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School District will host health fair and 5K run/walk on May 12

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City Mandates Future Hires to Contribute Entire 8% to CalPERS

However, existing employees will continue to pay only 1 percent.

BY AMY FAN

The city council recently adopted a resolution requiring city employees hired on or after January 1, 2012 to pay the entire employee-paid member contribution to CalPERS, the retirement system for public employees.

The decision was codified by the unanimous approval of Resolution 11-4782, which was placed on the consent calendar on December 20, 2011.

As a result, City Hall

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PRESENTATION: The Temple City Voice held a meeting at the high school last Friday to inform people interested in joining.

Photo Courtesy of Sabrina Fang

Annual Health Fair and 5K Run/ Walk Open to All Residents

Temple City's annual Health Fair and 5K Run/Walk is expecting a hopeful crowd.

BY VINCENT WEI

The Temple City Unified School District will host the Community Health Fair and 5K Run/Walk on May 12 from 8 A.M. to 11 A.M. at the Temple City Park.

As an annual event in Temple City, the Health Fair will present useful information to residents and provide professionals to help assist anyone with questions. Features include health screenings, vendors, and discounted health services for students.

There will also be a raffle and stands with information about the Huntington Memorial Hospital's pet therapy dogs. The Temple City High School and Longden Elementary School will

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Catching Up With Former Staff Writer Christine Keung

Christine Keung shares her experiences at Wellesley College and with Temple City Voice.

BY KEVIN WU

Christine Keung, current sophomore of Wellesley College, catches up with Temple City Voice about her current activities at college and reminisces of her time in the voice and high school.

A former staff writer, Keung was active until her final year in 2009.

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Opinion: Obama Has Upper Hand in 2012 Presidential Election

Lin discusses his views on the election of 2012 and predicts that it will be interesting.

BY JUSTIN LIN

Many polls taken of the election of 2012 have Obama favored to win, some by a larger margin than others. One poll by Gallup has Mitt Romney winning by

one point.

There is much to look for in this election.

One of the main factors is sure to be the economy. If the unemployment fails to improve, Obama could have a tougher time convincing the American people he is on the right track. If the unemployment rate continues to decline, Obama could potentially wrap up the election early on in the

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New City Hall employees to make full CalPERS contribution

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will no longer pay the employee-paid member contribution (EPMC), eight percent of an individual's salary, to CalPERS for new hires.

"Due to drastic changes in the economy, local government agencies are making changes to pension plans and restructuring pension plan costs in order to reduce long term obligations," Eva Hauffen, personal analyst, wrote in her report to the city manager.

This decision immediately impacts whoever becomes the administrative services director. The city is currently searching for a new city administrator, following City Manager Jose Pulido's second major reorganization of City Hall.

Additionally, the city council adopted Resolution 11-4781.

The resolution makes permanent a rule that current employees make a one percent EMPC, while the city pays the remaining balance, or seven percent.

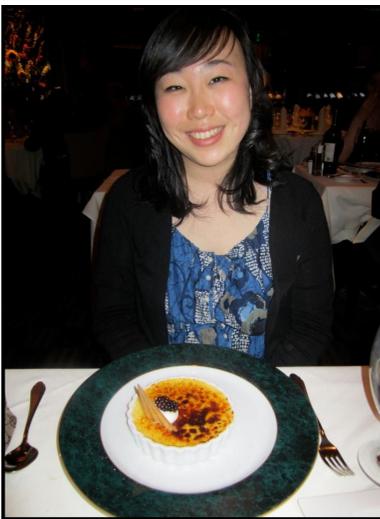
That policy was adopted when the city council approved the budget in 2010. City leaders again signaled their support of the policy in August 2011.

While employees will be asked to pay more toward their retirement funds, retirement benefits will not likely be reduced.

That question was addressed by Councilmember Vincent Yu in 2010. ■

Christine Keung shares her experiences at Wellesley College

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Christine Keung enjoys her time at Wellesley and all the opportunities.

Photo Courtesy of Christine Keung

She describes her college as an amazing opportunity and shares her unique experiences.

