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BY ANDY CHUANG
On Saturday, May 12, the Temple City Unified School District hosted its sixth annual Health fair and 5k walk/run from 8 A.M to 11 A.M at the Temple City Park.

The Health fair gave the opportunity for vendors to spread awareness about one’s health by offering free health screenings as well as providing information upon drug abuse.

Not only that, but the fair also had many other vendors focus on different subjects such as building character, and giving insights upon what to do when a disaster strikes.

Another part of the Health fair was a 5k walk/run that started and ended at the School District

CHOREO SHOWCASE: Temple City High School's Choreo team and other dance groups performed for students and families on May 24.

Photo courtesy of Sabrina Fang

Opinion: Proposition 29 Likely to be a Close Race

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tremely interesting in that they do not function immediately. What they do is discourage future users from using the product. Proposition 29 reminded me of Prohibition and why the war on drugs and its prohibition is a controversial issue. As the use of drugs continues to rise, there is pressure for the drugs to be legalized on a national level. Often, when substances are banned or made illegal, it is difficult to regulate them, especially when such substances can be naturally grown.

The government is able to discourage use of certain substances that are harmful to the human condition through sin taxes. In addition, by making a substance legal, the government often eliminates the cartel immediately.

We no longer see tobacco or alcohol cartels. The rise of gangsters such as Al Capone in the 1920’s was at least partially due to prohibition and his bootlegging.

This sin tax will take a step to discourage smoking, which is definitely detrimental to one’s health. Even libertarians may find themselves supporting this proposition, especially those of the Chicago and the Public Choice Schools.

In the end, we will have to see, but it is likely to be close and heated.

Choreo members and newcomers perform at the annual showcase

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The show continued with amazing group performances as well as solo dances. Group dances, such as “Disney Channel”, “Lifetime” and “Twilight Zone,” were popular with the audience. Solo dances, performed by Nicole Feng, Alice Cai, Christine Novak and others, also showed technique and skill.

The showcase had also featured performances by next year’s Pep team. Krookz Crew, a small breakdancing crew comprised of aspiring break-dancers, also had a single number.

For many of the Choreo members, the show was bittersweet as this was their last show performing as a part of the TCHS Choreo team.

“Everyone was tearing up,” says Senior and two-year Choreo member Jennifer Ye. “Choreo this year was really closely knit so the toughest thing is saying goodbye and not dancing with these girls again.”

The Choreo team made sure to put on a fantastic show as their last show.

The show was also a first for many of Choreo’s incoming members as they had the chance to perform on stage with next year’s returning members.

“It felt absolutely awesome performing in the showcase with my future teammates,” says Freshman Karen Wu. “For me, I’m looking forward to getting to know the other girls and doing something that makes me happy.”

The incoming members performed the routine they had learned during Choreo try-outs for the 2012-2013 year. Mid-performance, they were joined on stage by next year’s returning members.

The show’s finale, entitled “Sun Is Up”, featured short solos from every Choreo member. They were given a standing ovation and praised for their amazing performance.
Health Fair and 5k Run/Walk educates residents about healthy lifestyles  
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Temple City Park. Participants who signed up early for the event received a free T-shirt.

Runners had to be at 7:25 A.M. and started running at 7:30 A.M. Many families along with their kids ran alongside in the five-kilometer walk/run.

There was entertainment provided to the children that attended the fair as well, from the inflatable bouncers to the live entertainment courtesy of the Longden elementary school drill team and Temple City High School Green Jazz Band.

There was a raffle held in the gazebo giving away prizes ranging from a free goodie basket to a Kindle Fire.

Many Temple City residents saw the health fair as a great opportunity to encourage people to become active.

“This is an extremely helpful fair because it provides a plethora of healthful information,” said Sophomore William Liu, “which can inform and transform a person’s stationary life into a healthy and active one.”

Other people sought this opportunity as a method to become more involved in their community.

“I thought the Health Fair was a great opportunity for me to get to know the community better,” said 5k runner Kyle Ku. “It was both fun and kind of educational for me.”

