

NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 7, 1992 - 7:30 p.m.
Castelar School - Multi-purpose Room
840 Yale Street
Los Angeles Chinatown

"TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING BLACK-KOREAN TENSIONS"

Ten years ago, we were outraged at the light sentence given to two unemployed autoworkers who killed Vincent Chin. Last year, we were confused at the light sentence given to a Korean grocer who shot an African American teen. This year, we were shocked at the "not guilty" verdict in the Rodney King beating case. What are the parallels in these cases of race and violence? What are the factors that fuel tension between Asian Americans and African Americans? What can we, as Chinese Americans and others, do to foster greater racial harmony?

Our guest speaker this evening is Dr. Edward Chang, Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Riverside. His doctoral dissertation at UC Berkeley was on Korean-Black tensions. He received his Masters degree in Asian American Studies from UCLA. Dr. Chang has worked extensively with Los Angeles' Korean-Black Alliance and is working on a Korean-language book on African American history.

SOCIETY SIGNS AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE 19TH CENTURY CHINESE CEMETERY SHRINE (LOS ANGELES HISTORIC/CULTURAL MONUMENT NO. 486) - By action of the Board of Directors of CHSSC, on September 17, 1992 the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California took control over a small parcel of land housing the 19th Century Los Angeles Chinese Cemetery Shrine located at Evergreen Cemetery in Boyle Heights. For further information, please see Los Angeles Times, Metro Section, September 17, 1992. This represents the culmination of two years of work by the Society's Shrine Preservation Committee. Society members who donated their time and effort to this project include Eugene Cooper, Randy Bloch, Robert Kwan, Irvin Lai, Eugene Moy, Susan Woo-Yamasaki, Cy Wong, and Earl Wong.

The Society plans to do fundraising to enhance the quality of the monument site. This will consist of restorative work, and ensuring the monument's security by installing a retaining wall and protective fence.

1992 FALL AWARDS DINNER - The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California will be having its 1992 Fall Awards Dinner on Sunday, November 15, at the Golden Palace Restaurant in Los Angeles Chinatown. Pioneer recognition awards will be presented to Hon. Delbert Wong and Ronald S. W. Lew. Hon. Delbert Wong is the first Chinese-American judge and Hon. Ronald Lew is the first Chinese-American federal judge in Southern California. They are both being honored for their pioneering work in the judicial profession.

This dinner will also serve as a fundraiser to finance the publication of the proceedings for the 1992 National Conference on Chinese-Americans. The very successful conference was recently held during August 28-30, 1992 at California State University at Los Angeles. By publishing the proceedings, the Society will be able to preserve the wealth of information pertaining to the Chinese-American people in the United States that was presented on regional history, political activism, women, inter-ethnic relations, performing arts, the Chinese Exclusion, literature, Chinese language education, the social transformation, entrepreneurship, and archaeology. The goal of this fundraiser is to raise \$5,000.

Entertainment will be provided by COLD TOFU, a multi-cultural improv comedy group. COLD TOFU often has appeared in the Los Angeles Theatre Center, in Southern California area as well as nation wide. The group's own original Asian American comedy, created in the last ten years, has received great recognition in events such as Los Angeles Festival and Santa Monica Festival. COLD TOFU promises to be a very entertaining evening as well as an enlightening experience.

Mark your calendar now for the 1992 Fall Awards Dinner. There will be lots of food, socializing, and a raffle! Come out and join us for a festive event and to support a worthy cause. Look for a flyer in the mail later this month for more details.

If you are interested in serving on the Dinner Committee, please contact Dexter Wong (310) 809-4043 or Munson Kwok (310) 645-1369.

NOTE: In next month's newsletter, we will be reporting the outcome of two of our past activities: (1) CHINESE AMERICANS: "ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS" conference held August 28-30, 1992 at California State University, Los Angeles and (2) Moon Festival in Los Angeles Chinatown on September 12.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

"SHADES OF L.A." - CENTRAL LIBRARY'S DRIVE FOR ASIAN PHOTOS - Time is running out for you to dig out your old family and community photo albums and loose collection for the Los Angeles City Library's drive to borrow those old days memories (1860 to 1960) of our daily lives here in Los Angeles. On Saturday, October 24, (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Central Library staff will be at Castelar

School in Chinatown, in the Multi-purpose Room (where we hold our regular monthly meetings) to look over all your treasured photos. Those that they select will be copied for their permanent collection and returned to you then and there. Be ready to provide details on place and subjects of the chosen pictures, if possible.

