



ILLUSTRATOR Lou Beach has written a book of short stories

Author's short, short stories evolved from Facebook

Artist Lou Beach writes short stories. In fact, they are no longer than 420 characters.

They are contained in his new book, "420 Characters," published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

The stories evolved from his Facebook status updates. The title refers to the character limit imposed by Facebook on

the update feature.

A Brookside resident for 16 years, he is signing the book at Book Soup, 8818 W. Sunset Blvd. on Tues., Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

A native of Rochester, N. Y., Beach's illustrations have appeared in national magazines and on record album covers. They appeared in his 2006 book, "Cut It Out." His drawings are also in the book, "The Great Zombini." He and his wife Issa Sharp, a photographer, have two children, Alpha and Sam.



CONSUL GENERAL of Belgium Geert Criel and his wife, Elisabetta, at left, hosted Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra event in their Hancock Park home. They are shown with orchestra members Patricia Mabee, harpsichord, Julie Gigante, violin and Trevor Handy, cello.

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Las Fiestas party

The Las Fiestas holiday party will benefit Para Los Ninos on Sun., Dec. 11 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Vibiana, 214 S. Main St. The Ozomatli Band will perform. For information, go to lasfiestas.org.

Remembering Joe, a memoir by Dorothy Gould and family

Longtime Windsor Square resident Dorothy Gould memorialized her husband in a book with a little help from her two sons, two of her grandchildren and a legacist.

Family members wrote the memoir, "Remembering Joe," with Loren Stephens, founder and president of Write Wisdom.

Through interviews, photographs and letters, Loren helps capture simple to extraordinary legacies of individuals as gifts to their children and families, and as an homage to the uncommon heroism of "ordinary" people, says company spokesman Rachel Schwartz.

In the book Dorothy recounts Joe's beginnings as the son of poor Jewish immigrants to his ascent to owner of Gould and Co. Transportation, and later his career in banking establishing Hollywood National Bank.

After he retired, he worked with his son at David L. Gould Company, which provides financial, consulting and compliance services to public officials. Arriving at 6 a.m. every morning in time to open the office and greet David's employees, he worked until three years before his death. David, together with his brother Marc Gould, share "Lessons Learned from My Father" in Part Two.

In Part Three Joe's granddaughter recalls her grandfather's promise to dance



BOOK recounts his beginnings as son of immigrants.

at her wedding—one of the few vows he was unable to keep.

Auto Swap Meet, CARNIVAL! set for Dec. 3 at Petersen

Find that missing part for your exotic car or motorcycle or buy the car of your dreams at the Petersen Museum's third annual swap meet.

It takes place on Sat., Dec. 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the museum parking structure at 6060 Wilshire Blvd. (enter off Fairfax).

Museum members will also set up booths to sell items and vehicles from their personal collections.

A family CARNIVAL! featuring arts and crafts, face painting, games and more follows from 1 to 4 p.m.

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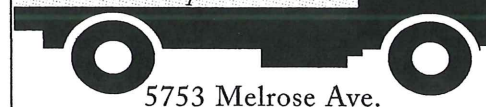


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