well it's actually the morning rush hour in the 300s hallway at Temple City High School.

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**SPRING STATE:** Last weekend, the T.C.H.S. JSA attended the Spring State Convention. Taylor Evanko, the club's VP and a TCV staff writer, won the election for Angeles Region senator.

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### UNPUBLISHED, HISTORICAL NEWS ARTICLE

### **Officials Not Pleased with Day Recommendation for Farmers' Market**

*Chavez and Sternquist like Tuesdays, but Yu prefers Thursdays.*

BY RANDY SHUN

City officials will reconsider having a farmers' market in January after City Manager Jose Pulido reviews the recommendation by Avant Garde and the Temple City Chamber of Commerce, the City Council decided Tuesday evening.

Program Director Robert Paz and Chamber of Commerce President *"Market" on Page 2*

### **Miss TC Contestants Prepare for May Pageant**

*The pageant will take place on May 27 at St. Luke's Catholic Church.*

BY JASON ALVIN WU

As with many other cities, Temple City hosts a Miss Temple City Ambassador Program, which serves to have three girls show their dedication to the city.

As of current, there are now fourteen contestants trying out, with the recent dropout of Junior Grace Tran.

The remaining contestants include Juniors Heidi Chow, Mickie Wong, Karen Tang, Terry Sun, Audrey Lee, Shannon Wu, Samantha Yin, Julia Zhu, Judy Guan, Mandy Woo, Vic- *"Pageant" on Page 3*

# Temple City to reconsider farmers' market in January after City Manager Pulido reviews the item continued from front page

and C.E.O. Linda Payne, a strong proponent for a farmers' market, made a joint presentation at the December 1, 2009 city council meeting.

Both Paz and Payne recommended holding a weekly farmers' market on Tuesdays and on the 5800 block of Temple City Boulevard, between Las Tunas Drive and Workman Avenue. Additionally, the pair suggested having an operator manage the farmers' market, instead of the Chamber as previously noted.

"We really have done quite a bit of research," Payne said.

Since being directed by the City Council in October, Paz and Payne have researched potential locations and days. Payne and Paz considered three sites: Temple City Park, a block near the Alpha Beta property, and the 5800 block of Temple City Boulevard that they are now recommending.

There is access to parking, better landscaping, and a "very good exposure" to traffic calming measures, Paz said, referring to the 5800 block of Temple City Boulevard. But holding a farmers' market there would require closing down a major street, drawing concern from Mayor Pro Tempore Vincent Yu.

"Our intent is to clog it," Paz admitted. "Our intent is to block and create a traffic colony."

Having the farmers' market on Tuesdays was another concern Yu had. "I think Thursday is a good day," he said. Yu justified his position stating many people now had four-day work weeks and thus would be able to go to the farmers' market.

However, selecting Thursday causes a couple of other issues, Payne said. One problem is competition from neighboring cities, while another is not having the operator she liked.

If Temple City holds its farmers' market on Thursdays, it faces competition from Glendora, South Pasadena, and Upland.

Family Festival Productions, the operator Payne and Paz preferred, would also not be available. The benefit of working with Family Festival Productions, Paz said, vendors, a food court and live entertainment. In addition, FFP has experience certifying farmers' markets

"what we really have to have," Paz stated.

To obtain a certified farmers' market, the City would need a designation by the Los Angeles County Health, which also requires three separate health permits.

For now, City Councilmembers Tom Chavez and Cynthia Sternquist have no problem with Tuesdays. Mayor Fernando Vizcarra and Councilwoman Judy Wong have not yet expressed any day preference.

The City Council hired economic consultant Avant Garde in March 2009. The consultant, which has been working with city officials on other redevelopment issues, has previously stated having a farmers' market would be largely beneficial to the City and the Chamber of Commerce. ■

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## *Contestants to address platforms ranging from children's health to leukemia awareness* continued from front page

toria Nguyen, Makenzie Blank, and Jennifer Der along with Senior Crystalyn Adling-Cruise.

For some people, the Miss Temple City program is often thought to be synonymous with a beauty pageant or an event where the girls simply show themselves off. Contrary to that belief, the event is much more rigorous and has a deep meaning.

"The process was really time consuming for me, considering it was my junior year." Last year's Royal Court member Shine Fu said. "I had to balance my school academics with this extracurricular but it really taught me how to manage my time wisely so that I could fit in all the events that I had to attend."

