

# People and Events

## Community garage sale to benefit FAL's collection & programs

**S**ATURDAY, April 18  
8am - 4pm  
Sanborn House  
1005 1/2 Sanborn Ave.  
Los Angeles 90029

We are accepting donations of items that are in good or working condition for sale at this event. Please bring your donations to the FAL office during the hours of 1-5p.m., from April 12-16, 2009.

- Cash donations to FAL are also welcome.
- Please contact filamlibrary@sbcglobal.net or (213)382-0488.

FAL is located at 135 N. Park View St., Los Angeles 90026.

Founded on October 13, 1985 by "Auntie Helen" Agcaoili Summers Brown, FAL is the earliest and largest Filipino library in the country with a collection of more than 6,000 titles. Along with books, the collection consists of magazines, student papers, posters, DVDs, and CDs. The various sections include children's literature, the history of Filipinos in Los Angeles, and Jose Rizal. FAL also features a permanent exhibition on its founder Auntie Helen, a variety of paintings by renowned artist Eliseo Art Silva, and Filipino books available for sale. Whether to browse

or conduct research, FAL's visitors include students, teachers, writers, families, and tourists.

FAL also advances its mission with its many programs. The Children's Reading Program promotes the value of diversity to families in Greater Los Angeles through the reading of Filipino children's books. In Bus Tours of Historic Filipinotown, a guide narrates the significance of sites, events, and individuals in and around the area to present an historical overview of Filipinos in Los Angeles. Authors also introduce their Filipino works of literature with residents of Greater Los Angeles through Book Launches. Finally, FAL has a benefit gala every October to commemorate its anniversary and Filipino American History Month.

If anyone would like to give a donation online, please feel free to visit [www.filipino-americanlibrary.org](http://www.filipino-americanlibrary.org). FAL is located at 135 N. Park View St., Historic Filipinotown, Los Angeles, CA 90026-5215. It is open Mondays-Fridays 1:00-5:00pm and by appointment. For more information, please contact [filamlibrary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:filamlibrary@sbcglobal.net) or (213)382-0488. ■



**THREE RATS.** Teatro Angeleno presents the Los Angeles premiere of Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero's classic 1950s one-act play *Three Rats* on May 2 and June 13, 2009, 4 p.m. at Tribal Café on 1651 W. Temple St., LA 90026. Artistic director Johnny Jose Cruz directs this Hitchcockian drama on adultery and murder featuring Dan Marcus as the husband, Marvin Portillo as the lover, and Wowie Andalajao alternating with Yce Tan as the wife. A Theatre-at-Your-Door touring production, it will be presented in living rooms of select homes in Palos Verdes, Carson, Torrance and LA. Lilia Ramos is executive producer. For details, call 310-592-1661 or email [teatroangeleno@gmail.com](mailto:teatroangeleno@gmail.com). ■



## The 4th annual APEX Excellence in Youth Leadership Art contest now accepting submissions

**T**HE Asian Professional Exchange (APEX) is pleased to announce its 4th annual Youth Leadership Art Contest. The contest is open to 3rd - 8th grade Asian Pacific American students. One lucky student will be awarded a grand prize of \$200. In addition, APEX will select 2 runner-up prizes from each grade category (3rd-4th, 5th-6th, 7th-8th), whom will be rewarded \$100 each. The top 20 entries will be exhibited at the 16th Annual APEX Awards Gala on September 26, 2009.

The APEX Excellence in Youth Leadership Award aims to inspire leadership in the next generation of Asian Pacific Islanders. It recognizes youth whom have demonstrated excellence as leaders in their school or community and creates another avenue

for creative expression where art has been drastically reduced from school budgets. In addition, the award is an opportunity for the Asian American community to acknowledge and support outstanding youth.

Youth of Asian Pacific Islander descent from 3rd to 8th grades are eligible to participate in this contest. Complete an application form. Submit an art piece with a title and a caption. Provide two letters of recommendation. Mail

entries to:  
Asian Professional Exchange  
Attn: Stacy Kim (Chair of Youth Outreach)  
Leadership Art Contest  
207 E. Franklin Avenue, Suite B  
El Segundo, CA 90245

For additional Entry Details and Rules or to download the Application Form, please visit the Youth Leadership Art Award website: <http://www.apex.org/yo/youthaward>

Entries must be postmarked

by Friday, June 26, 2009. All winners will be notified in August 2009.

The Asian Professional Exchange (APEX) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan community based organization with multifaceted goals and purposes that are charitable, cultural and educational in nature. Established in 1993, APEX currently boasts an e-community membership of 9,000 members. For more information please visit [www.apex.org](http://www.apex.org). ■

## Fil-Am Tennis Club

**W**E are a group of young and energetic players who want to stay fit and healthy. But more than that, we simply want to share with each other our blessings of good laughter, delicious food, and that indomitable Filipino spirit of camaraderie.

