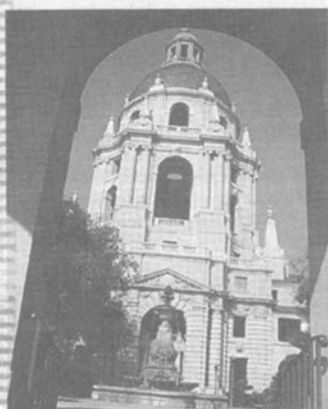


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the domed city hall and have a mojito (\$7 or \$9.50). Then move into the terra-cotta-red rooms for halibut ceviche (\$8.50), marinated skirt steak (\$21), and the decadent Aztec chocolate cake (\$6.50) topped with crème fraiche and candied pecans.



PASADENA, the City of Roses, surfaces in the national consciousness one day a year — New Year's — when it presents both the Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl. But those few hours with their flower-bedecked motorized advertisements, marching bands and roaring stadium circled by lazily buzzing blimps are surely the least typical of the year. This midsize city, cleft through by an oak-filled arroyo, was settled at the end of the 19th century by Midwesterners awash in schadenfreude, having discovered a novel and amazing fact: here they had sunshine and roses year-round while their former neighbors endured hard winters. Pasadena's former role as a winter retreat for the wealthy (and the tubercular) can be seen in architectural wonders like the fantastical Green Hotel; the impressive United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, once the Vista del Arroyo Hotel, built in 1903; plus countless charming Craftsman bungalows and bungalow courts — not to mention the apex of Arts and Crafts optimism and beauty, the Gamble House. Here is Southern California at its best, a self-contained municipality that is accessible, multicultural, awash in culture and still a shopper's playground where you can go to the movies without waiting in line and dine well without reservations.

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Saturday

8 a.m.

③ Morning Constitutional

Travelers missing a gym day can join the in-line skaters, runners, dog walkers, bicyclists and power walkers on their morning laps around the Rose Bowl (1001 Rose Bowl Drive), an easy 3.2-mile route that takes you around the Brookside Golf Course as well as the famous stadium.

9 a.m.

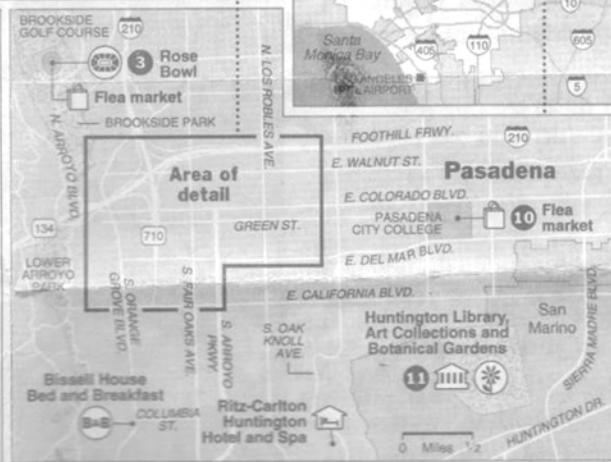
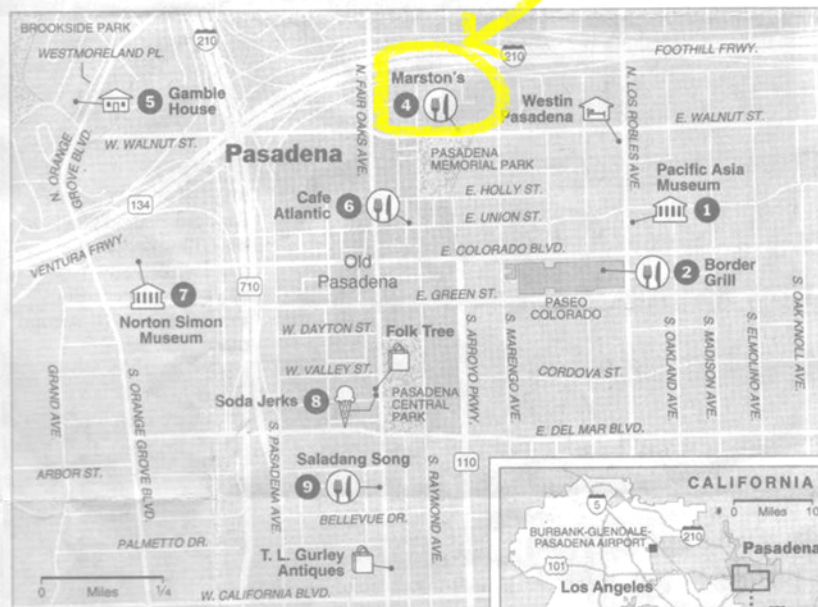
④ Pick Up Some Calories

With a full day ahead, you'll need something nutritionally dense for fuel — perhaps the macadamia nut pancakes (\$8.25) or andouille sausage with eggs (\$8.25) at Marston's (151 East Walnut Street, 626-796-2459), a converted house by Memorial Park that retains a friendly homeyness in both ambience and cooking.

10:30 a.m.

⑤ Greene and Greener

There are 10 short architectural walks in Pasadena (descriptions and maps available online at www.pasadenacal.com) and one of the best is "Greene & Greene and Friends,"



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sop shake, \$4.50). Then try the pan con lechon (roast pork sandwich, \$7), or the picadillo (the Cuban sloppy Joe, \$12).

recent remodel. The landscape architect Nancy Goslee Powers's serene sculpture garden alone is worth the visit.

3:30 p.m.

Sunday

9 a.m.

⑩ Flea Markets

Pasadena is host to two flea markets each month. The smaller, more mission is at Pasadena City College, 626-585-1111, on the first Sunday of each month. The other, a mammoth, even swapper famous for its ser trading is in the parking lot at 1001 Rose Bowl Drive; admission is \$2. The second Sunday of each month.



10:30 a.m.

⑪ 'Blue Boy' and More

No visit to Pasadena is complete without a visit to the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens on the border in San Marino (1151 San Marino, 626-405-2100, admission \$12). Entering the 207-acre estate of baron Henry Huntington is like stepping into an era of money and huge-scale gardening that began in the late 19th century. The art collection tends to serendipity ("The Blue Boy" by Thomas Gainsborough and "Pinkie" by Sir Thomas Lawrence here), but the cactus garden is a depth proof of how curious