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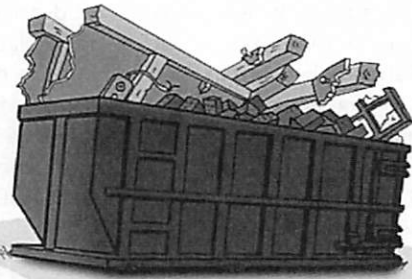
Community News + Information

APRIL 2025

MONTHLY KLCC
MEETING:
SAT APR 12TH @ 11AM



**APR
5TH**



**ATTN: NEIGHBORS!
CLEAN UP + CLEAR OUT
KLM DUMPSTER DAY
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Easter
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10A-12P**

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KEEP A LOOK OUT

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REGARDING PARK SAFETY WILL BE DELIVERED.



COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY SESSIONS

UPCOMING SESSIONS WITH NICK: **WED APR 9TH + 23RD**

SUMER: PART 3

submitted by Amber Bennett

Sumer was an ancient civilization located in the historical region of southern Mesopotamia (now south-central Iraq) of the Fertile Crescent, situated between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers between c.5500 B.C.- c.1800 B.C.

While uncertainty about Sumer's pre-writing period is debated, archaeologists primarily rely on the discovery of Sumerian cuneiform writing on clay tablets (below, left to right: numerical, c.3400 B.C.; alphabetical, c.3100 B.C.; as well as



pictographs), as the most concrete evidence for when the civilization started to flourish, recording history in written form. This writing system allowed them to document their society and kingship. Known for their innovations in language, governance, architecture and more, Sumerians are considered the creators of civilization as modern humans understand it.

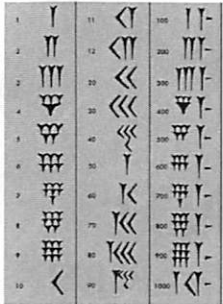
Pre-Sumerian peoples are believed to be a mixture of three separate cultures from the greater Mesopotamia region: peasant Ubaidian farmers, living in mud-brick huts and practicing irrigation, that of mobile nomadic Semitic pastoralists living in black tents and shepherding sheep and goats; and that of fisher folk, living in reed huts in the marshlands who may have

most directly been the ancestors of the Sumerians. Living along the valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, Sumerian farmers grew an abundance of grain and other crops, a surplus which enabled them to form urban settlements, eventually composing groups of city-states divided by canals and boundary stones: Eridu, Nippur, Lagash, Kish, Ur an--the very first true city, Uruk (where we find the earliest texts). Uruk, at its peak around 2800 BC, had a population between 40,000 and 80,000 people living between its six miles of defensive walls, likely making it the largest city in the world at the time.

Society Living:

The Sumerians social structure was hierarchical, with the king at the top, followed by priests, nobles, merchants, artisans, farmers and slaves. Although the city-states were separate, they shared many of the same laws, punishments, culture, language and religion. Pottery was very plentiful, and the forms of the vases, bowls and dishes were manifold; there were special jars for honey, butter, oil and wine. A feathered headdress was worn. Beds, stools and chairs were used, with carved legs resembling those of an ox. There were fireplaces and fire-altars. Knives, drills, wedges and an instrument that looked like a saw were all known. While spears, bows, arrows, and daggers (but not swords) were employed in war. Daggers with metal blades and wooden handles were worn, and copper was hammered into plates, while necklaces or collars were made of gold. The Sumerians had complex institutions and an advanced workforce. Time was reckoned in lunar months.

Schools were common in Sumerian culture, marking the world's first mass effort to pass along knowledge to keep a society running and building on itself. Sumerians left behind scores of written records. Even Biblical stories (which preceded Sumerian civilization) such as The Garden of Eden, the Great Flood and (700 years post-flood) the Tower of Babel, are found in writings



and depicted in art, revealing importance to Sumer historical heritage as true events. Sumerians are renowned for their epic poetry, the foremost (fictional) Epic of Gilgamesh, which was the first epic poem in history and an inspiration for later Roman and Greek myth. Sumerians were also musically inclined and a Sumerian hymn, "Hurrian Hymn No. 6," is considered the world's oldest musically notated song. Sumerian music was predominantly made on lyres and flutes.

Sumerians believed in an anthropomorphic polytheism, or the belief in many gods in human form. There was no common set of gods; each city-state had its own patrons, temples and priest-kings. However, these gods were not worshipped exclusively, also being acknowledged in other cities (i.e. gods representing the sun, sky, moon, earth, ocean, love, war, beneficence and of wisdom). (below, carved on stone, c.2300; depicting the deities).

