

# NEWS'N NOTES



Chinese Historical Society  
of Southern California

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Left to right: standing - Marjorie Lee, Susie Ling, and Sucheta Mazumdar; sitting - Suellen Cheng, Lucie Cheng, Judy Chu. Photo: Munson Kwok

## Linking Our Lives

*Lucie's Life Exploration*

Wednesday, April 3, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

*Castelar Elementary School*

*840 Yale Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012*

Free parking - enter via College Street

Refreshments will be served

This event is free and open to the public

This film documents the late Professor Lucie Cheng, UCLA faculty member and longtime Director of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, and also a pioneering scholar of migration, labor and gender. Winner of Taiwan's prestigious 2012 Golden Harvest Award for Best Documentary, *Linking Our Lives*, portrays her unfettered spirit and remembers her legacy at UCLA. The filmmaker, Diane Ying, describes Cheng as a person who achieved a lot in her life, but hardly ever talked about herself. Many of her friends in Taiwan were unaware that she propelled the field of Asian American studies in a new direction as the longtime director of the Asian American Studies Center at UCLA. Likewise, her friends in the United States did not know that she continued to help disadvantaged groups such as Asian migrant workers and immigrant spouses to make themselves heard in Taiwan.



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## 2013 Ch'ing Ming Festival

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*This year's ceremony will include  
a special remembrance of*

**Randall Bloch**

*champion of the preservation  
of the Chinese Memorial Shrine*

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Saturday, April 6, 2013  
11:00 A.M. to 1:00 p.m.

Evergreen Cemetery  
204 N. Evergreen Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90033

After entering Evergreen Cemetery  
proceed to the far eastern end of the cemetery.

This event is free and open to the public. A light lunch will be served.

CHSSC will host Ch'ing Ming (Chinese Memorial Day) Festival at the historic Chinese Memorial Shrine at Evergreen Cemetery. The Shrine stands at the center of what was once a 19th century Chinese cemetery. Built in 1888 by the people of Los Angeles' Old Chinatown, the Shrine is considered the earliest extant Chinese structure in Los Angeles. The site remains culturally and historically significant and has been designated Los Angeles Historic/Cultural Monument No. 486. It is owned and maintained by the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California. Please join us for this culturally rich event.

### Board of Directors

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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, multicultural society of the United States.



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**Annual Golden Spike Awards Dinner**  
*Celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of New Chinatown*

Saturday, May 18, 2013 – 6:00 pm  
**Empress Pavilion Restaurant**  
988 North Hill Street #201  
Los Angeles Chinatown, CA 90012

*Please join us in honoring:*

**Grand Star Jazz Club**  
**Phoenix Bakery**  
**Jack Ong**

**Jin Hing & Co.**  
**Phoenix Imports**  
**Milton Quon**

**K.G. Louie**  
**Sincere Imports**  
**Cy Wong**



### Jack Ong

Actor, activist, writer, minister, and marketing professional for Galpin Motors. Jack Ong is an active member (and former board member) of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) and a hands-on supporter of various educational, religious, cultural and community outreach organizations, institutions and causes, including the West Los Angeles United Methodist Church, East West Players, Chinese American Museum (CAM), Shoah Foundation and People Assisting the Homeless (PATH). Jack Ong also serves as the Executive Director of The Dr. Haing S. Ngor Foundation and regular member of the Screen Actors Guild.



### Milton Quon

Art director, designer, and animator for Walt Disney Studios throughout the 1940's to 1960's. Milton Quon's freelance and design work for restaurants in New Chinatown include his outdoor lantern sign for Grandview Gardens; now a historic landmark in Chinatown's Central Plaza. Milton gained recognition working for companies such as Walt Disney Studios and becoming the first Chinese American art director at national, now global advertising agency BBDO. Quon has also shared his creative talents as an instructor at Los Angeles Trade Tech College and exhibits for the Chinese American Museum and LMAN Gallery.



### Cy Wong

Former President and Lifetime Member of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California (CHSSC) as well as chartered member of the Chinese American Museum (CAM). An actor, singer-songwriter, author, and historian who was a founding member of the Ethnic Minorities Committee of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG). As chairman of the Scholarship Committee at Saint Andrews Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Cy Wong was instrumental in helping multiple students receive scholarships to college from 1993 to 2003. He currently supports St. Jude, Feed the Children, and Senior Citizens of Hollywood on an active basis.



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Please reserve \_\_\_ tickets @ \$100 per person (members), \_\_\_ tickets @ \$135 per person (non-members), OR

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RSVP by April 30th, 2013 **Remit form and submit payment to: CHSSC 411 Bernard Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Credit Card payment can be phoned in to 323-222-0856 or mailed to above address.