"I am really enjoying my all-women's education. It is very different from my experience at TCHS and I have really enjoyed the opportunity to be around a group of smart and amazing women," said Keung. "I am inspired daily by my classmates and professors, and Wellesley has given me a really unique environment to develop as a person and pursue my

dreams."

Currently finishing up her sophomore year at Wellesley College, Keung is studying Economics and Environmental Studies. Keung has not only been a diligent student, but one who has been involved in many other activities as well.

"I am on the debate team and I also do research at MIT," said Keung. "I have also been selected as a Fellow for the 2013 Madeleine Albright Institute of Global Affairs so I will be spending my winter break at Wellesley, learning about global policy development from leaders from the World Bank, Dept of State, etc, and ultimately preparing a proposal to present in front of Secretary Albright."

One thing that Keung looks forward to is taking part of the Board of Admissions at the Wellesley. Wellesley is one of the only three colleges in the nation that allow students to be part of the admission process.

"Next year, I will sit on the Board of Admissions for the College," said Keung. "I really look forward to working with the Deans and learning about the admissions process from the other end of the table."

Remembering her time spent in Temple City Voice, Keung states that her time with the Voice was a valuable experience and opportunity.

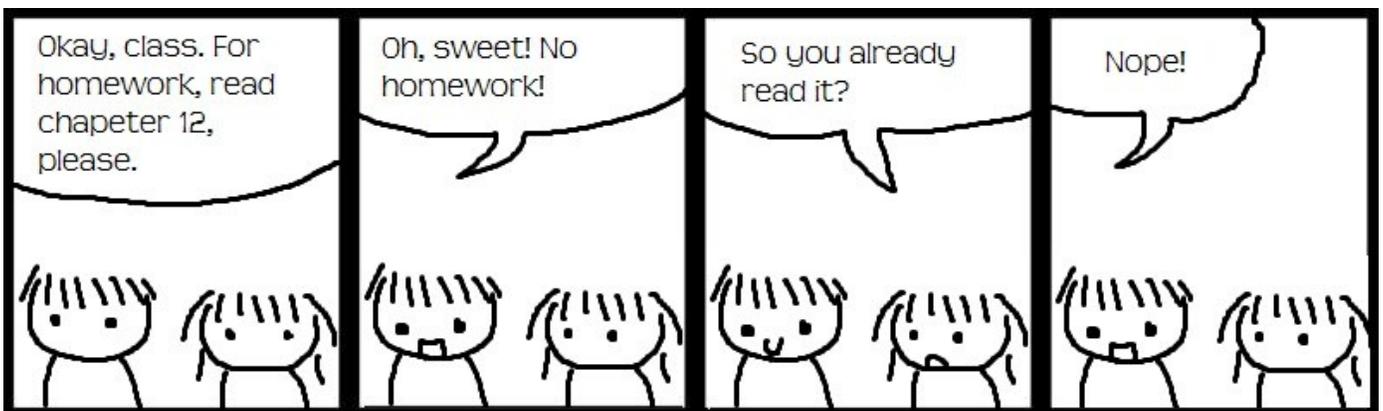
"Temple City Voice really encouraged me to be involved in my community and to be an active participant in city events," said Keung. "I feel like I really applied that sense of community to my life on the East Coast." ■

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This week's comic strip was designed by Emily Fan.

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also feature live entertainment with a jazz band and drill team. Activities planned for younger guests include face painting and a fun inflatable bouncer.

As an annual event, there is considerable interest toward the Health Fair amongst residents.

"I hope this event goes as successful as last year's event," said Temple City Resident Toyo, who didn't want her last name to be included, "I had a lot of fun and look forward to attending it again."

The event is viewed with positivity, as health is a large concern for many of the residents.

"I think promoting health in general is important, but I also believe that starting locally and focusing on one's community is important," said student Natalie Schrans. "People are often so focused on the results of change and the 'big picture' that they forget that they have a place of their own they can change."



As for the annual 5k Run/Walk, registered participants will be able to run at 7:30 A.M. and receive a free shirt. This event is a huge part of the Health Fair – to promote regular exercise and healthiness of the heart.

Though the deadline for registration of the Run/Walk has passed, it is still possible to sign up. However, t-shirts are reserved only for those who registered in advance.

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR

MAY 8

BASEBALL GAME
HIGH SCHOOL, 3:30 P.M.

