

NEWS 'n NOTES

CHINESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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MARCH 2006

APRIL PROGRAM

Guest Speaker

SHERRI GUST

Archeologist



*(Photo courtesy of Sherri Gust,
Cogstone Resource Management)*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006, 7:00 P.M.

CASTELAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Multipurpose Room

840 YALE STREET

LOS ANGELES, CHINATOWN

**(PARK ON PLAYGROUND, ENTER ON COLLEGE
STREET BETWEEN HILL AND YALE STREETS)**

Archeology is playing an important role in the discovery of Chinese remains at the location of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension (MGLEE) project in Boyle Heights. Sherri Gust, an archeologist at Cogstone Resource Management, and will be sharing about the discoveries that she and her team have made so far in their research of the artifacts and remains found just outside Evergreen Cemetery.

CHSSC is at the forefront of this important and significant controversy. Due to the efforts of CHSSC the country has been witness to the events of these disturbing events. In newspapers from New Hampshire to San Jose, CA, English readers have read about it and Chinese readers

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LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE PUTS SPOTLIGHT ON CHSSC ROLE IN CHINESE GRAVESITE CONTROVERSY

*By Jack Ong
and Eugene Moy*

Widespread interest in the Metropolitan Transportation Authority "gravesite controversy" continues to spread as the result of a major article by David Pierson which appeared on the front page of the Los Angeles Times Wednesday, Mar. 15.

CHSSC was a principal factor in the Times piece, with Irvin Lai interviewed at length and featured in a photo, also on Page 1. The Society has taken the lead role in holding the MTA accountable for the skeletal remains and buried artifacts of early Chinese found at an excavation site near Evergreen Cemetery and the L.A. County Crematorium.

Human remains, including some partial and whole skeletons from 128 burials, were unearthed last June 22 at the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension light rail project in Boyle Heights. While the archeologist retained by the MTA has identified only 19 of the skeletal remains as Asian, and 83 of indeterminate ancestry, the site of the burials either coincides with or is in the immediate vicinity of the original Chinese burial ground. At the heart of the controversy are allegations that MTA authorities did not immediately bring the archeological findings to the attention of the Chinese community until a whistle blower notified CHSSC. There were initial fears that some of the findings may have been destroyed.

MTA officials deny the allegations, insisting that excavation was halted as soon as workers realized they were digging up human remains, and that an archeological program was presented to the Review Advisory Committee (RAC), made up of residents within the Boyle Heights community, for approval. Unfortunately, no members of the RAC were of Chinese ethnicity, and the MTA did not directly contact the Chinese American community for advice.

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Markers from Chinese American graves unearthed during excavations are being used as "decorative lawn liners" at the L.A. County crematorium. Inspecting the disgraceful use of the head stones, some over 100 years old, are CHSSC representatives (l to r): Jack Ong, Eugene Moy and Irvin Lai, with Carl Ripaldi, MTA environmental specialist. (Photo by Sean Song)

CHSSC is now working closely with MTA staff and an ad-hoc community review board that was formed specifically to address the controversy and ensure the proper burial of the remains. CHSSC board members Irvin Lai and Susan Dickson and C.A.C.A. board member Daisy Ma have volunteered to participate.

CHSSC is also seeking reparations for families of the deceased as well as a monument dedicated to the early Chinese pioneers, who were excluded from American society and not allowed to be buried in Evergreen. The precise location of their graves has long been a subject of speculation by historians, so the MTA excavation has, ironically, helped to solve that mystery.

Immediately after the Times article ran, KNBC Channel 4 News interviewed Lai at the CHSSC Chinatown Heritage & Visitors Center for that evening's "News at 6" program. The Society has since been contacted about the gravesite situation by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's office, CNN, Fox News, KCET, and by various newspapers across the nation, including many of the local Chinese media.

A week before the Times piece was published, MTA environmental specialist Carl Ripaldi accompanied a Society delegation to the excavation site and an area of the county crematorium. The group was dismayed to discover that, in a grassy area on the crematorium grounds, a number of

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from China to California have been kept abreast of this situation from their persistent writers.

Ms. Gust, a member of CHSSC, has offered to come to our next meeting and possibly share about what she has discovered and present items that she showed at the recent MTA RAC ad-hoc subcommittee meeting that happened on March 23rd.

