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Just a reminder -- The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) is on summer break during the months of July and August. We will resume our general meetings beginning the first Wednesday in September. During the summer, you will be kept abreast of the society's activities through the News 'n Notes. Have a wonderful summer!

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A CHANCE TO WORK WITH HISTORY - Old Chinatown, buried beneath Union Terminal, is slowly seeing the light of day -- at least some of the pieces such as personal belongings, bottles, jars, ornaments, etc. Roberta Greenwood, longtime member of the society and President of Greenwood and Associates, is in charge of the effort.

Many society members have heard Roberta talk about the excavation and expressed an interest in the artifacts. Now, she would like some assistance in sorting the items. This would be a great opportunity to learn a little about archeology and make a real contribution to our understanding of Old Chinatown.

If you would like to help, contact Bob Large (818) 287-5620. Let him know when and how long you can spend on the project during July. He will coordinate times and arrange car pools to Roberta's office.

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DISCOVER "CALIFORNIA'S GOLD" ON PBS - Beginning this fall, "California's Gold" will air weekly on PBS television stations statewide.

Each program provides a fascinating look at the treasures to be found in our state as producer/host Huell Howser explores California's rich history, natural wonders and cultural diversity.

"California's Gold" is a ten-year venture. When it is completed, there will be a series of programs that will document what life was like in California during the last decade of the 20th century.

Segments in upcoming programs include:

- * Walking through the little town of Locke, on the Sacramento River Delta -- the only town in the nation founded and

settled entirely by Chinese.

- * Hearing Cahuilla Indian bird songs sung by members of the tribe -- possibly the oldest musical form in North America.
- * Riding the rails through the scenic Mother Lode country aboard a restored antique steam locomotive.
- * Discovering the tallest, prettiest and rockiest of our state's natural wonders as Huell journeys to Redwood National Park, the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve and to Morro Rock on the Central California Coast.
- * Strolling along the historic Santa Cruz boardwalk, and chatting with some old-timers at the unique Santa Cruz Surfing Museum.
- * Sailing aboard the historic tall sailing ship, The Californian, in the brisk winds of the San Francisco Bay.

"California's Gold" is funded by a grant from Wells Fargo Bank and is presented by Huell Howser Productions, in association with KCET-TV (PBS - Los Angeles).

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS - The society is putting together a full year's calendar of events which will appear in the N'nN in the very near future. As programs and activities are of interest to our members, we appreciate your input in this respect. If you would like to share some of your ideas of things you would like to see the society put on, please contact Vice President, Suellen Cheng, at (213) 645-1369.

As of the June 19 Board meeting, our membership is 348.

At our June general meeting, the installation of new officers and members of the Board of Directors was conducted by Paul Louie, who is the outgoing Vice President and one of the three founders of our society. The other two founders of CHSSC, which was established in December of 1975, are the late Paul De Falla and William Mason. Paul was also involved in the establishment of three other organizations that serve the larger Chinese community -- the Chinatown Service Center, the Chinatown Teen Post, and the Friends of the Chinatown Library.

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OTHER ORGANIZATION NEWS

ASIAN BUSINESS LEAGUE (ABL) - On Thursday, July 11, ABL will be holding its Summer Open House from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Hollyhock House, Barnsdall Art Park, 4808 Hollywood Boulevard, Los

Angeles. The Hollyhock House, completed in 1921, was the first private residence in Southern California designed by the noted architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. Admission to the event is \$8 members/\$12 non-members. Members and guests will have the opportunity to meet with ABL board members and become acquainted with the organization. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be guided tours of the House and museum. For more information, call Naomi Kuromoto (213) 383-9694.

And on Saturday, July 20, ABL will be holding its 7th Annual Summer Picnic at El Dorado Park West, 2800 Studebaker Road, Long Beach. All who attend will enjoy a fun-filled day of activities including a mixed doubles tennis tournament, games, prizes, and a chance to meet other active members of the Asian community. In celebration of summer and ABL's successful events in 1991, the picnic will be FREE to any member who makes his/her reservations by July 10. For others, at the door, entry will be \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Cost for the tennis tournament will be \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. For further details, please call Jenny Lai (213) 217-6513 or David Tseng (213) 892-7371.

