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WHO WILL BE LONG BEACH'S MAYOR? 7 PM • THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, HORACE MANN AUDITORIUM

LONG BEACH MAYORAL CANDIDATES TO SPEAK AT BHNA MEETING

Cass Pulley

Meet the new mayor of Long Beach on January 19th at 7 p.m. at Horace Mann School, located at Obispo and Mariquita. The BHNA is sponsoring a "Candidates



Frank Colonna

Forum" for the office of Mayor, City Attorney, City Prosecutor, City Auditor, and the 3rd District Council seat.

Those running for mayor are: Frank



Doug Drummond

Colonna, Doug Drummond, and Bob Foster. The City Attorney's office is held by Robert Shannon, the City Prosecutor by Tom Reeves, the City Auditor by Gary



Bob Foster

Burroughs and Laura Doud. Running for the 3rd District Council office are Gary Delong, Charlie Leggeman, and Norm Ryan. Each candidate will have 3 to 4 minutes to state his or her position for governing Long Beach. After all have spoken we will turn the discussion over to the audience for questions and

answers. Refreshments will be served. Bring the whole family.

The second division police will give an update on crime in our area.

See you Thursday, January 19th! ♦

HOME BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Catherine Morley

This April, BHNA will be awarding our 6th Annual Home Beautification Awards.

Since the conception of this program 28 awards have been presented to homeowners throughout our neighborhood. When taking a walk look for the plaques in the yards and gardens of the recognized properties. The awards are give not only to single family homes but to condominium and apartment buildings as well. The criteria for receiving the awards are significant exterior renovations such as painting, landscaping, fencing,

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Classic Spanish Revival on Obispo

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

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additions, restoration, basically any improvements which have been completed during the previous year. In this case, 2005. The recognition plaques will be presented at our April Community Meeting.

Please contact Catherine Morley to nominate your home or your neighbor's home. ♦

Alamitos Neighborhood Library

1836 E. 3rd St. in Long Beach (562) 570-1037

The Alamitos library is an historic library just outside Bluff Heights. It offers computers with Internet access, the library catalog, a community resource file, and various on-line reference resources. Some of the programs they offer are:

- Pre-school storytime for children ages 3 - 5 and their parents/caregivers is held on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.
- A Bookworm Buddies volunteer reads to children of all ages first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
- Every summer Alamitos offers a Summer Reading Program for pre-school children to teens. The Summer

SEVEN LAYER COOKIES

Emily Rader

- 2/3 cup butter
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 6 oz. chocolate chips
- 6 oz. butterscotch chips
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup chopped walnuts and/or pecans

Melt butter in 13 x 9 baking pan. Place remaining ingredients in pan in layers, in the order listed. Bake at 350 ° for 20-25 minutes. Cool. Cut into squares. ♦

BLUFF HEIGHTS RECIPES



Reading Program includes library visits, reading incentives, shows, and reading games.

- Teachers are welcomed to call and schedule an appointment with the children's librarian to bring their class to the library. A literacy program will be provided.

- The Family Learning Center provides homework assistance to students in grades K - 8. Parents are encouraged to use the library with their children.



The center is staffed with homework helpers to provide help with homework assignments and computer instruction. Six computers are available in the Library's Family Learning Center. Schedule: Tuesdays and

Wednesdays, 3 to 5:50 p.m.; Thursday, 3 to 6:50 p.m.; & Fridays, 2-4:50 p.m.

- Internet instruction is offered to adults on Friday afternoons by appointment
- Alamitos has the longest continuing senior citizen book discussion group in the country dating back to 1954. This group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am.

- Check the Children and Teen program sections for programs available at other

neighborhood libraries.

The history of the library began in 1895 when a group of women formed the Alamitos Library Association. Jotham Bixby, Sr. donated this land in 1897 and funds were raised to construct the first library building. In 1909 the City of Long Beach annexed this area. In 1920 the Alamitos Library Association deeded this property to the City with the understanding that the City would maintain the library. By 1928 the building had become inadequate and the collection was moved to a rented building while the current library was constructed. This building, a replica of a castle in Spain, with beautiful wrought iron railings, decorated beams, and a patio with an art tile fountain, opened in January 1929.