MAY 11

COMEDY SPORTZ GAME
TCHS ROOM 601, 7 P.M.

MAY 15

JAZZ IN THE PARK
TEMPLE CITY PARK, 6 P.M.

&

ASIAN PACIFIC MONTH CELEBRATION
TEMPLE CITY LIBRARY, 5 P.M.

MAY 18

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
GOLDEN WEST BAPTIST CHURCH, 6 P.M.

Lin: Look for a very interesting November

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President Obama faces against presumptive Republican nominee, Mitt Romney.

Photo Courtesy of The White House (Obama) and Mitt Romney Central (Romney).

season.

The odds are stacked against Mitt Romney; not to the point that it is overwhelming, but enough to be significant.

nomination has been so intensive, Mitt Romney's image has been tarnished.

Expect Barack Obama's campaign to

He came in unable to fully wrap up the nomination and faced a slew of challenges from different candidates: Michele Bachmann, Rick Perry, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, and most recently, Rick Santorum. Because the fight for the

swing much more heavily to the negative side. With an 8.2 percent unemployment rate, it may be difficult to use the same "Hope and Change" slogan that he brought on just four years ago.

What has been particularly effective for Barack Obama has been attacking the Republicans and their support of the Ryan plan. I do believe that as a president, he is finding it less effective to attack his predecessor, now knowing the difficulty of such a job.

Mitt Romney is sure to run negative campaign ads, as it worked well with him in the primaries. The biggest question is, however, will

the economy improve?

If it does, the attack ads will be ineffective, and Obama may be able to campaign in a style similar to Reagan's "Morning in America" campaign. In fact, Obama's backdrop in his own speech in the Bagram air base in Afghanistan looked like Reagan's in 1984.

Where will it turn out? Obama has the upper hand I think, but the game is far from over. Look for an interesting November.

Lin is a senior at Temple City High School.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN: YOU ARE GOOD ENOUGH

I didn't have a lot of self-esteem as a child growing up.

It seemed like negativity was just everywhere around me. My mom complained that I wasn't tall enough; my dad complained that I wasn't smart enough. My friends said that I was uncool, my classmates criticized everything from the books I read to the clothes I wore. It didn't take long for the petty teasing to turn into vicious rumors and social segregation that went unaddressed for several months.

I remember sitting in my room, alone, with statements like "you don't belong with us, you're not human" or "I can't even look at you, you're so disgusting" replaying in my head like a broken record. After a while, I began to believe those statements. I fell into a foggy depression in 6th grade, trying to deal with broken friendships, day-by-day bullying, and the disintegration of my parents' marriage.

With everything in my life spiraling out of control, I began to wonder if there was something so dislikable about me and what I was doing wrong. I was filled with self-hate and felt like no one could understand me. It was so easy to believe what everyone told me that I wanted to give up and hide away from the world.

Somehow, I survived. I eventually found better friends and forgave myself for the embarrassing events of that year. The broken relationships in my family resolved and I eventually accepted that the problems were out of my control.

It's been six years since the worst period in my life. It's taken exactly that long to reverse the negative statements that were implanted in my head at an early age.

Today, I'm a senior ready to graduate in a month, and my life is now radically different. I laugh with friends every day, have good relationships with my family, and am involved in different activities around school.

However, to the disappointment of my mother, I'm still tiny. I'm not the perfect straight A-student my dad wanted me to be. My friends still think I'm a weirdo, but they all accept me for who I am. The bullying stopped, but I developed thick skin and stopped caring about what people said about me.

It's ironic, but I have a lot of self-esteem today. It took years to build it up, and now I'm told that I have too much confidence in myself. But I'd rather be filled with unrealistic self-love than bitter self-loathing. I'm not perfect by any standard. But I'm me, and I'm okay with that. It took just hell and back to realize that.

Today, I still see people in my life struggling to appreciate the good things about themselves. Sometimes I wonder how people that seem lovable to me can be filled with such awful self-doubts. It's then that I remember the way I changed my attitude: When I realized that there were people that loved me, it hit me that there were good things about me after all.

I just want to end with this statement: If you're a person struggling to accept yourself who you are, take it from a person that's been through a lot: You are good enough.

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