Governing:

The very first ruling body of Sumer is the First Dynasty of Kish (circa 2900-2340) and is believed to be the first kingdom after the Great Flood. The earliest ruler mentioned is Etana of Kish, who, in a document from the time, is credited as having "stabilized all the lands." Sumerian government was a theocracy, meaning that religion and government were intertwined. Each city worshipped its own god and the temple was the center of life, both religious and political. Each city-state had its own government, led by a king or governor. The king was the head of the household, (along with the high priest), and was believed to be descended from heaven and given divine guidance by the gods. Priests oversaw both the belief system and the government. The king led the people into war and controlled the city water systems. The king passed laws which citizens had to learn and obey. The death penalty was enforced for murder, adultery, and thievery. Around 2600 B.C., a power struggle erupted between the leaders of Kish, Eresh and Ur, which set off a "musical chairs" scenario of rulers for the region for the next 400 years; including Kubaba, considered to be the first known female ruler in history, and the only female ruler of Sumer (c.2500). reigning nearly 100 years of peace



and prosperity. Even though her son, Puzur-Suen, reigned for 25 years after her death, her reign is considered the last great dynasty of Kish located in Ur. It is believed that a 200-year drought may have killed the Sumerian language, coincided with the afore-mentioned political in-fighting, social upheaval and depopulation of the area. Eventually the neighboring country of Elam stormed Ur and took control in 2004 B.C. The Elamites then assimilated into the Amorite culture which ultimately became the first Babylonian Empire, c. 1894-1595 bringing a total end to the Sumerian people.

SUMER CUNEIFORM ALPHABET

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	MEANING	OUTLINE CHARACTER, B.C. 3500	ARCHAIC CUNEIFORM, B.C. 3200	ASSYRIAN, B.C. 700	LATE BABYLONIAN, B.C. 500
1.	The sun	☐	☐	☐	☐
2.	God, heaven	☼	☼	☼	☼
3.	Mountain	⚡	⚡	⚡	⚡
4.	Man	👤	👤	👤	👤
5.	Ox	🐂	🐂	🐂	🐂
6.	Fish	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟



YARD OF THE MONTH: APRIL IS SPC 42!

This month's winning yard is a perfect example of simple elegance! Very neat with multiple potted plants, lots of weed-free gravel and a couple of lovely lion statuettes. Practical and easy to maintain. Everything thoughtfully placed, this yard radiates charm and care. Its clean, well-maintained design proves that beauty doesn't have to be complicated—just a little love and attention make all the difference. Congratulations to our neighbors at 42 for creating a serene and welcoming outdoor space!