CHSA - The Chinese Historical Society of America and the Chinese Culture Center will be co-sponsoring a book party for **The Collected Works of Gilbert Woo** on Friday, July 19, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Chinese Culture Center, 750 Kearny Street, San Francisco. Him Mark Lai edited and wrote the introduction to this collection of Chinese essays by the late Gilbert Woo, who was an editor and columnist of the Pacific Weekly from the 1930's to 1970's.

THE ORANGE COUNTY CHINESE CULTURAL CLUB PRESENTS THE 1991 PIANO COMPETITION - Auditions will be held Saturday, August 17 through Sunday, August 18, at the Yamaha Music Education Center in Irvine. The Gold Medal Winner will perform at the Orange County Performing Arts Center during the Autumn Moon Celebration sponsored by the Bowers Museum on August 24 at 8:00 p.m. The competition is to encourage Asian pianists who are ready for professional careers. Selection will be based upon present accomplishments, not future potential. Applications must be postmarked no later than July 15. For application forms: Barbara Powell, General Chairman, 1935 Port Cardiff Place, Newport Beach, CA 92660 (714) 833-3349. For additional information: Ruth Ding, Piano Chairman, 18822 Pinto Lane, Santa Ana, CA 92705 (714) 639-5833. If interested, please call for rules and eligibility requirements.

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HELP WANTED - Assemblywoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, 56th Assembly, is looking for a good person to be her representative to the Asian American communities. Her district embraces Chinatown, Little Tokyo, parts of Lincoln Heights, and parts of Filipinotown. This is a unique position with a great chance to learn the practical political process with a fine, very likeable official. One would also learn a lot about the diverse communities in central

Los Angeles. Certainly this position can be regarded as a good one for early career growth. To inquire, write Assemblywoman Roybal-Allard, 5261 East Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90022.

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OUTREACH - Calling for docents! We need more docents! Consider volunteering! Interested? Call Ella Quan (213) 617-0396 for summer schedule.

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OPEN HOUSE - We congratulate the Los Angeles City Historical Society and President Joe Northrop upon the Grand Opening of the City Society's new office at the Regional History Center of the University of Southern California, 3440 South Hope Street, 3rd Floor, (213) 743-3147. A reception was held June 9 to open the History Computerization Project, which was introduced by David Clark, chair of the project. This effort is a giant data base of over two million photos on Southern California, which can be accessed from any of the 15 terminals. These terminals are cheap PC's, which have been linked to a master computer with great storage capacity. Of great interest to the history buff is the fact that the California Historical Society collections are once again accessible at the Center. These were the Title Insurance and Chamber of Commerce photo collections, largely the so-called C. C. Pierce photos of Los Angeles, including Old Chinatown. Also available is the Hearst Collection of newspaper photos. Among society members attending the reception were Paul and Emma Louie, Elmo Gambarana, Dorothy Siu, Munson Kwok, Marianne Cushnie, Fr. Michael Engh, and the Eugene Moy's.

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"PASSAGE" EXHIBIT - Six artisans will exhibit their works from July 6 to July 27 at the Alpine Tower, 767 Hill Street, #102, Los Angeles; reception July 6 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This place of exhibit is not an art gallery but an unfinished unit in a commercial building. Its use is to depict the artisans' works in the heart of Chinatown for the purpose of bringing art into Chinatown to share their perspectives, to change old concepts of what Chinese artists do in art, and to gain feedback for the future Chinatown Art Project. For more information, call Diana Wong (213) 395-0033.

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AUTUMN MOON CELEBRATION - Saturday, August 24, at 8:00 p.m. an enchanting evening of Chinese heritage and culture featuring music and dance hosted by the Bowers Museum at the Orange County Performing Arts Center, 600 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Evenings performance include the Award-winning young dancers, Lin Long Dancers of Taiwan; beautiful Chinese traditional

and classical dances; Yip's Children's Choir of Hong Kong; and the First Place Gold Medal Winner of the 1991 Piano Competition. Donations are Orchestra seats \$25, second tier \$15, and third tier \$10. Proceeds will benefit the Bowers Museum. To order your tickets, make check payable to: OCCCC, c/o Frank Sun, 6102 Palisade Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Donations are non-refundable. OCCCC is a non-profit, non-political organization.