On March 10, 1933, a major earthquake damaged the building. At first



service was resumed in the yard. In 1936 the building was closed for major repairs. The library reopened again in 1938. In 1997, the Alamitos Branch Library celebrated 100 years of service to the community. ♦

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This past holiday season our "bunny on third street" had some company



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Bluff Heights Will Present Home Tour

Catherine Morley

Now that we have our Historic Designation it is time to show off our neighborhood.

BHNA will be organizing and presenting several homes and gardens which represent the special and unique qualities of living in the Bluff Heights Historic District. We will feature homes that typify the best of our neighborhood.

Although the predominant architecture in our district is the Craftsman Bungalow we also have Spanish Colonial Revival, Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, Victorian and Neo-Traditional style homes. If possible, we will want to feature a sampling of each particular style. The Home Tour will be an

educational opportunity to promote the benefits for the preservation of our older homes and neighborhoods as well as a fundraiser for a future neighborhood project. If you would like to participate either by submitting your home or garden for consideration and/or to be part of the organizing committee please contact Catherine Morley. All BHN residents are encouraged to submit their homes for the tour. Please don't be shy, we want you to be part of this fun event. ♦



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The Long Beach Police Department's Office of Counter Terrorism (OCT) is responsible for collecting, analyzing, and investigating criminal intelligence related to international and domestic terrorism, organized crime, and extremist activity. OCT detectives serve with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and work closely with local, state, and Federal law enforcement agencies related to criminal intelligence matters.

The Office of Counter Terrorism maintains a public tip line and an e-mail address to report suspicious activity:

OCT tip line: (562) 570-5593
Email: pdoct@longbeach.gov ♦



RESTORATION

MINER SMITH A
PRESERVATION

Kevin Doherty

Daily walks through the charming neighborhoods near the ocean remains one of the great pleasures of my life. Walking gives me an opportunity to unwind, reflect on things and plan ahead as I take in the view. It beckons me to take my time and admire things that might otherwise go unnoticed. It gives me the opportunity to appreciate our neighborhood architecture, its gardens and the rhythms of life in a way that driving simply cannot.

Today's discovery halted me dead in my tracks. There before me located in the 200 block of Miramar Avenue was a Bungalow Encore if ever there was one! The unique stone and concrete work is an absolute show stopper. Wrapping and enveloping the expansive front porch in its arms, this confluence of cut stone and concrete sang out the praises of nature in the form of balusters whimsically rendered as logs and tree trunks with rustic bark. The entire ensemble organically framed the porch inviting me to step up and sit a while in its forested world before opening the wide and solid oak front door to behold the pleasures that lay beyond.



A STONE CUTTERS VISION

Miner R. Smith was his name. He came in with the dust and was gone with the wind. In the short span of six years, he designed and built some of the finest examples of the California Bungalow style ever committed to wood, mortar and stone. He built them right here in our neighborhood, sold them one by one and then he was gone.

Miner came to Los Angeles as a young man from Ohio around 1904, lured as so many were by the great land boom that was well under way and the business opportunities that awaited the strong and the entrepreneurial minded. He first set up the M.R. Smith Stone and Mantle Company fabricating artificial stone and cement products for exteriors and fireplaces the likes of which were marketed by Henry L. Wilson in his Bungalow Magazine during the height of the Arts

and Crafts era prior to the Great World War. By 1920, Miner Smith had become a building contractor with aspirations to design and build bungalows on locally available lots right here in the Belmont Heights area of Long Beach. He set up shop at 1219 Euclid Avenue and resided in a home at 3710 Vermont, one of several bungalows that he remodeled with his characteristic stone work.

CHANGING TASTES

By the 1920's the popularity of the classic California bungalow was beginning to wane. Although many continued to be built in Long Beach throughout the period, growing interest in a variety of period revival styles being heavily marketed steadily grew and became the pervasive trend by the late 1920's. Popular magazines advertising homes of the day gradually dropped the term bungalow replacing it with "cottage" or "tasteful home". It was into this transitional environment that the eccentric Miner Smith stepped as he embarked on his mission to design and build what he extolled as his "Bungalow Mansions"!