Respectfully submitted by Wendy

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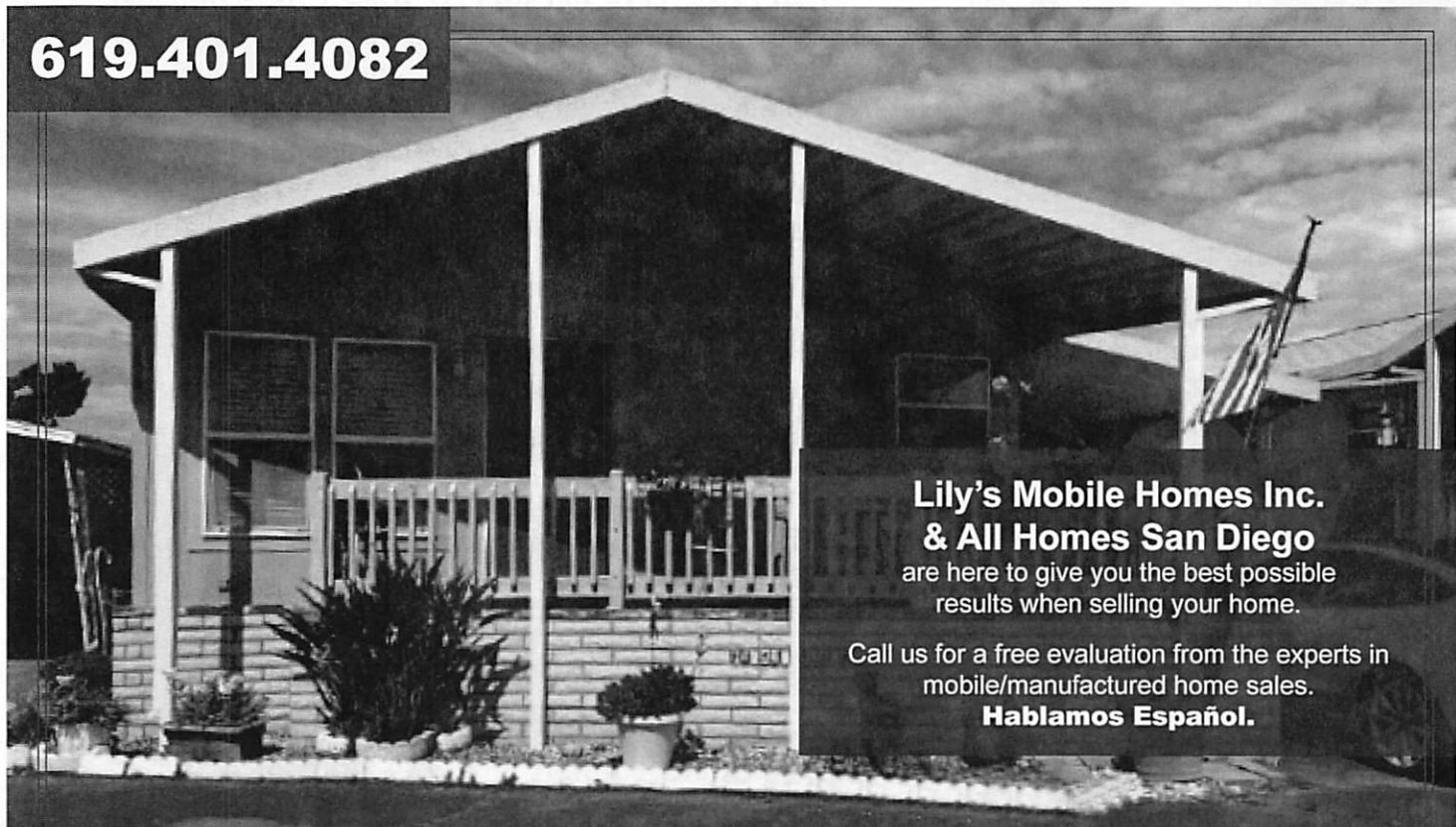
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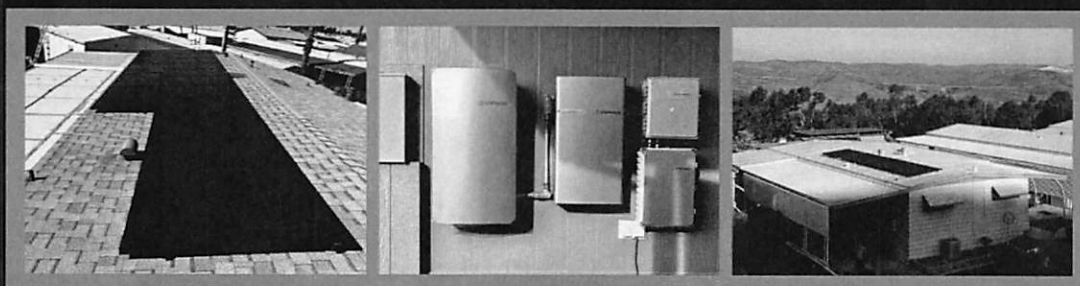
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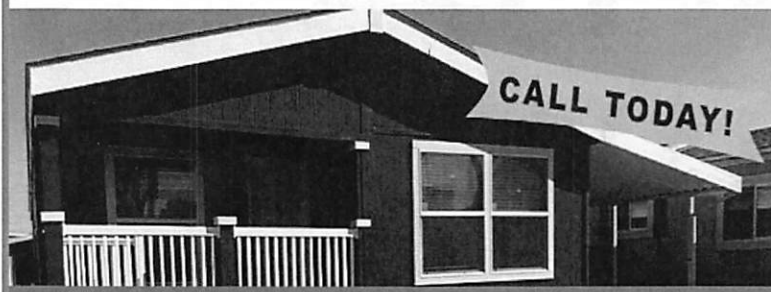
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SPRING BREAK	31	APRIL FOOL'S DAY 1	2	3	4	DUMPSTER DAY 5
NO SCHOOL: SDUSD NO SCHOOL: SDUSD NO SCHOOL: SDUSD NO SCHOOL: SDUSD						
6	7 PAINTERS 6PM	8	9 TECH CLASS 6PM	10	11	12 COMMUNITY MEETING @ 11AM FULL PINK MOON
13	14 PAINTERS 6PM	15	16	17 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MTG 6PM	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19 KLCC EGG HUNT Easter EGG HUNT 12P-10A
HAPPY 4:20 DAY Happy EASTER	21 PAINTERS 6PM	HAPPY EARTH DAY	619 871-3688 23 TECH CLASS 6PM	24	25	26
27	28 PAINTERS 6PM	29 ARBORDAY	30	1	2	3

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BIRTHSTONE: DIAMOND

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