The next meeting will be an opportunity to hear the full story, ask questions, and hear from a primary source about the recent events.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California was organized in November, 1975. The purposes of the Society are: 1) to bring together people with a mutual interest in the important history and historical role of Chinese and Chinese Americans in Southern California; 2) to pursue, preserve and communicate knowledge of this history; and; 3) to promote the heritage of the Chinese and Chinese American community in support of a better appreciation of the rich, multi-cultural society of the United States.



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broken marble headstones bearing Chinese names were being used for lawn edging.

“At least they weren’t tossed out or otherwise destroyed,” Lai said. “Who knows how many may have been taken as souvenirs?”

Concerned with possible errors by MTA staff in the planning and environmental review process, and a possible lack of respect accorded the remains of the early Chinese, MTA board member and L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich sponsored a motion at the March 23 MTA board meeting to direct a public investigation into their procedures. CHSSC board member Eugene Moy spoke on behalf of the motion, which was approved unanimously. The recent publicity also resulted in much more media and community participation in the third ad-hoc committee meeting held later that evening at the Boyle Heights Senior Citizen Center, according to CHSSC president Ken Chan.

“We had local and Chinese television coverage and several more reporters,” he said.

Before a packed room, archeologist Sherri Gust of MTA-retained Cogstone Resource Management presented a slide show summarizing the chronology of events and providing images of some of the recovered artifacts. Her team also displayed a number of the excavated artifacts at the meeting: a rice bowl, coins, ornaments, buttons, coffin handles and adornments, a broken soup bowl and opium jars among them.

In heated discussion, the main question of the evening was how the MTA planned to “do right” by the descendants of the unearthed Chinese immigrants.

“What is MTA going to do to make this whole?” asked Irvin Lai. “These artifacts were buried with their owners in traditional Chinese manner. They actually belong to their descendants now. Only if there are no descendants should these articles then be released for historical archive purposes.”

In response to CHSSC recommendations, the ad-hoc subcommittee has scheduled its next meeting in Chinatown, on Thursday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Castelar School multipurpose room, 840 Yale St.

CHSSC MEMBERS CAN LEND SUPPORT AT UPCOMING MEETING!

The next ad-hoc subcommittee meeting will be on Thursday, Apr. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Castelar Elementary School, Multipurpose Room, 840 Yale St., Los Angeles Chinatown. CHSSC members are encouraged to come out and show your support.

AROUND CHSSC

CHSSC MOURNS LOSS OF PIONEER CHINESE AMERICAN JOURNALIST

By Monica Merritt-Kwon

Chinese American pioneer in journalism, Sam Chu Lin, has passed away. He was 67.

Chu Lin was one of the first Asian American newsmen to work for a major network when he joined CBS News in the 1970s. He has broadcast for KTLA-TV, KFWB radio, and since 1995, KTTV Fox 11.

In addition to TV and radio, Chu Lin also wrote columns and articles on Asian American affairs for Asian Week, Rafu Shimpō, and the San Francisco Examiner. He covered such significant stories as the fall of Saigon in 1975 and he was in Beijing during the Tiananmen Square uprising in 1989.

As a child growing up in the segregated South, Chu Lin listened intently to radio reports and, in high school, read the news at a local radio station. Through his experiences in segregation, he used his profession to help others see the news “through the lens of the Asian American experience,” said Gwen Muranaka, an editor at Rafu Shimpō.

In 1994, the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, honored and acknowledge Chu Lin as a Chinese pioneer in the field of broadcasting. In addition to being recognized by CHSSC, Chu Lin won awards from the Associated Press, United Press International, the Greater Los Angeles Press Club, the Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Radio and Television News Association.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Judy, two sons, and all of us who will miss his educational reporting and him as a friend.

Memories of Sam Chu Lin from past CHSSC President Cy Wong:

I met Sam Chu Lin through Actress Pat Li. While working at ABC television as an actor, Pat mentioned that she wanted me to meet this Chinese guy from Mississippi. Since I hailed from Louisiana she thought we would have much in common.

We first met at the Spaghetti Factory on Sunset Blvd. Pat introduced me to Sam, and we had been friends ever since. Although we didn’t see one another often, when we did talk, we were like old friends.