You're welcome to play with us. Open Pick-up Matches 7 days a week (8am-2pm). No court fees. We also would like to invite clubs in other cities to visit us, and show your Filipino hospitality. ■

## Free tax prep available to make April 15 deadline

**L**OS ANGELES - Taxpayers still facing the Wed., April 15 deadline may be able to use one of the free tax prep sites operating in the region this filing season. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites help those making up to \$42,000 which is the upper income limit for the valuable but underused Earned Income Tax Credit. VITA sites usually serve walk-in visitors on a first-come, first-served basis. AARP Tax Aide sites help seniors who have less complicated tax returns and usually require an appointment.

Days and times of service vary at these sites. In all instances, remember to bring identification, W-2 forms, other earnings and financial records, and bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit of refunds. For more information, call 2-1-1 if you're in LA County; outside the county, call the IRS at 800-906-9887 or AARP at

888-227-7669.

In addition, the IRS operates Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TAC) Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. TACs provide forms and publications, answer questions, and help arrange payment schedules regardless of a person's income.

The IRS TACs in the region include:

- \* Bakersfield, 4825 Coffee Rd.
- \* Camarillo, 751 Daily Dr.
- \* El Monte, 9350 E. Flair Dr.
- \* Long Beach, 501 W. Ocean Blvd.
- \* Los Angeles Downtown, 300 N. Los Angeles St.
- \* Santa Barbara, 1332 Anacapa St.
- \* Santa Maria, 2384 Professional Pkwy.
- \* Van Nuys, 6230 Van Nuys Blvd.

And for federal tax info any time of the day or night, visit the official IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). ■

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have changed, making them eligible for the credit on their 2008 return. For instance, those who had a child born or who ceased being a dependent in 2008 may qualify for some or all of the new credit.

Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for more information.

8. *What's the First-Time Homebuyer Credit?*

Under a new law just passed in February, taxpayers who purchase a home this year before Dec. 1 have a special option available for claiming the new tax credit of up to \$8,000 - either on their 2008 tax returns or on their 2009 tax returns next year. They do not have to repay the credit, provided the home remains their main home for 36 months after the purchase date. The amount of the credit begins to phase out for taxpayers whose adjusted gross income is more than \$75,000 for a single person, \$150,000 for joint filers. You're considered to be a first-time homebuyer if you did not own any other main home during the three-year period ending on the date of purchase.

The new law does not affect people who purchased a home after April 8, 2008, and on or before December 31, 2008. For these taxpayers who are claiming the credit on their 2008 tax returns, the maximum credit remains 10 percent of the purchase price,

up to \$7,500. The credit for these 2008 purchases is like an interest free loan and must be repaid in 15 equal installments over 15 years, beginning with the 2010 tax year.

9. *What if you figure out your taxes and owe money, but don't have enough to pay?*

If you're ready to file your return but owe money which you don't have right now, don't panic! File your return by April 15 and pay as much as you can. Request that the IRS put the remainder of what you owe on an installment agreement by submitting Form 9465 with your return. By doing this - filing your return even with a balance due - you avoid the costly "failure-to-file" penalty.

10. *What if you just run out of time?*

If you can't get all your paperwork together, request an automatic 6-month extension of time to file by submitting Form 4868. This extension only gives you more time to submit your tax return. You will still owe interest on any amount not paid by April 15, plus a possible "failure-to-pay" penalty. But this penalty is much smaller than the stiffer "failure-to-file" penalty that is charged if you don't do anything at all. So, if you can't get your tax return completed, file extension Form 4868 by April 15 but still pay as much

as you can.

11. *What about filing for an unclaimed refund?*

More than 154,000 Californians who did not file an income tax return for the year 2005 are missing out on more than \$144 million in unclaimed refunds. In some cases, individuals had taxes withheld from their wages (such as college students working during the summer or seniors having a part-time job), but they had too little income to actually require filing a tax return. To collect the money, they must file their 2005 returns with the IRS no later than April 15, 2009. If no return is filed to claim the refund within three years, the money becomes property of the U.S. Treasury. Half of those Californians who could claim refunds would receive more than \$537.

12. *Have you received an e-mail or call from someone claiming to be from the IRS?*

If you do and they ask you for your bank account or Social Security number and say that's the only way to get a refund or credit, don't believe it! Hang up the phone. Do NOT click on any links in the e-mail. These are scams. The IRS will not call or e-mail you for personal information. If you get a scam e-mail, please forward it to [Phishing@irs.gov](mailto:Phishing@irs.gov) so these identity thieves can be stopped. ■