Library says it has no Asian photos in its Photo Collection, and wants to have a visual history of Asian life in this city. Other ethnic groups (African Americans and Latinos) are already represented. The Photo Friends of the Los Angeles Public Library is also requesting a few volunteers among us to assist them at that October 24 meeting. They need volunteers who love looking at old photographs and want to help preserve the history of Southern California. Many volunteers are needed for this project. It is truly a person-to-person effort. Volunteer training workshop is planned for September 26 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. For further details, contact Senior Librarian Carolyn Kozo or Amy Kitchener at Central Library (213) 612-3316. (As some of you recall, Carolyn Kozo was our guest speaker for the September program.)

On September 18, 1992, CY WONG received a phone call from Congressman Mervyn Dymally that his name was admitted into the Congressional Registry in Washington, D.C. as a result of the article written up in the L.A. Times, Metro Section, August 31, 1992. Cy is looking forward to hearing more in the next two weeks. Congratulations, Cy! You're a celebrity among us!! (As an active member of the Society, you'll see Cy's photo more than once in the Metro Section of the Los Angeles Times. Take a look at the September 17 issue.

The following message was received on my answering machine from CHSSC MEMBER IN HAWAIIAN HURRICANE. Johnny Yee aboard the S. S. Kainalu rode out the Iniki Hurricane which wiped out Kauai September 11. The ship was in Honolulu Harbor hours before the hurricane arrived. Crew members managed to get the ship out to sea. It was like a single bowling alley with all ten balls going at the same time. Anything not latched down, flew. Ship came out in good shape. No casualty aboard. Storms in the Pacific to a seaman is like an earthquake to a Californian. Watch out for the big one which comes in a big surprise. Aloha, Johnny Yee. (Though Johnny will not be joining the Society in October, he plans to see us in our November general meeting. Continue smooth and safe sailing, Johnny! We're thinking of you!)

Birth announcement: Kipham Kan and Richard Smith became the proud parents of baby girl, ZOEY HANNAH SMITH, born August 6, 1992, 6:20 p.m., weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces. Congratulations, Kipham and Richard! Enjoying parenthood?!?! Best wishes to the Smith and Kan families and especially Zoey for having such great parents.

ADDRESS UPDATE: Thomas A. McDannold, 726 Tuolumne Avenue, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. Please note this change on your roster!

GET WELL WISHES to Helen Morrison who has gone back to the Temple

Park Convalescent Hospital after having fell and broke some toes of her foot. Apparently Helen was not able to get up following the fall. After being admitted, the doctors found she had a lung problem which has been cleared. She is recuperating on her feet and would enjoy to hear from her friends. She does not have a telephone but would love to see or hear from you. You may write to:

Helen Morrison
c/o Temple Park Convalescent Hospital
2411 Temple Avenue (near Alvarado on Temple)
Los Angeles, CA

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA has a full time position for a person to handle direct mail, special events, fundraising, corporate relations, visiting foundations, and recruiting cooperating organizations. They should contact Mark Cosman (213) 389-1500 and say they were referred by Angi Ma Wong.

THE PRACTICAL "FENG SHUI" CHART (C) - Angi Ma Wong has developed this educational tool for anyone who would like to harmonize their home or office. It was featured at the Whole Life Expo, the Daily News, and Asian Week (September 4, page 19). Being sold by mail order at special introductory price \$29.95 plus tax and shipping and handling, for a total of \$32.42. For Society members, the discounted price of \$26.95 for orders of 2 or more. Add \$2.22 for tax plus \$3.00 per chart for shipping and handling.

The perfect gift for everybody -- for holiday gift giving! For the person who has everything. This do-it-yourself Feng Shui kit makes this ancient knowledge easy to use.

DONATIONS - Norman and Angi Ma Wong are making a donation of \$100 to the Society on the occasion of their 25th anniversary (September 2). Congratulations, Norman and Angi, on your Silver!

