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Students Protest Pink Slips at District Meeting

Club Feature: Kaleidoscope Strives to Improve Local Community

On May 21, Kaleidoscope held its annual trash-picking event at Eaton Canyon.

BY DANNY TSANG

Founded in 1992, the Kaleidoscope Club at Temple City High School has been actively reaching out to the community.

"We aim not only to give back to our community, but also to help people who are in need," President Stephanie Tran said. "We focus on helping students develop skills such as responsibility, leadership, dependability, and teamwork."

As an organization, the club plans to grow and thrive in the future. It hopes to improve the community by stressing the value of provid-

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A CALL FOR CHANGE: Students protested against TCUSD's school board budget cuts on Wednesday, May 25.

UNPUBLISHED, HISTORICAL NEWS ARTICLE

Temple City Approves Another Balanced Budget

City Council approves City Manager's reorganization plans, cuts Chamber contribution.

BY RAYMOND TRAN

After a long night of discussion, the City Council on Tuesday passed a balanced budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The City Council voted to approve the city manager's revised budget at the June 29, 2010 special city council meeting.

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New Leadership for the Voice in Effect

Former Editor in Chief Jason Wu has stepped down to a new role.

BY BENJAMIN CHAN

Changes in the Editor-in-Chief, Senior Editor, and Assistant Editor positions of the *Temple City Voice* executive team have gone into effect as of Friday, May 20.

Former Editor-in-Chief Jason Wu has stepped down from his position to take the advisory role of Editor Emeritus. Wu will work directly with founder Matthew Wong in overseeing the executive team.

"My job would be more of an advisory role, taking less of a role with the newspaper production and management and more of an administrator

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City Council reduces contribution to Chamber Continued from Front Page

proval of the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget, City Manager Jose Pulido's proposal to reorganize City Hall passed. Earlier, the city manager proposed to eliminate the Public Services department, while consolidating services into the Community Development and Parks and Recreation departments.

The City Council also voted to have City employees contribute one percent of their salaries toward their retirement benefits. This marks the first time Temple City has asked its employees to contribute to their pensions.

By law, the City and employees must pay a certain percentage of employees' salaries toward a pension fund.

"Currently, the City pays for the employee, which is 8 percent of the salary of the employee," Financial Services Manager Monica Molina said in response to a question by Councilman Vincent Yu.

The City also pays the employer's portion, which is 14.48 percent, Molina acknowledged.

Councilman Carl Blum, who joined the City Council in April, appeared surprised by what he heard.

"So we've been paying the entire 14 plus 8?" he

asked Molina.

The financial services manager said yes.

Councilman Yu noted that employees' benefits would not change.

"The actual retirement benefits will not be reduced by one percent," he said. "It will remain the same."

In addition to asking City employees to contribute one percent to CALPERS, the City Council voted 3-2 to cut \$2000 from its contribution to the Temple City Chamber of Commerce.

Last year, Temple City contributed \$72,000 to the Chamber.

Councilmembers Blum and Yu initially advocated against the cut, citing the City Manager's proposed estimate of revenue surplus; whereas Mayor Fernando Vizcarra, Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Chavez, and Councilwoman Cynthia Sternquist offered a cut from \$5000 to \$7000.

Since City employees will be asked to sacrifice, the Chamber should as well, Sternquist argued.

In the end, Councilman Blum made a motion to cut \$2000. It passed 3-2 with Chavez and Sternquist voting no.

"I don't want us to get to the point where we have to propose draconian measures," Mayor Vizcarra said. "We came up with the least painful move to protect the City as well as the City employees."

The City Manager's budget originally proposed slightly over \$6000 in revenue surplus at the end of fiscal year 2010-2011, but the City Council raised the amount to \$106,000. That amount does not include the \$21 million in general funds the City has. ■

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

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and counseling role," Wu said. "More so, I instruct and guide the executive team and staff and help them with making key decisions and communicating with the city."

Current members of the executive team and regular staff have been promoted. Former Senior Editor Raymond Tran has been promoted to Editor-in-Chief. Former Assistant Editor Taylor Evanko will take Tran's old position. Staff Writer Amy Fan has also been promoted to the Assistant Editor position.

"I wanted to create a new leadership dynamic, create some new energy for the following year," Wong said. "I felt it was important to give people the opportunity to rise up the rank."

