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Temple City Voters to Elect New City Council on Tuesday

Voters to Head to Polls Tuesday, March 8

Six candidates are vying for three seats on the City Council.

BY MATTHEW WONG

Temple City voters will return to the polls next Tuesday, March 8 to elect three candidates to the City Council.

Voters will choose among six candidates, including the three incumbents, running for a four-year term.

Temple City Mayor Fernando Vizcarra is asking for another four years. While incumbents Carl Blum and Cynthia Sternquist, who were both appointed to the City Council, are asking voters to give them a chance for a full term.

Planning Commissioner Manuel "Manny" Valenzuela III, the youngest of the six candidates, is also seeking a position on the City

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CAMELLIA FESTIVAL: Temple City held its 51st Camellia Festival last weekend, February 25 to 27, 2011.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Golden Deli Express Opens in Temple City

Golden Deli Express, a new age and quicker variation of the original Golden Deli comes to Temple City at last.

BY JASON WU

After much wait and anticipation, Temple City's own Golden Deli Express has finally opened on Las Tunas Drive.

A more "express", or quicker to-go, version of the original Golden Deli that rests on the more western stretch of Las Tunas in San Gabriel, the restaurant offers the same food as the mother branch, but in a more new-age feeling.

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UNPUBLISHED, HISTORICAL NEWS ARTICLE

City Council Approves Policy on Prayer

Temple City to bring back invocation before meetings.

BY RAYMOND TRAN

Temple City will soon offer prayers before its meetings now that an official invocation policy has been approved.

The City Council on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, unanimously voted to approve Resolution 10-4667. The resolution brings back a practice once abandoned: holding invocations before city meetings.

Councilman Carl Blum, a proponent of the new policy, referred to John Zubrick when the item came up for discussion. Zubrick, who recently passed away, was a long-time active member of the community.

"We'd received a letter,

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Temple City Art Show Displays Student Talent

Temple City High School throws on an art show to showcase the works of all the art classes.

BY AVA CHENG

Temple City High School held its annual art show on Thursday, February 24th.

The event was headed by the art teachers, Ms. Kim, Ms. Cales, Ms. Hook, and Ms. Chang Ho, who came together to create this opportunity for students in the art classes to display their work. On display were works from Art 1, Illustration, Advanced Art, Painting,

Ceramics, Advanced Ceramics, Honors Painting, and AP Studio Art. The art show was set up like a gallery opening, with student helpers greeting guests, serving snacks, and answering questions and helping viewers like docents at an art museum.

One of the student helpers, senior Jade Su, was really impressed with this year's art show.

"I really liked the caricatures of the teachers." Many of the guests, myself included, instantly recognized our teachers; Dagger on stage doing stand-up, Hoague telling us to "answer the question," and Slattery making us smile with "physics

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Council.

Starene Cruse, a nurse assistant, and Nicholas Lisk, a retired contract administrator, are both challenging the incumbents for an opportunity to bring in fresh voices to the City Council.

The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

During the campaign season, which began in December, the candidates faced off at two candidates' forum.

One forum was sponsored by the Temple City High School Junior State of America and the *Temple City Voice*. That event took place at Live Oak Park on Sunday, February 13.

Another forum was sponsored by the Temple

City Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters. That event took place at the Temple City Women's Club on Tuesday, February 15.

The candidates debated on a variety of issues, including the Athens Waste Management contract, re-development, and their vision for Temple City.

The incumbents asked voters to return them to another term, citing the progress of the past two years after the election of Tom Chavez and Vincent Yu to the City Council. Meanwhile, the others urged voters to send fresh blood to the City Council.

The last day to register to vote for the March 8, 2011 City Council election was Monday, February 21.



Restaurant Review: Golden Deli Continued From Front Page

Golden Deli is famous among people who frequent Vietnamese restaurants. It is one of the most popular Vietnamese restaurants in the San Gabriel Valley, and on most days, there is a ridiculously long wait line to eat there. It is featured as one of the 196 businesses on "The Best of LA" as well as other Los Angeles news reports.

The prime item on the menu, like that of other Vietnamese restaurants, is beef noodle soup, known as pho. Pho broth is made from beef bones and spices such as cinnamon, star anise, and cloves and is broiled for days in order to create a rich soup. The noodles themselves consist of thin, white, rice sticks.

What sets pho beef apart from other beef noodle soups is that the beef consists of thin slices of rare beef that is added to the bowl right before serving, cooking in the soup right before it is presented to you. The bowl comes with a dish that is adorned with jalapeños, bean sprouts, mints, and a lime to garnish and flavor the soup with, to each their own preference.

The main difference between the two Golden Deli's is predominantly atmosphere. Golden Deli Ex-

press offers a brighter, new-age variation of the restaurant, whereas Golden Deli sported dark lighting and a more traditional atmosphere. Golden Deli Express has plastered walls, with one wall at the cash register sporting brick and a glass menu mounted on the wall. The other Golden Deli sported oil paintings depicting landscape.

The new restaurant is obviously very Americanized and was meant to target a broader and possibly younger audience.

