



News 'n Notes

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PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

7:00 P.M.

CASTELAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Multi-purpose Room

840 Yale Street

(Park on playground. Enter on College Street
between Hill and Yale Streets)

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STRANGERS FROM A NORTHERN SHORE:

An Architectural and Historical Exploration of

Vancouver's Chinese Community

by

Andrew Yan

Vancouver, Canada is one of the last remaining significantly-sized historic Chinatowns in North America. This talk will be an architectural exploration of Vancouver's Chinatown and how it is associated with the changing demographics of the city's Chinese Canadian community. Interestingly, just as the Chinese represent 28 percent of Vancouver's population, Chinatown is currently in significant economic trouble. This is a problem that seems to be facing Chinatowns throughout the West Coast of North America. Consequently, this talk will also be on the future of Chinatowns in the brave new world of overseas Chinese migration and money.

Andrew Yan is a Master's student at UCLA's Urban Planning program. He is currently researching a thesis on revitalization strategies in the Chinatowns of Vancouver and Los Angeles. He holds an honours degree in Geography and Political Science from Simon Fraser University, and when not researching, he is in search of the ultimate beef brisket on rice in Los Angeles.

GOOD NEWS!! We have met the Challenge Grant. In November of 1998, L.P. and Bobbi Leung generously gave a Challenge Grant of \$100,000. Dr. Wing Mar spear-headed the initial efforts towards raising the \$200,000 needed to meet the grant. Since then we have had two very successful fund-raising dinners. Many have given their funds and time towards our reaching our goal of paying off our Bernard Street property. I thank all of you for your generosity and support. We hope to "burn the mortgage" within the year.

In the meantime, our fundraising must continue. Not only do we need to continue our present programs, but we need to develop new programs. Both houses also need maintenance work as well as some improvements.

Susan Dickson, President

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO ALBERT LEW - LIFE MEMBER Albert Lew recently had quadruple heart surgery and is reported doing well. His wife, Margie, reports that Al is up, eating, and carrying on conversations – all good signs of a good recovery.

ANOTHER PROJECT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED. The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC), in conjunction with the Information Services Division (ISD) of the University of Southern California, and with funding from the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation, is pleased to announce the launch of its new web accessible database, the Integrated Digital Archive (IDA) – Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. The database is available at:

<http://Library.usc.edu/uhtbin/cgsirsi/gtH7u812Pq/0/55/30063>

or

<http://Library.usc.edu>

Click on Digital Archives, then select IDA-CHSSC

The project represents the results of an effort on the part of CHSSC to place its significant artifact collections into the public domain, to stimulate academic and public interest in the objects. The artifacts document the lives of Chinese people living in Los Angeles from about 1885 – 1935. Some were excavated from deposits earlier covered over during the construction of Union Station in the 1930s, prior to the recent construction on the MTA Red Line. Some were excavated from the site of an old Adobe near Santa Barbara which once served as the location of a Chinese laundry.

While the artifacts themselves remain in curatorial storage, it is hoped the present project will help to bring the collections to the attention of interested scholars and community groups for whom more in-depth analysis would be useful.

USC's ISD was instrumental in assisting CHSSC by providing server space for the storage of more than 1,100 digitized images of artifacts from the collections, and providing access to the images through an up-to-date search engine. The CHSSC webpage takes its place among the other databases in ISD's Integrated Digital Archives. IDA is being developed to create a "virtual library" of materials from various partnering collections to facilitate teaching and research related to the development of the Southern California metropolitan area.

(Professor Gene Cooper, CHSSC Board Member, was in charge of the project.)

"THANK YOU" FOR THE REFRESHMENTS to Aurora Bahou, Natalina Chew, Mae Hom, Ruth Lung, and Johnny Yee. As usual, we had delicious treats. A 'thank you' also to Gilbert Hom who picked and washed a box full of sweet oranges from his own tree.

"THANK YOU" to Bill Jong and Tom Eng for being there to photograph some of our events. Some of the pictures will be on display at our April meeting.

OUR CONDOLENCES

- To Lupe Chee in the loss of her sister.
 - To the family of Sylvia June Wong who passed away recently. She and her husband, Tanny, were active supporters of CHSSC.
 - To the family of Dorothy Hom of San Diego who passed away in December. She and her husband planned and hosted CHSSC members in a trip to Baja Calif. where we were well received by the Chinese in that area.
- They will all be missed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Now through Spring</u>	<u>"Echoes of Han"</u> exhibit focusing on the histories & arts of Japan, Korea, & China El Camino College, 3 rd Floor Behavioral Science Bldg. Crenshaw & Redondo Beach near Torrance Info, call 310-660-3406.
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<u>Through year 2001</u> \$6 admission	<u>Exhibit "Common Ground: The Heart of Community"</u> History of Japanese-American community, Japanese American National Museum 369 E. First Street, Little Tokyo Info, call 213-738-4998
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<u>Now through Sept. 3</u>	<u>"Secret World of the Forbidden City"</u> Splendors from China's Imperial Palace on exhibit Bowers Museum of Cultural Art 2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana Info, call 877-250-8995
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<u>Wednesday, April 5</u> 7:00 P.M.	<u>"Strangers from a Northern Shore"</u> Castelar Elementary School See page 1 for announcement
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<u>Sundays, Apr. 2,9,16,23,30</u> Noon - 4:00 p.m. Free Admission	<u>L.A. Chinatown Heritage & Visitors Center Open</u> 411 Bernard Street near North Broadway Info: call 323-222-1918
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Saturday, April 1st **Census Questionnaires** should be returned to the Census Bureau.
By April 1st.

Sunday, April 9th **Hanamatsuri: the Celebration of Buddha's Birth**
Noon Japanese American National Museum
Info, call 213-625-0414

Saturday, April 15th **"Linking the Generations"**
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CJCLDS, 17101 Plummer St., Northridge 91325
Seminar on family history
Info, call 818-368-3225

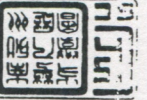
Saturday, April 22nd **Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches (A3M)**
"Starnight Starbright" celebrity fundraiser
Japan America Theater

Friday, April 28 **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Opening Ceremonies**
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Union Station on Alameda

Apr. 28 – May 5 **Chinese Chamber of Commerce trip to the Orient** – Bali and
\$1399 / members Hong Kong
\$1,499 / non-members Info, call 213-617-0396

Saturday, April 29 **Crime & Safety Fair at Castelar School Playground**
Chinatown Public Safety Association (CPSA)
Info, call 213-621-2344

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