

California home sales jump 65 percent

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LOS ANGELES—A real estate tracking firm says home sales in California jumped 65 percent in September from a year ago, as homebuyers seized sharply discounted foreclosed homes and other properties.

Figures released October 21 by MDA DataQuick show the surge in more affordable homes helped drive the statewide median home price down to \$283,000, a drop of about 34 percent from \$430,000 in September last year.

In all, 40,317 homes were sold last month. That's up about 6 percent from August sales.

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Fil-Ams gather at McAfee Coliseum...

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[around the coliseum],” Wally told the *Asian Journal*. “We’re enjoying the game so far.”

At the lower level walkway, Robert Marasigan and Rachelle Pillarzar were watching the game while mingling with other Raiders fans near the concession stands.

“We arrived at 10:30 am,” said Robert. “We’ve seen a couple of flags around. I think most of the *Pinoys* are on the east side of the coliseum.”

The Filipino Heritage Game event featured performances by the Likha Pilipino Folk Ensemble at the Bart Plaza, and an awards presentation to Pinay boxer Anna “The Hurricane” Julaton from Consul General Marciano Paynor of the Philippine Consulate General and Filipino American Arts Exposition president Al Perez.

The halftime entertainment featured cheerleading squads from different schools in the area. ■

Vallejo to take action on hous-

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will also be sent out in the coming days, said Neri.

Mabuhay Alliance will hold a foreclosure clinic in Vallejo on November 22, at Solano Community College, to duplicate an event held last October in Ontario, Southern California. Among the banks that participated in Ontario, which the expect to do so again in Vallejo are Bank of America/Countrywide, Washington Mutual (now

part of JP Morgan Chase), HSBC, Citigroup and Wells Fargo.

Greenlining Institute and Mabuhay Alliance were among those responsible for the \$3.5 billion settlement made by Countrywide BofA to almost 400,000 homeowners in the state of California.

For more information on Mabuhay Alliance, Inc., please call (707) 631-8980. ■

Asian American Presidential Poll in San Diego: Two to One for McCain

SAN DIEGO—Very few polls have been taken regarding the presidential preferences of our nation’s 15 million Asian Americans, one-third of whom are located in California. Like the Latino vote, it is growing to a combination of above average population and voter registration growth.

On Saturday evening, October 18th, a nonpartisan Pan Asian American nonprofit group, Mabuhay Alliance, conducted an informal written poll of Asian Americans attending its Annual Economic Development and Foreclosure Moratorium Conference. Three hundred and forty-six (346) of the 600 persons attending who were Asian American registered voters submitted presidential preferences via an anonymous written ballot. The vote was 200 (58 per-

cent) for Senator McCain, 94 (27 percent) for Senator Obama, and 52 (15 percent) are undecided.

This poll is just one indication of the preferences of the highly fluid and “up-for-grabs” Asian American electorate. The caveats that the nonpartisan organization offer are as follows: overwhelmingly, the Asian American vote in the polls was Filipino American; the vote took place in San Diego, whose voting patterns do not neces-

sarily reflect voting patterns in other parts of urban California; a larger than average number of the voters have ties to the military; and Senator McCain has one of his homes in San Diego.

It is estimated that there are 4 million Filipino Americans within the 15 million Asian American populations in the United States, with approximately 1.5 million Filipino Americans in California and over 250,000 in San Diego County. ■

White says Vera lost confidence

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White is referring to the young, hungry and undefeated Vera to the Vera now that has lost three of his last four fights since signing a large contract to join the UFC organization in 2007. Vera had a falling out with former manager Mark Dion that caused the former to miss considerable octagon time.

The chagrin of White followed the 31-year-old Vera’s lost by a split decision against Keith “The Dean of Mean” Jardine during UFC 89 held at The National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, Eng-

land last Saturday, October 18.

Wearing blue, yellow, red and white shorts, the San Diego-based Vera opened the first round hitting the ground when Jardine tackled him during the opening minute. Vera threw a few sharp elbows and opened a cut on top of Jardine’s head. He tried for a submission hold but Jardine did not relent. Jardine threw in a few ground and pound punches before the referee stood both fighters.

The action quickly continued. The two fighters traded flash knockdowns. Vera knocked down

Jardine with a right uppercut but as he pursued the falling fighter, Jardine clocked Vera with a right hook to close out the round.

In the second round, the pace slowed considerably. Vera landed a straight left hand Jardine’s head to open the round and prevented Jardine from taking him down to the mat. Vera was able to clinch Jardine midway through the round and land a few knees before Jardine shook out of it. Vera dominated the round, landing a few solid kicks to Jardine’s rib cage by the end of the round.

In the final round, Jardine

started quickly. Vera would pepper Jardine with a few leg kicks; however, Jardine was mainly the aggressor throughout the round. The “Dean of Mean” swung wildly at Vera, landing a few punches. Even though, Vera blocked some of the punches, it appeared that Jardine did enough to secure the victory.

The English fans boomed as the fight was coming to an end.

Two of the octagon judges scored the bout 29-28 twice Jardine.

The loss drops Vera’s record to 9-3. ■

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