Sam was very quite and reserved but serious about his work and family. One long phone conversation I had with him after I moved back to Louisiana, was about him cutting down on his work to spend more time with his two sons.

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PRODUCE *PORTRAITS OF PRIDE, BOOK II*

A new team is being recruited to produce a new edition of *Portraits of Pride*. Interested CHSSC members can write or e-mail Marian Chew. See the list of tasks below for volunteers. The old team members will be training the new recruits with lessons learned from producing Book I – a unique opportunity.

The purpose of our Portraits of Pride (PoP) Series is to:

- Help fill in the “Missing in History” gap of Chinese Americans.
- Increase awareness of the positive contributions of Chinese-Americans.
- Highlight role models for our younger generation.
- Build on the work done by PoP book I and other CHSSC projects.
- Broaden and extend the “Free Library-Book Program” for 5 years.
- Support and mentor succeeding generation of Asian American historians.

What happened to PoP I?

The inventory of PoP I books is depleted by the “Free Library-Book Program.” We received many positive heart warming responses from students, faculty and librarians that are motivating our team. Also with the support of recent generous donors, we are enabled to continue with our program and we hope “no library or school is left behind” without being made educationally aware of this segment of American history.

Why do we need a PoP II?

The stories of PoP I are about the Chinese Americans of the generation of the second World War, labeled the Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw. They were the first Chinese in professions like medicine, basic scientific research, engineering and aerospace technology. The 38 individuals in PoP I were chosen to represent that which was not generally known to the public. Due to institutional prejudices their professional choices were limited. Not so for the generation that followed. After discriminatory laws were declared unconstitutional and the passing of the Immigration Act of 1965, the succeeding generations of native born and immigrant Chinese American were not held back in choosing their careers.

PoP project members, with support from the CHSSC, want to tell the stories of this post WWII generation as a versatile and high achieving group in PoP II. Without fanfare and within one generation, these Americans made their mark in the arts, law, media, education, banking, business and politics from coast to coast at times where there were, surprisingly, still many odds to fight against.

Attributes of Candidates to be included in PoP 2

- Scientists whose deeds have impacted the country with global consequences and who are mostly unknown to the general public.
- High achieving Chinese Americans in non-scientific fields who may or may not be well known.
- Winners of the Nobel Prize.
- Leaders with outstanding character traits participating in community affairs as a role model for our younger generation.

Book Content and Methods

- Updated hyper-links in appendix to facilitate historical research.
- We will continue highlighting the stories of these unsung and unseen heroes in the defense and other industries who strengthen our country with their contributions – so as to counter unjustified questioning of their patriotism because of ethnicity.
- The PoP project will award a grant to a university graduate student to do research and help facilitate the production of the PoP book (mentoring from our seasoned team members and faculty).
- As in PoP I much of the paper work and research will be managed by using the computer and the internet including the interviews, write up, fact check, appendix, index, proofreading, editing, and design layout.

Tasks For Volunteers

- Refer profilees with a brief resume to Marian Chew (Staff) or LP Leung (Director) via e mail. We had about 50 referrals for PoP I of which we choose 38 individuals.
- Join our Fundraiser Group to raise \$500,000 for a five year budget. The group will be led by Project Directors LP Leung and Wing Mar. We have a good start with our first \$100,000 pledged for PoP II support.
- Help in distributing the books to schools, libraries, and community groups. While the “Free Library-Book program” is our main thrust, we are also selling the books to families, friends, and the general public.
- Help in interviewing, writing, obtaining photographs, proofreading, editing for fact verification, cover and book design, internet and web page skills, calligraphy and translation, public relations and other tasks as needed. The transitional Team will allocate resources and task assignments to new members of Team 2 with the above expertise.

Submitted by: L P Leung, Project Director, PoP II
Wing Mar, Project Director, PoP I

Contact the PoP team at popchssc@yahoo.com or
(323) 222-1918.



(*"Chu Lin" from page 3*)

In the early 1990's, the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California wanted to honor Chinese pioneers in journalism. I recommended Sam Chu Lin and Frank Kwan to be recognized. Sam never forgot that recognition from such a community-oriented organization as the CHSSC.