Chavez denied possibility of traveling to Asia in speak to investors  
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office, and shopping center.

The developer plans to finance his $20 million project with 40 investors, each giving $500,000. Having secured approval from the federal government for EB-5 immigrant investor status, Mr. Wang has directed his attention to Chinese investors.

Since October 2010, the developer has raised $11.5 million from 23 investors, according to City Manager Jose Pulido.

The city manager, who has been forceful with bringing economic development to the community and positive changes to City Hall, has been focusing his time on the Gateway and the Rosemead Boulevard Beautification Project. Mr. Pulido is hoping that construction for the two major projects would go hand-in-hand to minimize the construction’s impact on residents.

However, at the January 17 city council meeting, the city manager’s proposal to send Councilmember Tom Chavez to China was denied.

Acknowledging that his proposal was a “sensitive topic,” the city manager expressed that it was his goal do whatever he could to move the Gateway project forward.

“It would be in the City’s best interest to make a minimal investment to have [Councilmember Tom Chavez] attend the upcoming EB-5 workshops in Shanghai and Nanjing, China, with a goal of securing the remaining EB-5 investors need to fully fund this important $20 million project in a down economy,” he wrote in a staff report.

Only a minority on the city council supported Mr. Pulido’s proposal, which would have cost the city $3000 to $4000 for air fare, hotel, and meal expenses.

A majority composed of Councilmembers Cynthia Sternquist, Fernando Vizzarra, and Vincent Yu disagreed, citing various reasons.

“By sending in one of our local officials, it’s almost as if we’re backing it and we’re guaranteeing it,” Ms. Sternquist said.

Mr. Yu agreed, stating that it could be “sending too strong a message” of City Hall’s support.

Mr. Chavez, who spoke last, shared his reasons for going, including moving the project forward.

“I would travel to China purely as an ambassador for our city,” he said.

After everybody had spoken, Councilmember Blum made a motion to approve the city manager’s proposal. The motion failed because no other councilmember, including Mr. Chavez, seconded.

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EDITOR’S COLUMN: ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE?

Apparently, according to the news, we are amidst a zombie apocalypse.

After wincing in shock from a few gory pictures that I didn’t plan to see, I found out a few days ago that an intoxicated naked man had attacked and eaten the face of a homeless person in Miami.

The naked man was high off of a drug called “bath salts” and possibly other drugs at an alarming level.

He was shot by the police, but not after critical damage had been done to the victim.

The victim eventually died, but not before many photos were taken of his horribly disfigured face.

The banned drug he used causes people to become completely insane and violent and also creates hallucinations and delusions.

This piece of news, though completely disturbing, has led way to much misinformation and public hysteria.

Though the topic of the use of banned drugs is a serious issue, I think the entire concept of a “zombie apocalypse” is ridiculous. People are becoming increasingly paranoid of the world, and though the term is donned in (very dark) humor, it doesn’t help people understand the facts of the situation.

First of all, this was a freak accident caused by a high level of drug abuse, and is unlikely to happen again or spread.

Though the drug may continue and harm others, it is unlikely that this will trigger a chain reaction that will continue and hurt the general public on a grand scale. High levels hard drugs can trigger very violent and crazed attacks, and this is not a new thing.

Second, instead of posting uncensored disturbing pictures around social networking sites and spreading misinformation, people should be informed about the facts about drugs and violence that can be caused by them.

Spreading public fear, even as a joke, does not do good for others. Rather, it causes unnecessary paranoia.

The media overhypes gruesome accidents enough already, we don’t need to make it worse by spreading it around just for “shock value” and to poke fun at serious events.

Third, calling this one accident the start of a “zombie massacre” is like saying it’s “the end of the world” because the Mayan calendar ends at 2012.

Hopefully, this too, will pass and the names we give this awful tragedy are just in jest.

It seems like our generation is morbidly fixated upon some kind of “apocalypse” in 2012, but I’m pretty sure that if we stop filling our heads with fear, our lives will go a lot smoother in the future.

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