Thank you to the following members who provided refreshments at our September 2 general meeting: Lillian Fong, Sylvia Soo Hoo, Ella Quan, Cy Wong, and Ruth Lung.

CALENDAR

October 21 CHSSC BOARD MEETING - 6:30-8:30 p.m., CHSSC Office, 969 North Broadway, Los Angeles. Parking is available at Castelar School or Mandarin and Bamboo Plazas.

November 15 CHSSC 1992 FALL AWARDS DINNER - Golden Palace Restaurant, Los Angeles Chinatown.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ITEMS OF INTEREST:

LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN BRANCH LIBRARY - Effective August 24, 1992, the library hours are:

Monday - Tuesday	12:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Thursday	12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday - Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The 9TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET FOR THE CHINATOWN PUBLIC SAFETY ASSOCIATION (CPSA) was held on Friday, August 28, 1992 at the Golden Dragon Restaurant. Catalina Wong is a board member and was the banquet chairperson. Munson Kwok represented the Chinese American Citizens Alliance and spoke about their involvement with CPSA. On the 1992 Board of Governors are Kenneth Chan, William Chun-Hoon, Irvin Lai, and Wilbur Woo. The 1992 Miss Chinatown and her court sold raffle tickets for great prizes. The top prize was a 19" TV/VCR donated by the L.A. Chinatown Corporation. Robert Lee is Treasurer of CPSA. Guests were given 8 ounces of noodles from Quon Yick Noodle Company, black bean garlic sauce from Lee Kum Kee, and small bottles of Martell Cognac from House of Seagram.

Annual General Membership Meeting of AAPAA (The Association of Asian Pacific American Artists) will be held Monday, September 28, at Tripp's Club of Clubs, 10131 Constellation Boulevard, Century City. Valet parking available (\$2.50). AAPAA presents an evening of entertainment and discussion of how Asian Americans are viewed by the mainstream media and by themselves. Perception or reality? How do Asian Americans combat stereotypes, racism, and discrimination? Program meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. with networking hour with buffet and no-host bar. Panel discussion will begin at 7:30. There will be raffle prizes from Capitol Records, Kayla Cosmetics, and Marino's Restaurant. Cost is members \$12; non-members \$18 in advance. At the door, prices are \$15 and \$20. For further info, call AAPAA (213) 874-0786.

Friday-Saturday, October 2-3 - ASIAN PACIFIC WOMEN'S NETWORK, LOS ANGELES presents "Shaping our Future" National Conference at the Miramar Sheraton Hotel, 101 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica. Workshops, exhibits, and Woman Warrior Awards Dinner -- a conference to bring greater awareness of Asian Pacific Women's career, economic, health and family issues to help shape our future. For info, contact Marcella Low (213) 244-2529 or Nan Takeda (310) 782-1698.

THE CHINA SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA invites you and your friends to its October 5 dinner/program meeting at Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 North Broadway, Los Angeles Chinatown; social hour 6:15 p.m.; dinner 7:00 p.m. Program is titled Nativism Overseas: Contemporary Chinese Women Writers Overseas by Hsin-sheng C. Kao, California State University, Long Beach. Cost: \$10 members; \$12 non-members. Information, call Rina Rae Sherman, (213) 936-0327 or Lloyd Noakes (213) 663-9511.

Saturday, October 10 - Los Angeles City Historical Society invites you to the JUBILEE OF THE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS QUINCENTENARY: 1492-1992 AND THE 450TH ANNIVERSARY OF CABRILLO'S LANDING IN SAN PEDRO - This is a joint celebration with the Los Angeles Maritime

Museum, San Pedro, and the California Hispanic Cultural Society. Activities include: Harbor tour (10:30-11:30), picnic and enactment of Cabrillo's 1542 Landing (11:45), lecture/reception (3:00) - "Commemoration or Controversy: Columbus, 1992". Cost: Harbor tour (\$5 adults, \$2 children under 12); box lunches (\$6.50), lecture/reception (\$10). Check is payable to LACHS, P. O. Box 41046, Los Angeles, CA 90041. Questions: (310) 831-1641.