After hearing of his passing, I spoke on the phone with his wife, Judy. Throughout our conversation she constantly thanked me for that recommendation back in 1994 and the Society for honoring him as a Chinese pioneer in television news journalism.

So I'll say, so long Sam, ole friend. I know you're up there getting that big story ready with "Good News." N/N

MARCH REVIEW

Denis Mair, Chinese Scholar

By JW Wong



A tall, lanky, middle aged Denis Mair, graying hair thrown haphazardly atop his handsome face, walked up to the lectern at our last Wednesday presentation and hiked the microphone stand to its fullest extent and spoke to the audience in a dulcet tone. An obviously tall man, but when he opened his mouth, the manner of a gentle scholar rolled out a presentation more in keeping with a gentle brush applying ink against a field of white rice paper.

Though new to the technique of PowerPoint presentation, Denis did not miss a step as he introduced his subject. It is a subject with which he is very familiar, the translation of Chinese. It is not only translation, it is interpretation of meaning, nuances, and expressing the intent of the writer.

Beginning with some familiar phrases in American Chinese, we were asked how we presently interpret some oft used phrases. The phrases were familiar enough to the bilingual attendees, but it was also pointed out that the translations only held water in the context of America's Chinatowns, not necessarily in the way of standard Chinese speech. Phrases like "luk yee" describe the "green clothes"

American policemen wore as uniforms in the earlier part of the twentieth century but became the incorrect though practical translation to mean "policeman."

Denis then went into the translation of several phrases which could have been interpreted in more ways than one but where the best meaning had to be chosen. Often translation is the best of many meanings depending upon other usage, familiar combinations, and original intent. Such a phrase is the popular idea that the Chinese character for "crisis" combines the characters "danger" and "opportunity." Through a detailed reconstruction of the phrase and an analytical breakdown of the original intent of the characters, Denis made the point that the phrase has been mistakenly interpreted. Even so, the myth will persist because it has an exotic, though romantically misguided, appeal. The literally incorrect phrase/word will therefore persist in the face of logic.

Finally Denis went into several lines of some of his favorite poems to describe his love for the imagery of Chinese poetry. He closed his presentation with loving construction of the phrasing and brush stroke flow of the characters. With deft strokes of the keys in his new PowerPoint technique, Denis made those stiff printed characters take on the spiritual flow of their original ink forms. N/N

CHSSC MOURNS LOSS OF LEGAL TRAILBLAZER

By Monica Merritt-Kwon

The first Chinese American to be appointed as a judge in the continental United States passed away Friday, March 10th. CHSSC life member Delbert Wong, was 85 years old.

Born in historic Hanford, CA, Judge Wong attended Bakersfield College before transferring to UC Berkeley where he met his wife, Dolores. After graduating from Cal, he enlisted in the Army Air Forces during World War II. He served as a navigator aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress and completed 30 bombing missions over Europe. For his tremendous work during WWII, Wong was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (x4) and the Air Medal.

After leaving the Army, Wong had a decision to make: join his family's grocery business or go to law school. Fighting pressures to do something "easy," Wong went on to Stanford Law School, graduating in 1949, and becoming the first Chinese American to graduate from that prestigious institution.

In 1959, Wong was appointed to the Los Angeles County
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HEALTH & WELLNESS

WHY EAT BROCCOLI?



By Dr. Betty Gaw

Broccoli, as we buy it from the market comes as florets, stems and leaves, all edible and delicious when prepared well. It belongs to the cruciferous vegetable family that includes cabbage, Brussels sprouts and cauliflower. It is easily grown from seeds or sprouted seedlings from the nursery, and by staggering the planting of different sizes of the seedlings, one can harvest the crop for several months.

The Nutrient Benefits of Broccoli

Raw broccoli gives a meager 25 calories per cup, or 25 calories per half cup of cooked broccoli, without butter. It is the vegetable to consume if you wish to control your weight.

It is rich in Vitamins A, C, folic acid, potassium, and calcium. Vitamin C is heat sensitive so be sure not to overcook broccoli.

Health Benefits

Broccoli contains phytochemicals which inhibit the growth of damaging *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*). *H. pylori* can cause gastritis and gastric ulcers that can later develop into gastric cancer.