Each girl is required to present a platform issue on which they believe would improve Temple City or would be rather important to be aware about. The girl who is crowned Miss Temple City will be expected to address the platform and benefit the city.

The platforms range from children's health to

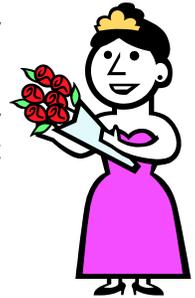
leukemia awareness and even to a parent's awareness in their child's education.

The judging process is done by having three judges with no affiliation with Temple City preside over the pageant and grading each contestant by their speech, personality, and talent merit.

Also, for tie-breaker purposes, during the preparation time, the girls are awarded points for attendance to practices and community events and mixers.

The contestants prepare for the pageant every Monday night from seven to nine o'clock at night for five months at Cloverly Elementary School, which includes giving a speech, a walk, and a talent show, led by Kim Wenzel and Linda Payne.

The pageant itself is scheduled to take place on May 27 at St. Luke's Catholic Church. 



## *Student discusses the traffic issues around local high school* continued from front page

Students have all been through the experience of passing through that hallway in the morning on time or another. Many find it annoying while others scramble in order to get to class before the bell rings.

"I think that passing period gets really chaotic because too many people are trying to get through," Senior Caroline Truong said. "[and] things get inefficient because some people block the entire entrance instead of going in or out."

Many have tried alternate routes to bypass the pileup but oftentimes they take longer than the original route.

"Whenever I take the hallways I'm late, [sometimes] I try to go around the 300 building near the band room as a detour," Junior Sammy Chang said. "but I become even later than when I take the longer detour."

But there are solutions to this problem; Truong believes that "if people walked faster to get in and out of the hallways and did not linger near the doors while waiting for friends, then things would become more efficient."

Other solutions could be to expand the doorways to allow more people access the hallway and even paint traffic lines on the floor. Yes, traffic lines.

Some have suggested that by separating the crowd into those heading north, and those heading south, then students would not have to dodge others heading in the opposite direction like a game of Frogger.

And finally, the last idea is just to encourage others to walk faster. Who hasn't been stuck in the situation in which they were slowed down by a student who seemed to love to take his or her sweet time with walking the hallways and dragged a roller backpack behind them like a Hummer? Yes, the only thing I can compare it to is like driving behind a granny in an SUV on Golden West. And yes, this has happened to me on many occasions.

So please, try to encourage those straggler friends of yours to pick up the pace and get out of the exits because the administration is not going to spend the money on remodeling the doors or adding a fresh coat of paint anytime soon. 

## EDITOR'S COLUMN: CONNECTING WITH NATURE

My old house had a huge backyard that was abundant in bushes, roses, trees, vines, and tulips. I loved being around nature, and so I always dashed outside to scooter around it after I finished my homework and studies. It was a daily habit and a very effective de-stressor.

When we moved to my current house, I quickly realized that things would have to change. The backyard was a strip of grass, with a brick wall around it. A few flowers clung onto the wall for dear life. There was one pathway that I could hardly scooter on, which went in one straight line for a few meters and then led to the trash cans.

As a result, I kicked my habit. I no longer scootered, and consequentially, I also stopped going outdoors for relaxation.

It was only two days ago that I rediscovered my need to connect with the outdoors. I was hanging up the laundry to dry and stopped to think about all of my worries and doubts and fears about my schoolwork and my future.

I decided to help my dad out with weeding the garden, and also watered some of my very neglected cacti. Though seemingly menial, this activity helped me relax and regain the calmness and ability to focus on my work.

I suggest that anyone who is extremely stressed out, AP student or not, take an hour or two out of their schedule to go outside and interact with nature. It can be gardening adventure, or a hike up Eaton Canyon.

For some reason, after interacting with nature, work becomes more a lot more purposeful and doing it becomes a lot more worthwhile.

*Sophia*

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| April | 23-24 | Advanced Drama<br>Mystery Weekend<br><i>@TCHS Room 601, 7 P.M.</i> |
|       | 27    | Planning Commission MTG<br><i>@Council Chambers, 7:30 PM</i>       |
|       | 30    | Oak Medieval Day<br><i>@Oak Front Lawn, 9 AM–1 PM</i>              |
| May   | 4     | City Council Meeting<br><i>@Council Chambers, 7:30 P.M.</i>        |
|       | 12    | School Board MTG<br><i>@District Office, 7 P.M.</i>                |