Small inset image of a newspaper clipping titled 'Bungalow M...' with columns of text describing the living room, breakfast room, and rear porch.

ARCHITECTURE

BUNGALOW ENCORE!

RESTORATION



PRESERVATION

BUNGALOW MANSIONS

Miner Smith's characterization of his homes is just the sort of bally hoo that bungalow lovers such as myself adore! The notions of bungalows and mansions conger up distinctly different mythologies, yet his summation clearly had a ring to it as seen in the advertisements he placed in local papers of the day. At some point he even began to number his "mansions". One ad extolled the virtues of Bungalow Mansion Number 11 and the next ad sung the praises of "Bungalow Mansion Number 12: available for immediate occupancy". Some even came fully furnished! City records evidence about two dozen Smith built homes in all but I suspect there may be

more and I continue to delight in my ongoing search for them.

BEAUTY IN THE DETAILS

The uniqueness and remarkable quality of Minor Smith's bungalows is undeniable and rare in my experience of our city's existing bungalow heritage. The extensive interior woodwork was often built with solid mahogany. Large fireplaces were crafted in his trademark cut stone and were often surrounded by decidedly upscale englenooks. Top grade quarter sawn oak with vibrant grain patterns graced the floors and substantial built in buffets showcased beveled glass cabinets, interesting mirrors and classic craftsman style hardware. Several homes

even included buffets with rare and beautiful built in landscape paintings! His homes were spacious, ranging upwards of 1500 square feet. Interior layouts began with remarkable Craftsman style front doors and maintained a graceful flow with woody trim dividing the living and dining areas. Bedroom sizes were generous with ample light streaming in from signature style windows divided in elaborate light divisions. He even used these windows in the attic spaces! Exteriors sported numerous gables including some unusual turret style pop outs that accented the comparatively high pitched roofs. Redwood clapboard was consistently employed as siding material often in conjunction with cut stone on the lower front elevations. For me, the most stunning features of all were his front porches! They are usually four steps high commanding a stately feel from the onset. The prolific concrete log work and cut stone balusters demanded great skill to create and conveyed both his personal love of nature and his keen understanding of the Arts and Crafts aesthetic.

EPILOGUE

Sadly, Miner Smith ended up bankrupt. The cost of his materials and labor necessitated asking prices between fifteen and twenty nine thousand dollars, a high sum to be paid for a single story bungalow in those days. Finding buyers must have been very difficult. He left town in 1926; his Long Beach architectural legacy comprising all the homes he ever built. He ended up in San Bernadino where he died at age 88.

THE TREASURE HUNT

Take time this holiday season to walk around the neighborhood. See how many Miner Smith "Bungalow Mansions" you can find. Most are located on Loma, Newport, Mira Mar, Euclid and Grand. A few more reside on 3rd St, Temple, Termino and Vermont. Look for the characteristic front porch details. You may even find other homes that become your own show stoppers. When you do, remember to holler out "Bungalow Encore" so the whole world can hear you!

Mansion No. 12

460 Loma Is Open Each Afternoon for Public Inspection 1:30-4:30. Attendance in Charge. Price \$29,350 Furnished Complete.

plan a beautiful house, I plan for sunshine and pure air. The floors are well above the ground and the space below is thoroughly dry and well ventilated.

In this advertisement I am trying to bring to your mind a true Miner R. Smith home. Bungalow Mansion No. 12. Seven rooms.

343 Loma. Price \$16,000

without the furniture.

Will be shown to prospective home buyers by appointment only.

The Bath

This bath room is a beautiful room with a shower and toilet. Another beauty is the built-in vanity, complete with a sink, mirror and cabinet. The floor is tiled and the walls are finished with a beautiful tile.

The Kitchen

In getting our kitchen, we plan with a beautiful finish for the kitchen. The floor is tiled and the walls are finished with a beautiful tile. A beautiful window seat is built in the kitchen. A beautiful window seat is built in the kitchen. A beautiful window seat is built in the kitchen.

Special Features

A double front porch, built with cut stone, and a beautiful window seat. A beautiful window seat is built in the kitchen. A beautiful window seat is built in the kitchen.

