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## *Graduation Ceremony Takes Place Next Friday*

### *Nominees Selected in 2010 California Primary*

*In local race, Temple City gave more votes to Republican Day than Democratic incumbent.*

**BY DANNY TSANG**

Voters throughout the state of California on Tuesday cast their ballots for party nominees and state measures.

The statewide primary election, on June 8, featured candidates running for governor, lieutenant governor, the U.S. Senate, the 44<sup>th</sup> assembly district, as well as five state measures.

In the gubernatorial primary race, former California Governor Jerry Brown, the lone major Democratic candidate, prevailed with 84 percent of  
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**LUNCH TIME PERFORMANCE:** Students perform during lunch at Temple City High School.

### *Performing Arts Groups Showcase Pieces at Spring Cavalcade*

*Students perform at T.C.H.S. on June 2.*

**BY AMY FAN**

The Spring Cavalcade featured performances by student instrumental, choir, and dance groups at Temple City High School, on Wednesday, June 2.

The concert included pieces by the Green and Gold Jazz bands, Honors Orchestra and Wind Ensemble, Brighter Side Singers, Combined Choirs, Fusion dancers, Auxiliaries, and various other music and dance groups from TCHS. The concert lasted for  
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### *One Week Left, Class of 2010 Marches Toward Graduation*

*Seniors kick off final week at T.C.H.S.*

**BY LESLIE WU**

As graduation approaches, the soon to be graduating Temple City High School seniors on Friday kicked off their final week of high school.

“Everything just went by really quickly,” Jimmy Du, a graduating senior, said. “It’s kind of hard to grasp the fact that we’re about to graduate.”

The incoming freshman at Stanford University added, “At the moment, everything is still kind of normal. We’re still going to school.”

Du, along with his fellow classmates, started their final examinations on  
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# Music groups perform at high school

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approximately two hours and was performed from multiple areas of the quad, with the audience at the center for convenience.

The pieces were very well received and garnered critically positive reviews from the spectators.

“It was great, I especially loved the jazz part,” remarked TCHS alumna, Ana-Cecilia Mendoza, “It was very upbeat.”

The Gold Jazz band, which concluded the performance, entertained audiences with its high-energy and snazzy music. The jazz group played remarkable pieces with superior soloists, including alto-saxophonist Willie Szeto and trumpet and flugelhorn player, Robert Ullrich.

Also revered by audiences was the Honors Orchestra and Wind Ensemble group, which masterfully executed the challenging piece, “Night on Bald Mountain,” and entertained spectators with its exciting “Video Game Medley.”

Not limited to only music itself, the Brighter Side Singers performed powerful vocals with well-executed choreography, arousing the crowd’s interest with perky music from the television series, “Glee.” This group also

featured several vocalists in their pieces, such as Kimbria Mitchell and Hank Chang, and sang alongside with the combined choir for the medley arrangement, “Irving Berlin’s America.”

Exciting dance performances were highlighted by dance piece, “Dream Girls,” by the all-female dance group, Fusion, to a song by Beyonce, of the same name, and a co-ed swing ensemble, which danced and twirled to the Gold Jazz band piece, “Go Daddy-O.”

Another group of considerable interest was a student-arranged and composed ensemble, which included J.J. Bassette on piano, Jessie Huang as the vocalist, and several orchestra members to perform the original piece, “Falling Awake.”

The 18 performances by these groups, though diverse in subject talent, seemed synonymous in their pursuit of excellence and demonstration of experience in the arts.

“I’m always impressed by the quality of these young folks,” praised School Board Member Bob Ridley, “I’m always amazed at the talent.”

Not limited only to the audience, the performers also conveyed enthusiasm in expressing their abilities and giving a show to their families and peers.

“It felt exhilarating,” described sophomore alto-saxophonist Leslie Tjing, about her feelings toward the performance, “I enjoyed every bit of it.”

However, for some members, the mood was more inclined toward nostalgia to the past, and resolution to the future.

“It was pretty cool, considering it was my last time performing,” mused senior Bass Clarinetist Nate Dickie, “I feel like the group and myself has grown a lot in the past four years.”

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## Letter to the Editor

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I just read about comments about giving us back a local theater in the hole that the council dug for us. I, for one, would love to see a theater back there. When we had the old theater, I used to think of going to a movie and dinner here in Temple City frequently.

We are so overpopulated with bridal shops, nail salons, and such that I seldom even think of shopping in Temple City or walking down Las Tunas to see what is new. This town needs a balance of shops to get more people shopping here. I hope that whatever the solution is, it comes soon. We residents of this area are fed up with "The Hole" and its ugly fence. Make a green park that is pleasing to look at if you can't make up your mind about the site.

Mrs. C. McNamara  
40+ year Temple City Resident

## Events leading up to the 2010 graduation

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Friday, June 11. Testing will continue on Monday and conclude Tuesday. After that, the only remaining task will be practice for the graduation ceremony.