Indoles and sulforaphanes are phytochemicals present in broccoli that kill bacteria and have anti-cancer properties. They are available in capsules for those who wish to supplement their regimen after cancer treatments, or to prevent cancer. Another health benefit of broccoli is the high fiber content which enhances bowel function and regularity.

Wash Thoroughly Before Eating

Since produce is often grown in fields where pesticides and herbicides are sprayed, and these are toxic carcinogens or hormone disruptors bad for our bodies, wash broccoli thoroughly before eating or cooking. One way of cleaning broccoli is to mix in a bowl of water, half a cup of vinegar

with a couple of drops of liquid soap. Swish the broccoli in the mixture and rinse thoroughly before cooking or eating.

Cooking Broccoli

Broccoli is my favorite vegetable and my favorite way of cooking it is to sauté it in olive oil, garlic, onions, and then add shrimp, scallops or chicken. In order to preserve its nutrients, it is best to half-cook broccoli.

Drizzling cheese over cooked broccoli gives it a distinct flavor and since turmeric also has cancer-fighting properties, making a curry dish with fish, lamb or chicken and serving with saffron rice garnished with broccoli, presents a delightful and nutritious meal. Potato-cream of broccoli soup is also a very delicious and nutritious meal made with broccoli. Who can turn down a steaming bowl this delectable soup?

There are so many creative ways of preparing this nutrient rich vegetable that we should be eating broccoli a few times a week. I rate this vegetable a close ten.

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Municipal Court bench by then Governor "Pat" Brown. Two years later, in 1961, Wong was elevated to the Superior Court bench where he served for over 20 years, winning 4 elections along the way.

Wong officially retired from the bench in the early 1980's but continued to play important roles in committees and commissions in the Los Angeles area. For example, Wong served on a 7-member panel to draft an ethics policy for the city of Los Angeles. He also assisted in the infamous O.J. Simpson case and even testified at the trial.

A year ago, at the 2005 Spring dinner, CHSSC honored and recognized Wong, as well as 6 other individuals for being Chinese American pioneers in law. Wong is seen as a trailblazer in the Chinese and Asian American community. He not only was the first Chinese American to graduate from Stanford Law School, he was the first Chinese American to be appointed as a judge in the continental United States, and he and his family were the first minority family to live in the Silver Lake area.

Judge Delbert Wong is a man to be remembered as someone who brought the glass ceiling a lot lower for, not only Chinese and Asian Americans, but for all minorities.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

CHSSC's annual Spring fundraising dinner will be on Saturday, May 6th, 2006 and the San Gabriel Hilton. Please save the date! We will be honoring Chinese and Chinese American actors and actresses.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING SNACK DONATIONS

The Society warmly thanks Bill Chun-Hoon, Mae Hom, Jason Jem, Ruth Lung, Dr. Tim Siu, Dolores Wong, and Johnny & Esther Yee for the delicious snacks they provided and set-up for the March General Meeting.

WELCOME, NEW CHSSC MEMBERS!!!

On behalf of CHSSC President Kenneth L. Chan, Membership Secretary Peter Liang and the CHSSC Board, we extend our warmest welcome to Glenna Lee and Marvin Tong.

SPRING DINNER RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION PRIZES

We again solicit your kind donations of gifts to be raffled at our Spring 2006 dinner on May 6th. Generous gifts of new items such as books, electronics, food baskets, handcrafted items such as cushion covers, etc. will greatly benefit the Society. (A car was recently donated to be included in our dinner raffle!) For those who wish to be acknowledged, please wrap and ID your donations with your name, address, and phone number. If you have any questions, please contact raffle prize chairperson, Dr. Betty Gaw at 323-665-6030 or bettycgaw@hotmail.com. The last day to turn in gifts for the dinner is Saturday, April 15th.

"YOU'VE GOT E-MAIL"

If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter by email, please let us know by emailing us at chssc@earthlink.net. The change from hard copy subscription to electronic subscription will save the Society a few dimes and save the environment a few trees.

THANKS TO CHINESE NEW YEAR BOOTH VOLUNTEERS!