The Front Bedroom

This room is a beautiful room with a window seat and a beautiful window seat. A beautiful window seat is built in the kitchen. A beautiful window seat is built in the kitchen.

The Middle Bedroom

This room is a beautiful room with a window seat and a beautiful window seat. A beautiful window seat is built in the kitchen. A beautiful window seat is built in the kitchen.

The Rear Bedroom

This is a beautiful room with a window seat and a beautiful window seat. A beautiful window seat is built in the kitchen. A beautiful window seat is built in the kitchen.

MINER R. SMITH

Owner, Designer and Builder

Office, 1219 Euclid
Phone 319-217

Miner Smith gets ink in the local paper of the day



A HALLOWEEN GARDEN

Cass Pulley,

Halloween day was bright, sunny and warm. Sixty two Kindergarten students from Horace Mann School, along with their teachers, took a walking field trip to the "Halloween Garden" located at 239 Orizaba. Jack O'Lanterns were nestled in the shrubbery, pumpkins of all sizes bor-



Cass Pulley chats with the 'trick or treaters'

dered the flowerbeds, and skeletons dangled high in the old trees growing in the garden. Stories were told to the children concerning some of the legends about Halloween - why we say "Trick or Treat"; use of the colors orange and black, and who was "Stingy Jack". Each child received a small Jack O'Lantern filled

with candy, an apple, and a large candy bar. Pictures were taken with a blown up "Jack O'Lantern" (about 15 feet tall) while a 13 foot "Shrek" stood by. We were entertained by a rendition of Halloween songs by each and every group, and the kids loved it and so did all who came to the Halloween party. Plans are "a foot" to make this a yearly occasion! ♦

SAFETY FIRST AT MANN SCHOOL!

Cass Pulley

Last September BHNA made a request of the city through Councilman Frank Colonna's office that a 4-Way Stop Sign be erected at Coronado and Vista Streets. We are happy to announce that the suggestion was approved. Work is slated to commence immediately. "Safety First" was the rallying point for the additional stop sign. The city will also repaint the crosswalk at Mariquita and Obispo. We had also requested a 3-Way Stop there, but the city felt that there was not enough traffic to warrant the additional Stop Sign. Thank you, Councilman Colonna! ♦



Horace Mann Students enjoy a Halloween treat

JOIN THE PTO!

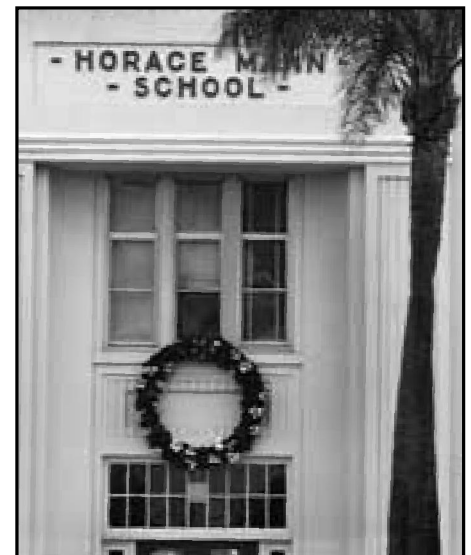
Cass Pulley,

Join the PTO for \$10.00. Make out your check or use cash and drop it by Horace Mann School office. This will be given to the President of the PTO, Stacy Hudson. The difference between the PTO and PTA is the money collected stays at Horace Mann School and does not go to a higher office as in the PTA organization. Also needed are number 2 pencils, crayons, and Klennex. The cold season is just around the corner so please donate a few of these items. ♦

Mann, What a WREATH!

Cass Pulley,

An eight foot wreath created by our local artisan Carl Herringer was donated to Horace Mann to help usher in the Holiday



season. If you don't know who Carl is just find the most beautiful garden in bluff heights with seasonal offerings and you have found the "man". Each year an Easter egg hunt is conducted for Kindergarteners in his garden. This year a Halloween display, complete with all the "trick or treat" goodies, was initiated. This Holiday season this oversized Wreath will give our school a landmark status because it is so beautiful Many people will come and view this creation and you will just have to sit back and say: "I am glad to live in Bluff Heights!" ♦