Still, there remains an important program before graduation: the Baccalaureate.

The Baccalaureate, a nondenominational program, gives seniors an opportunity to listen to their fellow classmates. The program begins Sunday, June 13 at 3 p.m. at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Temple City.

Then, on Friday, June 18, the 2010 graduation ceremony will take place. Commencement is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at North Field, Temple City High School.

Following the ceremony is the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Grad Nite. This year's theme is "Senior Safari Wild Adventures".

"It feels like one chapter of my life is ending and another is starting," Du said. 🗨️

## Brown, Whitman advance to general election

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the votes. Brown will compete against former eBay executive Meg Whitman, who won 64 percent of the votes against Steve Poizner, the current Insurance Commissioner in the Republican primary, in November.

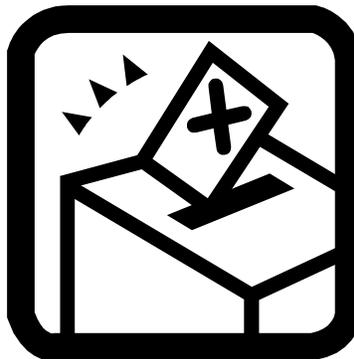
Meanwhile, incumbent Democrat Barbara Boxer received 80 percent of the votes in her party's primary for the U.S. Senate. Boxer will face former HP executive Carly Fiorina, who emerged as the Republican nominee after Tuesday's election.

Fiorina defeated former Congressman Tom Campbell, a moderate Republican, and Assemblyman Chuck Devore, a Tea Party favorite, with 57 percent of the votes. Campbell and Devore placed second and third, respectively.

For the only local race, the 44<sup>th</sup> assembly district, each candidate easily secured his party's nomination. None faced a challenger.

Incumbent Democrat Anthony Portantino received the most votes, 21,457. Portantino is seeking a third and final term in the state Assembly. He is the frontrunner and is expected to win in November.

Republican Alvaro Day, a graduate of Temple City High School, received 15,981 votes. Libertarian candidate Eytan Kollin received 146 votes.



Despite there being more registered Democrats than Republicans in Temple City, Day received more votes than Portantino. Day got 1200 votes, while Portantino earned 1094 votes.

Looking at the state measures on the ballot, California voters only approved two of five propositions: Proposition 13 and Proposition 14.

Proposition 13, which limits property tax in regards to the construction of buildings that have adapted earthquake security developments, received 85 percent of the votes cast. Proposition 14, the top-two open primary, received 56 of the votes cast.

California voters also defeated Proposition 15, 16, and 17. Proposition 15 failed with 57 percent of the votes. Proposition 16 failed with 52 percent of the votes. Proposition 17 failed with 51 percent of the votes.

Nearly 21 percent of registered voters in Temple City turned out to vote. 🗨️

## FOUNDER'S COLUMN: COMING TO AN END

I'm coming home!

Right now, I'm sitting on a Southwest plane, heading to Burbank, California. This flight, from Washington, D.C. to Las Vegas, and onward to Burbank, marks the end of a journey.

For nearly three months, I lived in our nation's capital, studying, interning, and having some fun. While in D.C., I travelled and explored, sightseeing and dining throughout D.C. and the East Coast.

To sum things up, I had an incredible or "fantabulous" (a word I recently made up) experience.

Just as my D.C. adventure has ended, so to will this year's *Temple City Voice* staff end theirs. In just a number of days, 14 past and present members of the Voice will graduate from Temple City.

Thus, I want to acknowledge a few of these student volunteers.

Sophia Chang, the outgoing editor-in-chief, for her hard work and dedication to the *Voice*, for not giving up when times were tough, and for always contributing innovative ideas to improve the *Voice*.

Randy Shun, the former senior editor, for his dedication and loyalty to the *Voice* since his sophomore year. Christine Keung, like Randy, for her contributions, ever since she became a sophomore.

Jessilyn Chwa, the former editor-in-chief, like her predecessors, for her sacrifices. As her predecessors and successors will attest, serving as editor-in-chief is not small feat.

Together, these students, along with *Temple City Voice* alumni, have made this organization and community so much more.

Next year, as I begin my fourth year as an advisor for the *Voice*, will take what I have learned these past couple of year to guide the next generation of student leaders. I will carry on the legacies and pass on the memories of these past four years to forge an even stronger future for the *Voice*.

*Matthew*

*P.S. Sophia and have selected a new editor-in-chief: Jason Wu.*

**Editor's Note:** *The Temple City Voice will not be publishing next week.*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

June	13	Baccalaureate @St. Luke's Church, 3 P.M.
	15	City Council Meeting @City Council Chambers, 7:30 P.M.
	17	Oak Promotion @Oak Front Lawn, 6 P.M.
	17	TCHS Graduation @Hitchcock Stadium, 7 P.M.



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