Wong decided which members would be promoted in preparation for the transition of new members to the executive team.

"I'm looking to promote people who in some way have made a personal commitment to the Voice," Wong said. "We'll move swiftly to appointing the new [fall] Editor-in-

Chief and Senior Editor to send emails out to apply for positions."

Aside from the position changes there will not be any significant change to the rules, procedures, and content of the *Voice*.

"For the most part, we will concentrate on recruiting new members and training next year's leadership," Evanko said. "Seeing as it's so late in the year, there isn't enough time for significant changes to take effect if they are implemented now."

Kaleidoscope empowers community through service Continued from Front Page

ing aid to those who are less fortunate.

On Saturday, May 21, the club demonstrated its commitment to make the world a brighter place to live by hiking up to Eaton Canyon and cleaning up the environment by picking up trash.

In addition to collecting waste, the club has also actively participated in both "AIDS Walk Los Angeles" and "Walk Now" for Autism Speaks Orange County.

During the Thanksgiving Holidays, the club hosted its own canned food drive. It donated over 600 pounds of canned and non-perishable foods to the L.A. food bank to make sure the people living in the community will have something to eat during Thanksgiving.

The club also donated lots of clothing to the Salvation Army to ensure that people who are in dire need of clothes will survive the winter months.

"In the winter, we collected and donated over \$1200 worth of men's, women's, and children's clothing, and household goods," President Tran said.

The club has taken part in Temple City's annual "Lights On Temple City," in which the city celebrates Christmas, and it has also played a role in Pasadena's annual Tournament of Roses by decorating the Rose Floats with the Phoenix Decorating Company, while helping to refurbish the Arcadia Methodist Hospital Nursery as well.

Kaleidoscope Club may seem like an average club in the eyes of other community ser-

vice-oriented clubs, but it sets itself apart from other clubs in many ways.

"Kaleidoscope might not be the most prestigious outside of Temple City," David Tran said. "But its actions and motivation to do something for the community is what makes Kaleidoscope stand out as an individual club."

Kaleidoscope Club meets at Temple City High School every Wednesday during lunch in room 405.

TEMPLE CITY <i>Voice</i> STAFF	
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<i>Editor-in-Chief</i> Raymond Tran	Kristi Hsiao and Peterson Cheng
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<i>Operations Manager</i> Tracy Chen	Matthew Wong

FOUNDER'S COLUMN: CHANGES

Effective last Friday, the *Temple City Voice* now has a new editor-in-chief.

The new editor is former Senior Editor Raymond Tran. Jason Wu will now be the editor emeritus and remain a part of the leadership team.

Raymond joined the *Voice* in the 2009-2010 year and is the sixth editor-in-chief. He is expected to serve until July.

In response to the leadership shuffling, Taylor Evanko was promoted to Senior Editor and Amy Fan joined the executive team.

While these changes may appear out of the blue, let me reassure our readers that the *Voice* will continue to deliver as we have over the last four and a half years.

Change is a concept often difficult to accept, but sometimes change can be a good thing. I believe that the following changes will ensure stability and continuity as the *Voice* enters its sixth year of publication.

This paper, and indeed the organization itself, is entering a critical stage.

Nearly five years ago, the *Voice* was founded to serve a purpose. That was, and still is today, to provide Temple City with the news it so desperately lacked. Today, this organization continues to grow, albeit slowly.

This summer, you can expect to see many more changes.

For example, I will be permanently stepping down as advisor of the *Temple City Voice*. I will be searching for another person with the same passion and commitment to serve Temple City.

Another forthcoming change is the formation of a transition advisory board. This board will be composed of former and current *Voice* leadership, as well as individuals who support the organization.

So, please join me in thanking Jason for his service as editor and in welcoming Raymond as the new editor.

I am confident Raymond and Taylor will guide the leadership team well, especially as the *Voice* prepares to welcome a new team in August.

Matthew

Matthew Wong is the founder of the *Temple City Voice*.

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May	31	Youth Committee Deadline @6:00 P.M.
June	7	City Council Meeting @Council Chambers, 7:30 P.M.
	8	Jazz in the Park @Temple City Park, 6:00 P.M.
	10	Planning Commission MTG @Council Chambers, 7:30 P.M.



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