The Chinese Historical Society of Southern California is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax I.D. # 95-3155357



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# Celebrating 130 Years Castelar Street Elementary School

Please join us on Friday, May 24, 2013

Castelar School  
850 Yale Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012



*This will also include an open house after a IPM meeting in the multi-purpose room hosted by the school. The new Music Room will have historic photos that will be available for public viewing.*

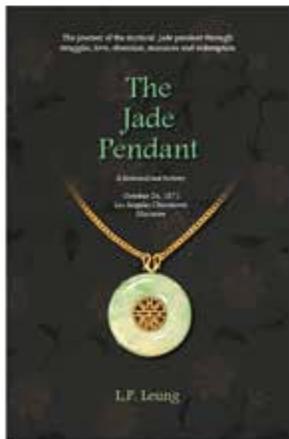
In 1882, Los Angeles opened a four-room school across from the French Hospital. In 1903, the main building of the little school was destroyed by fire and a 13-room Victorian structure was built in its place. By the 1970s, the Victorian gave way to a new 33-room complex.

Castelar Elementary School is the second oldest continuously operating school in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Through these 130 years, Castelar School has successfully laid the academic foundation for many generations of children. Castelar remains a unique space in Los Angeles' multicultural history.



## THE JADE PENDANT

A novel by L. P. Leung



The Jade Pendant is a romantic and tragic story between Peony, who inherited the heirloom jade pendant from her grandmother, and her husband Tom. Their lives together was short, but their love for each other was intimate and strong. Every year for over fifty years, Tom visited her gravesite alone to "listen" to her. The settings of the story encompass San Francisco and Los Angeles, with connections to southeast China and Hong Kong.

This fictionalized novel is built around a ghastly episode inflicted upon the Los Angeles Chinese community of about 200 residents on October 24, 1871. It was a grim page of history of Los Angeles that it preferred to bypass. East coast journalists labeled the city as the "Blood Stained Eden".

The readers will get a glimpse into the lives of early Chinese immigrants in the late 19th century California as seen from the perspectives of several divergent, interconnected characters. The story is interwoven with interactions between Chinese and Caucasian immigrants.

The central character - Peony - A vibrant, smart and beautiful girl raised in China by her widower father in an untraditional way. Her independent spirit and her determination to control her own destiny took her to America at age 17. Many young girls from China were sold into prostitution in California.

Peony indentured herself for five years as a domestic servant in a brothel in San Francisco where three Chinese men and an Irish journalist were infatuated with her.

The mystic heirloom jade pendant possessed by Peony is the principal prop of the novel. It gave her wisdom to deal with many difficult situations and protected her on the journey from her home village to Hong Kong, and then to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

As one of the rioters in the 1871 Chinatown Massacre, Irish journalist Frank Michaels searched for and pillaged a fortune in gold nuggets and snatched Peony's jade pendant. He kept the jade pendant as his surrogate mistress for 52 years. Facing his own imminent mortality in 1923, he desperately sought some degree of absolution for his participation in the Massacre by returning the jade pendant to Peony's husband.

In deteriorating health, Tom determined to make his final visit to Peony's grave to give her back the jade pendant. Her mystic presence and their subsequent encounter was surreal.

The book is available in both printed and ebook format from Amazon.com or Barnes and Noble.com.



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### Community Calendar

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**Ching Ming Festival at Evergreen Cemetery**

Join members and friends of CHSSC to remember those who have left us. Enjoy the History, Celebration, Remembrance, Turkey Jook, Dim Sum and Roast Pig

[www.evergreen-losangeles.com/](http://www.evergreen-losangeles.com/)

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**Thursday, April 11, 2013 5:30pm \$100/person**

The Friends of the Chinese American Museum cordially invites you to its Installation Dinner in honor of Incoming President Dr. Gay Q. Yuen and the 2013 Officers, Board of Directors and Advisory Council Members

Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant

111 No. Atlantic Blvd, #350, Monterey Park, CA 91754  
(213) 485-8484 [camla.org](http://camla.org)

**Sunday, April 14, 2013 11:00 to 4:00 pm Free**

**LA Heritage Day**

L.A. Heritage Alliance will host its Annual L.A. Heritage Day to share Los Angeles' and Southern California's history through tours, five museums, children's activities, presentations, giveaways, food, and other activities. The entire event and all activities are free and will take place at the birthplace of Los Angeles and adjacent to world-famous Olvera Street.

[laheritage.blogspot.com](http://laheritage.blogspot.com)

**Sunday, April 14 2013 2:00 to 4:00pm Free**

**Scott Zesch, author of the new book *The Chinatown War*, will speak about the fascinating and troubled history of the small Chinese community in 1860s and '70s Los Angeles. The staggering massacre of nineteen Chinese on October 24, 1871 forms the core of this talk. Seating is limited and reservations are highly recommended. Call to make a reservation.**

Homestead Museum

15415 East Don Julian Road, City of Industry, CA 91745  
(626) 968-8492 [homesteadmuseum.org](http://homesteadmuseum.org)

### Save The Date

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