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Temple City High Holds Fifth Annual Talent Show

Fiorina to Run in the Republican Primary for Senate

Carly Fiorina officially declares her campaign for the Senate.

BY RANDY SHUN

Carly Fiorina will be running to represent California in the United States Senate.

Fiorina announced her candidacy on November 4.

She will be competing against state assemblyman Chuck DeVore. If elected in next June's state primary, Fiorina will run against incumbent Barbara Boxer.

Fiorina, John McCain's campaign economic advisor, intends to run on moder- "*Fiorina*" on Page 3



HIGH SCHOOL TALENT SHOW: Temple City High School senior Jeffery Bassette performs his own arrangement of Pachelbel's Canon during the 5th annual Dragonflicks Talent Show, and walks away with the Grand Prize.

Dragonflicks Hosts Fifth Annual Talent Show

On November 17, Temple City High School Dragonflicks hosted its annual talent show in Room 601.

BY CHRIS DU

At 6:30 p.m. teachers, students, and parents flocked in to watch the fifth annual Dragonflicks talent show in Room 601.

The various shows performed by students included singing, dancing, and playing the piano and cello.

The talent show was "*Show*" on Page 2

Electronic Waste Collection Contributes to Grad Nite

TRI Products Inc., hosts a community event: recycling unused electronic products.

BY IVY VUONG

The Electronic Waste Collection took place at the student parking lot of Temple City High School (TCHS) on the weekend of November 14-15, 2009.

Hosted by TRI Products Inc., the purpose of the event was to recycle electronic products and promote community outreach by emphasizing the need for joint action.

For everything that is recycled, TCHS receives a fair percentage of the money, which is then contributed to the 2010 Grad Nite fund.

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Donors dropped off unwanted electronic items, or e-waste, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

E-waste includes computers, monitors, printers, motherboards, UPS and PDA networking equipment, copiers, scanners, VCR/VCD/DVD players, fax machines, home entertainment systems, car batteries, cellular phones, portable devices, and printer/toner cartridges.

Although many accessories were accepted, household batteries, refrigerators, washers, dryers, paints, solvents and cleaners, used oil, light bulbs and hazardous waste were rejected, either physically cum-

bersome or potentially toxic to handle.

Lori Scinta, a parent of a current TCHS senior praised the event and community participation. She explained that most people do not recycle their electronic waste, the material ends up in landfills.

This has a deleterious effect on the environment and a person's health because of multiple unsafe elements, including mercury, lead, antimony, cadmium, barium, arsenic, and chromium can spread through air or leak into water supplies, causing irreparable damage to the lungs, skin, heart, brain, eyes and kidneys.

Also, the environmental impact is significant. Improper disposal can lead to run which damages any organism exposed to contamination.

After being deposited at TCHS, the e-waste is organized into piles depending on the type of waste. TRI Products Inc., then provides trucks to gather the heaps.

"We already filled one huge truck," said Scinta.

These trucks go to a factory where the accessories are disassembled and are later sold to the state of California. ■

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judged by Temple City High School (TCHS) teachers Mr. Russell, Mrs. Ferntheil, Mr. Latuerbach, and Mrs. Li. The grand prize was 100 dollars.

It was taken home by JJ Bassete, who played a self-arranged Pachabell's Canon on the piano. Elyssa Brown won second place dancing to *Then you Look at Me* by Celine Dion. Ariana Barrett won third place with *How Come You Don't Call Me Anymore* by Adele.

The contenders prepared over the course of three weeks. Students first had to audition. They then had to sell tickets for Dragonflicks and finally do a dress rehearsal before the big day. Many groups worked very hard to prepare for their precious minutes on stage.

Calvin Lu's group, which performed as the Jackson Five, rehearsed for around 20 hours to get things right. "It was irritating and a lengthy process, but we felt accomplished once it all came together," said

Lu.

"This year's talent show probably had the best talent we've seen in a long time," said Mr. Kidd, the Dragonflicks advisor. ■

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ate Republican issues, but will mainly concentrate on developing solutions to job losses and economic slumps.

Previously the CEO of Hewlett-Packard, she currently faces off against Devore for the Republican nomination. In recent polls the public favors Fiorina to Devore, 22 percent to 21 percent respectively.

Fiorina’s run for a Senate seat, provided she receives the necessary nomination, is at odds with Boxer’s. While Boxer’s approval rating currently hovers around 48 percent, Fiorina believes recent events (verbal scuffles over race and honorifics) will detract from Boxer’s appeal. “After chemotherapy, Barbara Boxer just really isn’t that scary anymore,” says Fiorina.

Fiorina has received fire for hypocrisy. When citing the need for new job, critics claimed she fired over 28,000 employees while serving under Hewlett-Packard.