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CHSSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS - More details forthcoming. Mark your calendars today . . .

Saturday-Sunday, July 13-14: **LOTUS FESTIVAL** - Echo Park

Wednesday, July 17: **CHSSC BOARD MEETING** (7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Castelar School)

Saturday, August 17: **CHSSC ANNUAL PICNIC** - Alhambra Park, Site A

Saturday, September 21: **MOON FESTIVAL**

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THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD - Exclusive Los Angeles engagement starts Wednesday, June 26, at the Samuel Goldwyn Pavilion Cinemas, 10800 Pico Boulevard (between Overland and Westwood). It is an open-ended run, so the film will play there as long as it continues to draw an audience. For information and times, call: (213) 475-0202.

Based on the novel of the same name, **THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD** tells the true story of Lalu Nathoy, a beautiful Chinese woman sold by her destitute father and taken to an Idaho boomtown (where one-third of the population is Chinese). There she enters into a desperate war of wills with her owner, Hong King -- and wins -- only to be gambled away to an American. To her surprise, the American sets her free, leaving her to decide whether to stay in America or fulfill her dream of returning home. This is an uplifting, inspiring story -- a tribute to the 19th century Chinese pioneers in the Rocky Mountains and to strength of the human spirit.

Film stars Rosalind Chao, Dennis Dun, and Michael Paul Chan and is playing in theaters in Seattle, San Francisco and Boise, Idaho. It is doing extraordinarily well at the box office.

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ROSE INSTITUTE - On Saturday, June 22, minutes before our 11:00 appointment, society members Stan and Mary Mu, Lilly Lee, Tom McDannold, Eugene Moy, Susan Woo, Mike and Beverly Hom-Tsao arrived along with two non-members, Dr. Ruth Wu (CSULA) and Joseph Jou to

visit the Rose Institute at the Claremont McKenna College to explore the area of support between the two organizations. We witnessed the demonstrations of some of their technical capabilities. Following our meeting with Dr. Alan Heslop, Senior Research Associate at the Rose Institute; and Doug and Cheryl from his staff, we had a complimentary lunch to sit and chat further more informally. After a bite to eat, Dr. Heslop gave us a quick tour of the beautiful campus.

The Rose Institute has also begun a two-year study on Chinese-Americans. It will be the first comprehensive look at one of the state's fastest growing ethnic groups.

Plans call for interviews with leaders of service organizations run by Chinese-Americans as well as Chinese-American business owners. Also, 1,000 randomly selected Chinese-Americans will be surveyed. The Rose Institute plans to produce an almanac reporting survey results on attitudes toward such issues as health care, taxation, and the environment. An analysis of how various political candidates fared among voters in the Chinese-American community will also be published. The almanac will include maps showing trends in Chinese immigration and population shifts. The Rose Institute also plans to print, in Chinese and in English, directories of businesses and non-profit organizations.

Dr. Heslop says that the idea came from Secretary of State, March Fong Eu, and her son, Matthew Fong, who approached Heslop after the release of the Latino survey in 1989.

CHSSC will be helping with this study which is due for completion by the Rose Institute in August, 1992.

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CONFERENCE OF 1992 - Stan Mu, Director of the Conference of 1992, welcomes any volunteers who wish to help us with this conference. If you are interested, please contact Stan (818) 346-2196 and sign up early as to the areas of support (i.e., specific committees, areas of interest, etc.). We can use as much help as we can get -- **WE NEED YOU!**

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SPECIAL THANKS TO KIPHAM KAN - For the past few months, my back-up editor behind the computer terminal has been none other than our out-going President, Kipham Kan. Thank you, Kipham! You've done it again -- a marvelous and thorough job on News 'n Notes each month from start to finish during my absence! **THANK YOU FOR DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB (AND DITTO ON YOUR 2 1/2 YEARS OF CHSSC LEADERSHIP)!**

Items for News 'n Notes are always welcome! Please submit in writing no later than the 15th of each month to: Bev Hom Tsao, 15744-25 Tetley Street, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.

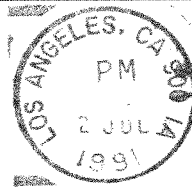
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