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## *Relay for Life of Chinese Communities Saturday*

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NEWS ARTICLE

### *City Council Approves Funding for New Home Rehabilitation Program*

*Temple City allocates CRA monies to fund "A Brush with Kindness"*

BY MATTHEW WONG

The City Council on Tuesday agreed over how to pay for a new home rehabilitation program: Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funds.

Acting as the Community Development and Housing Authority, the City Council on December 15, 2009 unanimously approved the use of CRA low and moderate housing funds to finance

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**'10 GRADUATION:** Seniors make their way to their graduation ceremony, the last time they will ever be high school students. In short, they will make their way to college.

### *Catching Up with Former Staff: Jackie Zhang*

*Zhang recently completed her sophomore year at the University of California, Riverside.*

BY JASON WU

Two years ago, Jackie Zhang graduated from Temple City High School, leaving behind her city for a new school.

Zhang was a former member of Temple City Voice, holding the position of staff writer.

Currently, she is attending the University of California in Riverside, working towards a major in Psychology. Her experi-

ences as a Peer Lis- *"Jackie Zhang" on Page 2*

### *Dragonflicks Holds Annual Film Festival at TCHS*

*High School group displays films at Temple City High School early this month.*

BY GRACE TRAN

The annual Dragonflicks Film Festival, which was put on by none other than this year's Dragonflicks, was held on June 2, 2010 at Temple City High School.

Like every year, film festival always has a theme, and this year was no different. However, in comparison to last year's theme, "Oscars," this year's theme was much darker. "Funeral" or "In Loving Memory" was this year's chosen theme. Dragonflicks students were required

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**Zhang just completed her sophomore year at UCR** Continued From Front Page

tener in high school helped her consider the major.

She had won an award in the Peer Listeners program which motivates her to win another in college. After getting her degree, she plans to work at clinics and travel the world, helping children.

Like many other *Temple City Voice* alumni, Zhang recalls that her experiences in the *Voice* really opened her eyes to the community.

“I wanted to join *Temple City Voice* because I felt that it would help me become more involved in school events,” Zhang said. “I learned that there were a lot of interesting events on campus that I wasn’t aware of until I was writing for *Temple City Voice*.”

Zhang also participates in activities around her school, engaging herself in the campus’s Chinese Stu-

dent Association, abbreviated and known more commonly as CSA.

She also cooks, dances, runs, bikes, swims, and hikes in her free time.



Jackie Zhang, Photo Courtesy

**Film Festival Theme: In Loving Memory** Continued From Front Page

dress in all black attire, which was not a stretch for them, considering that the color is standard for the backstage workers. For senior Iris Liu, a first year member, film fest was a culmination of everything.

“This was my first film fest and it was really amazing to see all our films we worked on this year actually be screened by everyone.” she said. “Also, since we only wear black when we work, I didn’t need to go out and buy clothes!”

The theme was not the only thing to take center stage at the festival. The main reason for the film festival was to celebrate the cine-

matic achievements of the students in Dragonflicks. All 16 movies were student made. What this means is that each movie was storyboarded, directed, filmed, acted, and edited all by the Dragonflicks members. Genres of films that night ranged from horror to romance, and even included some silent films.

The film festival was bitter-sweet for Dragonflicks members because it signified the year coming to an end, but especially for three seniors, it was a goodbye to a home they had spent four years in. Seniors Michelle Sparnicht, Stephanie Dang, Kimberly Scinta joined Drag-

onflicks in their freshman year and have been part of it ever since. For them, this would be their very last film festival.

“DF [Dragonflicks] has been a huge part of my high school career and I’ll never forget it.” Michelle Sparnicht, known in Dragonflicks as Sparky, said. “Film fest was sad because it was my last one, but I’m going to visit next year.”

Dragonflicks, Mr. Kidd, Elias Bourjeili and a special thanks to senior Stephanie Dang, who was in charge of the film festival, made the event possible.

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# Fifty thousand dollars allocated for “A Brush with Kindness”

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“A Brush with Kindness,” a new rehabilitation program sponsored by Habitat for Humanity.

Community Development Manager Joseph Lambert stated that A Brush with Kindness would stretch the use of

funding by 35 to 45 percent, according to Habitat. This is possible because Habitat primarily relies on “sweat equity” and volunteer labor.

For example, a \$10,000 grant from the City could be valued at \$13,000 to \$15,000.

In November, the City Council directed city staff to look into funding sources for A Brush with Kindness.

City staff considered three options: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, CRA funds, and general fund. But concluded using CRA funds was best.

According to Lambert, there were several benefits to using CRA funds. Higher income levels (or families making up to less than 120 percent of the median income in Temple City) could participate. In

contrast, using CDBG funds only qualifies families making up to 80 percent of the median income.

Other perks include less reporting to county or state agencies, in addition to not having to seek approval from the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission.

Lambert also noted that if the City chose to use CDBG funds, financing for A Brush with Kindness would not come before July 1 next year.

A Brush with Kindness is a new program sponsored by the non-profit organization Habitat for Humanity. If both the City and Habitat come to an agreement, Temple City will be the first in the San Gabriel Valley to implement the program.

Following Tuesday evening’s decision, \$50,000 in CRA monies will be allocated for A Brush with Kindness this fiscal year. ■

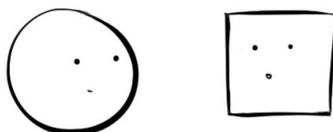
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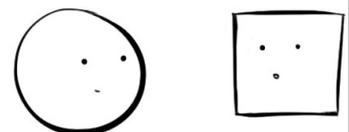
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YUP.



This comic strip was designed by Peterson Cheng..

## SR. EDITOR'S COLUMN: JOB HUNTING

I'm sure I am not the only high school student scrounging around for a job this time of year.

Right when I was relieved from school, I immediately ran all over Temple City looking for a place that would hire me. I am not too nitpicky about where I work, so long as they would hire me—my badminton gear does not pay for itself.

Many places that I went to turned me down. Some places asked me to just write down my name and they may or may not get back to me. A few handed me an application, usually short and sweet, save for Office Depot's, which by far was the largest, at what I believe was about ten pages, not to mention an 123-question online survey. Only Office Depot took my resume, only after I had pressed it into the manager's hands.

My parents had always told me that no matter where I look for a job, as long as I had a good education and the experience to back it up, I would be well off.

Scratch that.

Sure, I am not looking for a full-time office job, but I am still finding a job, even if it is part-time summer work. Here, these places would take just about anybody, so long as they have a clean drug and criminal record. A well-educated person is weighed just as equally as a high school dropout.

It makes me bite my nails in apprehension. I must have signed up for about a dozen, if not more, jobs and I am sure I am not the only one. Probably at least a few scores of people did the same before me. It really makes me anxious about if I can get any job at all.

*Jason*

*Jason Wu is an incoming senior at Temple City High School. He is also the incoming Editor-in-Chief of the Temple City Voice.*



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| June | 26-27 | Southern California<br>Chinese Relay for Life<br><i>@TCHS, 10 A.M.—10 A.M.</i> |
|      | 29    | Special City Council MTG<br><i>@Council Chambers, 6:30 P.M.</i>                |
|      | 30    | Concerts in the Park<br><i>@Temple City Park, 7 P.M.</i>                       |
| July | 4     | Independence Day   |
|      | 6     | City Council Meeting<br><i>@Council Chambers, 7:30 P.M.</i>                    |
|      | 7     | Concerts in the Park<br><i>@Temple City Park, 7 P.M.</i>                       |