The Society would like to acknowledge and thank those who volunteered their time to represent CHSSC at the Chinese New Year Festival booth back in January. They are Elsie Chan, Ken Chan, Susan Dickson, Marlene Gaines, Irvin Lai, Jeannie Liu, Don Loo, Patrick Lord, Marlynn Ma, Monica Merritt-Kwon, Gene Moy, Susan Sing, Joanne Situ, and JW Wong. Thank you for spending part of your Saturday and/or Sunday to support CHSSC!

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) is seeking a motivated and self-directed individual to fill the position of Administrator. Candidate shall support the daily operations and programs of the Society, including clerical office operations, scheduling and coordinating the walking tour program, operating the Chinatown Heritage and Visitor's Center, and fundraising activities. For those who are interested, please send cover letter and resume to the CHSSC office, 415 Bernard St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 or email chssc@earthlink.net.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to CHSSC board member JW Wong, and his family on the passing of his mother. Condolences also go to the family of Sam Chu Lin and CHSSC life member Judge Delbert Wong. Both suddenly passed away during the month of March.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM PAST CHSSC PRESIDENT, CY WONG

Why not go out on a limb? Isn't that where the fruit is?

Being a great performer means seeing the great possibilities, when others sees nothing.

DONATION TO CHSSC

Thank you to Jack Ong who donated a Chinese fig tree to the Society's lot on Bernard St. It was planted within the past couple of months and it is already sprouting some new growth! It is planted in memory of his parents, Kam Fong & Jeung Shee Ong.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ongoing, Often

BONE MARROW DRIVES by ASIANS FOR MIRACLE MARROW MATCHES

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CHINATOWN FARMERS MARKET

727 N. Hill St., L.A. Chinatown

Information: (213) 680-0243; www.chinatownla.com

Through April 9th, Sunday

"TALK STORY: AN AMERICAN FAMILY" EXHIBIT

Chinese Historical Society of America

965 Clay St., S.F. Chinatown

Information: (415) 391-1188, www.chsa.org

Through April 21st, Friday, 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

"THE FAR EAST" EXHIBIT

Bamboo Lane Gallery

418 Bamboo Lane, L.A. Chinatown

Information: (213) 620-1188, www.bamboolane.com

Through May 14th, Sunday

"ISAMU NOGUCHI - SCULPTURAL DESIGN" EXHIBIT

Japanese American National Museum

369 E. First St., Little Tokyo

Information: (213) 625-1770; www.janm.org

Through May 31st, Wednesday

"WHEN CHINA RULED THE SEAS: THE TREASURE FLEET OF THE MING DYNASTY, 1405-1433" EXHIBIT

Ventura County Maritime Museum

2731 S. Victoria Ave., Oxnard

Information: (805) 984-6260

Through June 18th, Sunday

"REFLECTIONS OF BEAUTY: WOMEN FROM JAPAN'S FLOATING WORLD" EXHIBIT

Pacific Asia Museum

46 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena

Information: (626) 449-2742 x20;

www.pacificasiamuseum.org

Through October 15th, Sunday

"MERGING: THE ART OF DIANA SHUI-IU WONG" EXHIBIT

Chinese American Museum

425 N. Los Angeles St.

El Pueblo State Park at Olvera Street, L.A.

Information: (213) 626-5240; www.camla.org

April 1st-2nd, Saturday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

5TH ANNUAL PASADENA CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Rose Bowl, Pasadena

Information: (626) 683-8243;

www.pasadenacherryblossom.org

April 2nd, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

THAI NEW YEAR "SONGKRAN" FESTIVAL

Hollywood Blvd., between Western & Normandie Aves.

Information: (323) 466-5966

April 9th, Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

US SUMO OPEN

Los Angeles Convention Center

Information: (310) 288-3641; www.usasumo.com

April 17th-18th, Monday-Tuesday

"1906 CENTENNIAL - SAN FRANCISCO UPRISING" GALA DINNER & COMMEMORATIVE BREAKFAST

Palace Hotel

2 New Montgomery St., San Francisco

Information: (415) 391-1188, www.chsa.org

April 22nd-23rd, Saturday-Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

MONTEREY PARK CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Barnes Park

350 S. McPherrin Ave., Monterey Park

Information: (626) 307-1458; www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us

May 4th, Thursday - May 11th, Thursday

VC FILMFEST - LOS ANGELES ASIAN PACIFIC FILM FESTIVAL

Aratani/Japan America Theatre, Little Tokyo, L.A.

