

# NEWS 'n MOTES

#### CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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**APRIL 1997** 

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Wednesday, MAY 7, 1997 Castelar School - Multi-purpose Room 840 Yale Street, Los Angeles Chinatown (Park on playground. Enter on College Street 7:30 P.M.

# THE ETHNIC BORDERLANDS OF LOS ANGELES: 1930-1997

A Slide Presentation

Speaker: Phillip Ethington

Phillip Ethington is an Associate Professor of History at USC. Getty Scholar, and author of The Public City. He will show slides from his current study of the ways communities overlap and interact with one another. His slides of maps and historical photographs will demonstrate the perpetual changes in the ares of overlap, or "borderlands", between communities.

A special feature of this presentation will be a look at the destruction of Old Chinatown and the movement of Chinese and Chinese-American communities in the County since the 1930s.

#### 1997 CHSSC SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ANNOUNCED:

Through generous donations from members and friends of CHSSC, we have been fortunate to have been able to award at least one \$1,000.00 scholarship each year since 1992. The Scholarship Committee under the capable hands of Winifred Lew have concluded the 1997 interviews and have awarded the 1997 \$1,000.00 CHSSC Scholarship to

QUINCI LEE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SAN DIEGO

Previous CHSSC scholarship winners include:

1992 - Patricia Leung, University of Riverside

1993 - Nhi Lieu, University of California at San Diego

1994 - Monique Viengkhou, University of California at Irvine

1995 - Johnny Lai, Pomona College

-Levin Sy, University of California at Los Angeles

1996 - Hong Au, University of California at San Diego

#### **BULLETIN FROM LEWIS-CLARK STATE COLLEGE-**

"We are looking for ethnic Chinese from around the world to contribute to a book project. For this project, we are aiming to collect varied accounts by ethnic Chinese who have grown up outside of China, Hong Kong, or Taiwan, of their visits to their ancestral homes or to their relatives in these places. We do not plan to interview such people, but are asking anyone who might be interested to submit their own written accounts of their experiences. Because we are encouraging participants to write about more than the actual encounter with their

relatives or ancestral village -- and to discuss such issues as why they made the trip in the first place, and what impact it had on their lives--the accounts will reflect something of the significance of ethnicity and identity in the ethnic Chinese experience in various parts of the world. The book that (if all goes well) will ultimately result from this project, is intended for a wide, general audience.

Submissions may be in English, Chinese, French, German, or Japanese. (All non-English submissions selected for inclusion in the book will be translated into English.)" For details, contact Josephine Khu at khu1099@cuhk.edu.hk. or

Josephine Khu, Research Associate, History Department, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong.

F.O.B. - The first play of Tony Award-winning playwright David Henry Hwang, F.O.B. is hilariously funny, and often deeply moving, and explores the conflicts and similarities between two Chinese Americans and a Chinese exchange student who is "fresh-off-the-boat." Set at the end of the disco era, the production will utilize 70's dance music and traditional Peking Opera themes. F.O.B. is playing at East West Players from April 3 - May 11. 1997, For info, call 213-660-0366.

LAST REMAINING SEATS, a series of classic films and live entertainment, will be presented each Wednesday from June 4 through July 2 at 8 p.m. by the Los Angeles Conservancy in the lavish theaters of the Broadway Historic Theater District. Advance tickets for the public are \$12 each or \$50 for the series. For questions, call the LRS Hotline at 213-896-9114.

DOWN BY THE STATION - LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN, 1880-1933 by Roberta S. Greenwood. 232 pages, with 8 color pages - \$40 each. Reserve your book now. Leave message at 213-621-3171 or 213-255-6487. This book will be available at our Spring Dinner on April 25th.

THANK YOU to the following members and friends for all the delicious refreshments at the March meeting: Joyce Leong, Dorothy Lew, Winifred Lew, Ruth Lung, Sylvia Soo Hoo, Helen Wan, and Noel Toy Young.

#### **COMING EVENTS**

Friday\_ April 25 6:00 p.m.

#### CHSSC's SPRING DINNER

**Empress Pavilion Restaurant** "California Asian Pacific Experience (CAPE)"

#### Saturday April 26

9 a.m. - 12 noon

### WORLD WAR II VETERANS INTERVIEWS

411 Bernard Street, L. A. Chinatown 213-222-1918



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### SUMMER INTERN OPPORTUNITY

#### UNDERGRADUATE MULTICULTURAL SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

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The Museum of Chinese American History at El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument is seeking two undergraduate multicultural summer interns. They are to work with the El Pueblo staff to create a new definitive exhibit of historic personalities entitled *Portraits and Voices: Chinese Americans of Los Angeles*.

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Training will be offered in the areas of exhibit development, oral history, research with archival materials, and collection management. The interns will also have the opportunity to attend four events with other Getty summer interns which will be held by various cultural organizations

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during the grant period.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** The internships are open to currently enrolled undergraduates who are members of ethnic groups that are under-represented in professions related to museums. Applicants should 1) have completed at least one semester of college by June 1997; 2) not graduating before December 1997; and 3) be a resident of or attending college in the Los Angeles area. The applicants must also have the ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. Computer literacy is desired.

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DURATION:

June 23, 1997 to August 29, 1997

HOURS PER WEEK:

40 hours

STIPEND:

\$3,000 for ten-week period\*

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:

5:00 p.m. May 2, 1997

FOR INFORMATION:

Call (213) 626-5240 or 680-2525

Please send a cover letter stating your interest in applying, a resume of qualifications, and two letters of reference to:

Suellen Cheng, Curator El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument 125 Paseo de la Plaza, Suite 400 Los Angeles, CA 90012

<sup>\*</sup>Funding for the interns is provided by a grant from the GETTY GRANT PROGRAM.

Saturday

April 26

**OLDE TOWNE DAYS at HERITAGE JUNCTION** 

"Experience Pioneer Life Straight out of the 1800s"

Adults \$1.99, Children under 12 FREE

For info, call Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society

805-254-1275.

<u>Sunday</u>

April 27

1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

**WORLD WAR II VETERANS INTERVIEWS** 

Chinese Presbyterian Church of Orange County (bet. Hazard & Bolsa Aves., 1 mile south of 22)

14614 Magnolia St., Westminster 92683

FREE parking at the Church

For info, call Marjorie Lee (310) 676-4288

<u>Sunday</u>

April 27

Noon - 4 pm

**HERITAGE & VISITORS CENTER OPEN** 

411 Bernard St., L. A. Chinatown

213-222-1918 FREE Admission

Saturday

May 10, 1997 9:00 a.m.-3 p.m. MINI- CONFERENCE

Associated Historical Societies of L. A. County Leonis Adobe, 235 Calabasas Rd., Calabasas

Program: "Saving a Building", "Restoring an Adobe,"

"After the Earthquake"

Mexican Barbecue at noon

For info, call 818-792-1048, 909-593-5994

Saturday

May 17, 1997

1:30 p.m. -maps/handouts

2:00 p.m. -cruise

CRUISE ROUTE 66 - you drive

No-host lunch at Fair Oaks Pharmacy, cor. Fair Oaks

& Mission, So. Pasadena

Info: CA Rte 66 Assn: 909-889-3980

Sunday

May 25, 1997

Noon - 4 p.m.

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**FREE Admission** 

**SPEEDY RECOVERY** to Gladys Waddingham, member of CHSSC and of the Historical Society of Centinela Valley California, who recently had a mild stroke on April 1st, leaving her partially paralyzed on the right side. Gladys will be 97 years of age August 23. Friends may contact her at the P.E.O. Home, 116 E. McLean St., Alhambra 91801-1459, Room 7a. Visitors welcome.