“It’s a shame,” when questioned about her lack of voting over the years.

Democratic U.S. senator Boxer is seeking to defend her three-term seat, a feat believed difficult due to her diminishing approval ratings.

However, Boxer’s past stances set her apart from Fiorina. The incumbent has sponsored legislation to preserve wildlife and promote clean energy, support autism and AIDS research, increase gun control, and facilitate job creation. Project Vote Smart ranks her at 90 -100 percent approval over a majority of her approval ratings.

Boxer, Chair of the Senate environmental committee, has faced similar run-offs. In 1992, she squared off against talk show host Bruce Herschensohn and won with less than 5 percent. The gap increased as she defeated former state Treasurer Matt Fong and Secretary of State Bill Jones by ten and twenty points, respectively.

Despite persisting rumors, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who is term-limited, will not run for a Senate position. ■

“Encompass” Performs for BTSA Participants

Tina Cunningham, director of BTSA Consortium for Temple City and Duarte Unified, offers corrections to a previously published article on the program.

BY SOPHIA CHANG

The Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) program held its monthly workshop last Tuesday, November 10.

Supporter providers and participating teachers attended a performance by Encompass, a theatrical group, of *Horizon Line*. *Horizon Line* is a play that helps teachers learn about ways to handle students’ biases and conflicts.

The BTSA is a two-year state-run program for teachers with preliminary teaching credentials.

In 1998, the Temple City Unified School District (TCUSD) implemented the BTSA program. Five

years later, BTSA involved into today’s BTSA Induction program.

Tina Cunningham, director of the BTSA Consortium for Duarte Unified School District and TCUSD, joined the District in 2002.

Cunningham has previously praised the success of the BTSA Induction program, citing that 96 percent of teachers, who entered TCUSD in 2004 and participated in the BTSA program, are still teaching with the District.

For TCUSD, there are a total of 13 participating teachers and 9 support providers.

Besides a two-hour monthly meeting, both participating teachers and support providers meet a minimum of once a week. Cunningham reviews the credentials of potential candidates and contacts the chosen teacher-mentor.

The stipend of a support provider is approximately \$1500 an-

nually, along with a few benefits.

“BTSA is completely self-supporting,” states Cunningham in a September interview with the *Voice*. “It’s completely funded by the state.”

The BTSA program was created to address the issue of teachers quitting their jobs due to the classroom related stress. According to Cunningham, BTSA serves “as a means to offer support for new teachers.” ■

This news article updates and revises the previously published article, “District BTSA Program Begins a New Year.”

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EDITOR'S COLUMN: HOW TO SAVE THE WORLD

There are people who are concerned about the environment and invite us to join their quest in saving the world.

I used to be one of them. I was passing out environmental club flyers and happened to come across a group of gangly kids under the dusty staircase. I handed out a flier to one of them with a high-voltage smile and squealed, "Come help save the world!" The boy looked back at me beneath oily curls and smirked. Then he mouthed his next words carefully and deliberately: "The world's screwed."

Of course, the extremely naïve girl that I was, I could only stare back with crushed hopes and dreams of a united Earth with people of different ethnicities and hair qualities holding hands and singing together. That night I lay awake on my bed with a stricken expression on my face. Why didn't I just tell him that things that are well off wouldn't need saving, and that the only reason we are saving the world is because it's screwed if we don't take action? I fumbled around on my bed a little as I always do when I reflect upon failed conversations.

It wasn't until weeks later when I came upon a quote by Jonas Salk, who said, "If all the insects were to disappear from the earth, within 50 years all life on Earth would end. If all human beings disappeared from the earth, within 50 years all forms of life would flourish."

And then the Matrix and The Day the Earth Stood Still started to make sense.

We're killing our own habitat. This isn't some sort of far-fetched quest to save a planet from evil, sniggering/cackling forces. It's a matter of being more responsible for what we create. If we use a dish, we wash it. Otherwise, our sink fills up and becomes unusable. Unless there is another sink at hand, our dish-washing days are over and our eat-your-vegetables-and-avoid-the-fungal-matter days have just begun. It is the quality of life of each and every one of us that is at stake here.

Now we are at a stage where we haven't been responsibly tending to the trash we've created. Maybe those extra china plates that are taking up all the sink space aren't our tableware; but if we want to use that sink we're going to have to get it out of the way. Now pretend that the only way you can get rid of dirty dishes is to wash them, because there is no equivalent of "breaking them" that would pertain to our analogy of how we're clogging our Earth with filth.

Let's join the movement to become more responsible global citizens and clean up after our own trash, and create means of which we can clean up the trash that previous generations have generated as well, so that we, as well as future generations, can live quality lives.

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