Information: (213) 680-4462; www.vconline.org

May 6th-7th, Saturday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

PACIFIC ISLANDER FESTIVAL

Harbor Regional Park

2580 Vermont Ave., Wilmington

Information: (714) 968-1785

May 6th, Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

CHSSC SPRING DINNER

San Gabriel Hilton

225 West Valley Blvd., San Gabriel

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Chinese Historical Society
of Southern California



Salute to Chinese American Actors

a premier event of Asian Pacific American Heritage month

HONORING

Michael Paul Chan
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Join us in commemorating
our 30th anniversary with an all-star gala!

Honor the actors who have made their
mark in Asian American film history.

Saturday May 6, 2006

VIP Reception With the Stars for Jade Level tables
and \$200 ticket patrons: 5pm

Registration & No-Host Bar: 6pm

Delectable Chinese Banquet: 6:30pm

All-Star Salute: 7:30pm

San Gabriel Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom

225 West Valley Blvd
San Gabriel, CA 91776

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CHSSC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

All but \$50 of each ticket is tax deductible to benefit CHSSC.

For more information, please contact CHSSC:

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www.chssc.org

RESERVATION

Your prompt reservation and payment are most appreciated! Detach and mail with payment to CHSSC.

Please reserve ___ tables of 10 people for me at the following level:

___ Jade \$2,000 (Includes VIP reception) ___ Gold (\$1,500) ___ Silver (\$1,000)

Total: \$ _____

Please reserve ___ seat(s) at the following level:

___ \$200 (Includes VIP reception) ___ \$150 ___ \$100

Total: \$ _____

I am unable to attend, but enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of:

Total: \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please list attendees sitting together on the back of this form.

Make checks payable to: CHSSC, 415 Bernard St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.



WHEN IS TRIVIA NOT TRIVIAL?
(HINT: WHEN CHINESE AMERICAN STARS ARE ALIGNED!)



What do San Francisco, Sri Lanka, Broadway and Singapore have in common? What links a nudist and a shaman to a zombie and a hooker with a heart of gold? And while we're on the trivia trail, can you guess how it's possible to stir together "Bladerunner," "Seinfeld," "Bad Santa," "Lost," and "Sweeney Todd" and come up with a common denominator?

By now, every "enquiring" CHSSC member knows the answers. Yeah, right. For the rest of us, every clue mentioned above is just one degree of separation from the roster of talented men and women to be honored in our "Salute to Chinese American Actors" on Saturday, May 6, to be emceed by Miranda Hoh!

From locations far and near to every imaginable character an actor portrays, along with some of the most popular movie and TV titles of all time...our distinguished honorees have worked all over the planet -- acting, singing, dancing and clowning in roles of all different sorts, on stage and radio, in films and television.

The world of entertainment just wouldn't be the same without the contributions of the actors CHSSC will be acknowledging on May 6, and Society members won't want to miss out on a truly memorable event at the San Gabriel Hilton Hotel.

Confirmed attendees at press time include Michael Paul Chan, Francois Chao, George Kee Cheung, Chao-Li Chi, Tsai Chin, James Hong, Alvin Ing, Nancy Kwan, Dana Lee, Jodi Long, Lisa Lu, Tzi Ma, Julia Nickson, Jack Ong, Freda Foh Shen, Elizabeth Sung, Lauren Tom, Russell Wong and Ping Wu.

In a word: WOW!

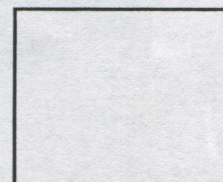
Emcee Miranda Hoh puts it succinctly: "When this amazing group of performers comes together to be honored, I'm going to feel a truly great sense of awe and pride. The way these men and women have persisted at their craft over the decades in the tough profession of entertainment is, to me, truly awe-inspiring. It will be such an honor to present them and be in the same room with them all at one time!"

The who-what-when-where-how and why of the May 6 gala are all detailed on the flyer in this edition of N&N. It is recommended that we call our families and friends and make our reservations soon, before this all-star "Salute" is sold out! Remember, it's our Society's big fundraiser of the year, so mark your calendars now.



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