When it comes down to food, there is a noticeable difference. Although the pho soup is quite good, it seems to lack a certain taste that Golden Deli seemed to offer. Of course, it could possibly be the usage of less MSG, as the usual "MSG coma" after the soup felt quite diluted.

The plates used to hold the rice dishes are smaller than the ones normally used in Vietnamese cuisine (very large with a small dip that holds all the contents) making the dish look relatively small. However, it seemed to hold just the same amount of food because it filled me up just the same. The eggrolls, which the original Golden Deli was famous for, is still made the same way here, with the traditional rice paper wrappings for the shell, rather than conventional wonton wrappers.

When it comes to prices, however, this place is just a tad bit cheaper than other Vietnamese restaurants, which makes this a huge plus, especially in this economy.

Overall, if you want a quick meal, love Vietnamese food, or just want to support Temple City businesses, it is a must for you to come check this new eatery out. It is located on 9664 Las Tunas Dr. And you order ahead of time by calling (626) 285-2895.

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a while back, from John Zubrick, encouraging us to reinstate the invocation policy,” Blum said.

The councilman officially requested his colleagues consider the idea on April 20.

“It’s not limiting. It’s recognizing that there are all kinds of religions out there, people of faith, of non-faith,” he said.

Even with an invocation policy, Blum added, “We need to be sensitive.”

While nonsectarian or non-denominational prayers are legal, Temple City’s new policy does not guarantee protection from lawsuits.

“Anybody’s policy could be subject to challenge,” City Attorney Eric Vail said.

Vail added, “It is a place to start. It is something to say that we’re operating on the current scope of the law, in the event we are challenged.”

As for speakers, the City Council has two options, according to City Manager Jose Pulido.

One option is to have City staff line up invocation speakers. Another option is to have city council members select the speakers themselves.

“It’s not just limited to clergy,” Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Chavez said. ■

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joy.”

This year’s art show also featured seniors Tracy Shen and Jeremiah Gonzales, who are both in ceramics.

Tracy Shen, who has been on the school’s ‘Choreo’ dance team for three years, and studying ballet for eleven years, performed her solo piece from the Dance Concert.

“She’s in my class every single day, and I never knew the extent of her talent,” says Ms. Kim, the ceramics teacher and head of the Art department.

Jeremiah Gonzales served as the emcee of the art show, and entertained the crowd by beatboxing freestyle. Gonzales also has experience playing the drums, Latin percussion, saxophone, and sings. Outside of school, he’s in two bands, and even produces his own music.

“He’s done hilarious performances in class, and he always has a great energy,” says Kim.

Also on display was a craft box designed by senior Heidi Chow. The box itself was a collage of photos and cut-outs from her trip to France and the table it was featured on was splashed with other photographs. The piece itself represented the photographic side of art that is often not showcased and highlighted in the school.

“Our goal every year is to promote the artistic talent on campus,” says Ms. Kim. “It’s not often that we can showcase all of our students’ artwork; we just don’t have the space. And there’s just so much talent on campus that you just want to bring attention to, and not just in the fine arts, but in the performing arts as well.” ■



ART SHOW: Students from Miss Mihee Kim’s Ceramics class give a live demonstration at the art show last week.

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@District Office, 3:30 P.M.
- 8 Election Day!
- 9 Board of Education Mtg.
@District Office, 7:00 P.M.
- Ash Wednesday
- 11 "Cinderella" Musical
@San Gabriel Mission Playhouse, 7:30 P.M.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN: TRADITION OVER URGENCY

I know that some residents feel strongly about cutting city-endorsed programs for the sake of spending that money on more time-sensitive things the city needs, like redevelopment.

I remember when helping a city council candidate campaign door-to-door, I met a man who was pretty adamant about abolishing the Australia trip because he believed it cost too much money.

For those unfamiliar with the program, it is an exchange program for tenth grade students in Temple City and Hawkesbury, Australia, to live and explore the different culture and environment for five weeks. Although a large part of the financial costs is taken care of by the students and the host families, the city does pay for a large part of airfare and other expenses.

The Sister City program between Temple City and Hawkesbury began in 1984, and since then, it has been an annual tradition. It's been such a long-held tradition, that you can think of the funds used to finance the program as allocated funds. It almost seems odd to take it out and use it. Of course, you can, and put it to good use, but would it be right to do so?

No one really says anything about the money the federal government budgets away for programs and acts passed by previous sessions and congresses. That money has already been set aside for very specific purposes and it cannot be touched.

The same thing applies here. Just because we found that it could be used for other programs that might benefit the city at the given point in time does not neces-

sarily validate that we should. It may not have been our decision to enact such a program, but now that it has been, and it's been here for a while, there's not much we can do to overturn it, especially if it's such a popular program.

Instead, it's much better to just take a look at what we have to work with, and just work with it there. What has happened in the past should not worry us. What has been done has been done. What is better is to focus on strategizing what we can do now. If we upturn old, traditional programs, that can throw the balance of our system off.

If you try to work through something, instead of just working around with, chances are, you're going to greatly mess up with the foundation of the entire thing in the end.

Jason