The Japanese American National Museum, the UCLA Wight Art Gallery, and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center invite you to the opening reception for the exhibition THE VIEW FROM WITHIN: JAPANESE AMERICAN ART FROM THE INTERNMENT CAMPS, 1942-1945 -- Sunday, October 11, UCLA Wight Art Gallery, 3:30-7:00 p.m. UCLA parking \$5 per entry. Use Wyton and Hilgard Avenue entrance, Lot 3. Exhibition continues through December 6, 1992. For more information, call (310) 825-9345. Free event.

JUNIOR REUNION - The Los Angeles Chinese Women's Club Juniors (LACWCJ) is holding a reunion on Saturday, October 17, 11:30 a.m., Shangri-La Seafood Restaurant, 313 South Boylston Street, Los Angeles. (The reunion, originally scheduled for May 3, had to be cancelled due to the civil unrest in Los Angeles.) The cost is \$20 which includes the luncheon and program to honor Juniors who have made career contributions in the field of education. RVSP before October 14. For further information, call Sophie Ong Lafferty (818) 248-4389, Nancy Choy (213) 223-7765, or Pauline Wong (213) 254-7097. Guests are welcome!

ASSOCIATED HISTORICAL SOCIETIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY (AHSAC) invites you to a mini-conference at the Whittier Historical Society Museum, 6755 Newlin Street, Whittier on Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$9 which includes lecture, slide show, lunch, and guided tour of the museum. For information, call (818) 792-1048.

Friday, October 30, (7:00 p.m.) Miss Los Angeles Chinatown 1992 and Court proudly present an evening of fashion and glamour to benefit the Chinese community at the Biltmore Hotel, 506 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles. Cost is \$60. For further info, call the Chinese Chamber of Commerce (213) 617-0396.

Memorial services were held for John Lee, husband of Rose Marie Lee, on Thursday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. at the Rose Hills Memorial Chapel, Gate 1, Whittier. In lieu, the family has requested donations be made to the new computer center of the Friends of the Chinatown Library, 536 West College Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Rose Marie is an active member of the Friends of the Chinatown Library. With time permitting, John would accompany Rose Marie to some of the Friends' activities through the years. Your friends from CHSSC, FCL, and LACWCJ will miss you, John Lee! Society, Friends, and Chinese Women's Club Juniors send their warmest sympathy to Rose Marie, Nancy Choy (John's sister), and their families! Our thoughts are with you, Rose Marie and Nancy!

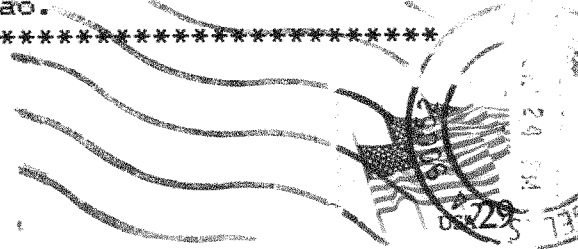
Saturday, November 14 - 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. - Los Angeles City Historical Society invites you to join in a history field trip "A Field Reconnaissance: San Buenaventura and Ojai". For info/cost: Jene McKnight (213) 292-7833.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION - "LAW AND DISORDER: PUBLIC POLICY AND CIVIL UNREST IN CALIFORNIA" - a special conference sponsored by the John Muir Center for Regional Studies (University of the Pacific, 46th Annual California History Institute, April 22-24, 1993). This conference is designed to address public policy and civil disorder in California, past and present, from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Two days of academic sessions, followed by a regional field trip are open to presenters, participants, students and general public who want to learn more about this important subject. The conference invites proposals on any aspect of this theme. Mail proposals for papers and sessions (along with a brief resume) to: CHI 93 Program Committee, c/o Professor John Phillips, Sociology/Anthropology Department, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA 95211 (209) 946-2930 or fax (209) 946-2596. Proposals are due November 15, 1992.

 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. Items submitted after the due date may not always be included in this issue.

 Special thanks to contributors in this issue: Elmo Gambarana, Lillian Fong, Bob Large, Munson Kwok, Randy Bloch, Johnny Yee, Dexter Wong, Cy Wong, Susie Ling, and Angi Ma Wong. Last month's mailing volunteers: Mike and Beverly Hom Tsao.

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