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## GOODBYE HORSE, HELLO RAM! (Part 2: Historical)

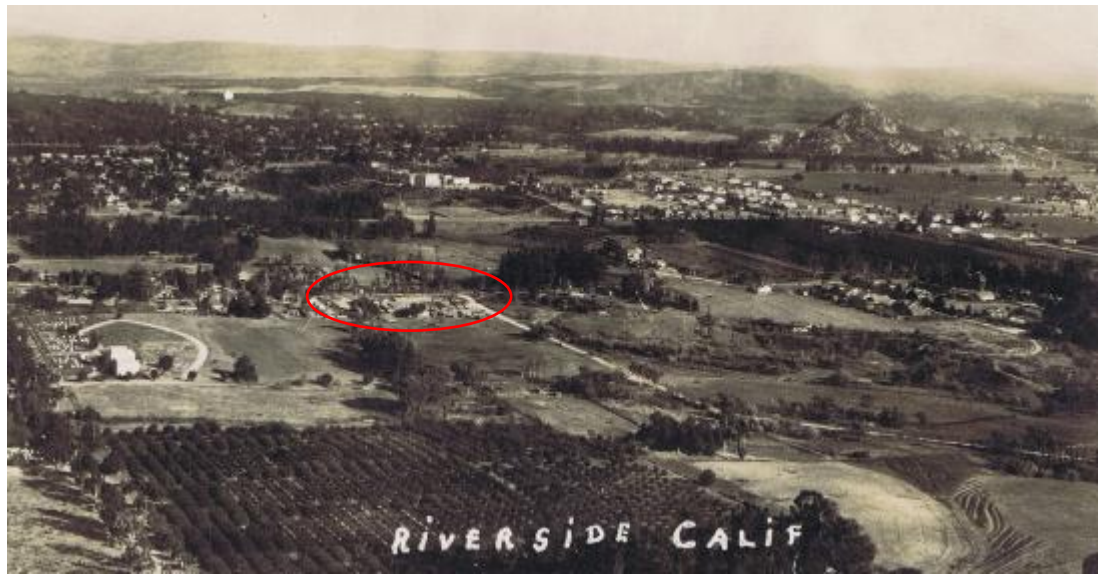
Riverside's Historic Archaeological Chinatown Site: Another Step Closer to a Memorial Park

By Judy Lee

Did you have a good New Year? In the last issue, we covered the latest information about the Riverside Chinatown site and upcoming events that the Save Our Chinatown Committee (SOCC) was to participate in. Today we'll provide a short history with references to other resources for additional information.

The Chinese were in the Riverside area even before the town was established in 1870. Chinese laborers and bricklayers worked on the buildings for the Jensen-Alvarado ranch (circa 1868), employing the same techniques used in southern China. The Chinese were a source of labor when Riverside was building and setting up the area's infrastructure, played a key role in the development and success of area citrus agriculture, and were an integral part of Riverside's economic development. In fact, at one point Riverside was declared the richest city per capita in the United States. The Chinese worked on ranches, ran laundries, and became servants to the richer Riverside families

The Chinese Pavilion near the Mission Inn and the Riverside Public Library is only a block or two away from original Chinese businesses and settlements in the downtown mile square. When local ordinances were passed that essentially banned the Chinese from the area, they moved to the arroyo on Tequesquite in 1885 between what is now Palm and Brockton Avenues and formed a Chinatown there. It became a center of Chinese businesses and residences, whose population rose and fell as Chinese migrant workers followed the California harvests.



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Postcard view of Riverside. Chinatown is circled near the center.

## HIDDEN GEM

The Highland Springs Resort and the Grand Oak Steakhouse & Bar

By Carole Meyer-Reith

Searching for a date night option in December, I stumbled upon the website for the Highland Springs Resort in Beaumont, California. My husband and I were intrigued by the German night which is held on Tuesdays, and decided to make the drive from Riverside. I was surprised by how quickly we made it to Beaumont, but especially at night it

really felt as though we were a bit out in the middle of nowhere! Curious, we slowly wound our way through the pine trees along the driveway to the parking lot for the resort and were pleased by the lodge design of the main building. We were bundled in jackets and scarves and our breath made clouds in the cold air as we made our way inside. The white walls of the lobby were warmed by the contrast of wooden beams and seasonal decorations made by a local artist out of tumbleweeds, ribbon, and boughs of pine.



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Lavender fields at the Highland Springs Resort. This year's Lavender Festival will be June 13-14 and 20-21.

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# PERSONAL AND PERSONNEL NEWS

## Current Recruitments

<http://library.ucr.edu/employment/>

Software Developer, Cyberinfrastructure  
Library Assistant, Collection Maintenance  
Asst. Night Supervisor, Orbach Circ/Res  
Medical Librarian

## Staff Arrivals and Departures:

### Arrivals

Rebecca Ryan, Admin  
Dennis Vice, IT  
Sara Fitzgerald, Admin  
Robert Wong, Jr.,  
Facilities

## SHIFTING PROJECT UPDATE

### Orbach:

The 2nd floor shift is complete. This shift allowed for 2 sections to be removed along the wall in the A-QA section of the library to provide more room for study space & new furniture. The range guides have been updated.

The 3rd floor shift currently in the QP section is an on-going project that will continue through spring quarter and the summer. Range guides will be updated as the shift progresses.

### Rivera:

The 3rd floor shift in the Ns is complete. Range guides have been updated. The shift will continue through the Ps to relieve crowding in the PL section. Range guides will be updated as the shift progresses.

The basement shift will start again. The first part of the shift will be a backwards shift to create space for recently cataloged loose journals. Then the shift will move forward through the floor. Range guides will be updated as the shift progresses.



## UNIONS' NEWS & VIEWS

### UC-AFT: Report from the California Federation of Teachers Convention

By Carla Arbagey

The California Federation of Teachers (CFT) convention was held March 20-22 at the Manhattan Beach Marriott. The UC Librarians' union, University Council – American Federation of Teachers (UC-AFT), is also a part of CFT. The convention drew more than 500 delegates, including myself. The schedule was jam-packed with important and high-profile speakers, workshops, and union business. Among the speakers were California State Controller Betty Yee, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, and Cruz Batista Salvador, an uncle of one of the 43 students who went missing in September 2014 from the Escuela Normal Rural Raúl Isidro Burgos in Ayotzinapa, Mexico.



Cruz Batista Salvador addresses the convention

The keynote speaker, Jeff Duncan Andrade, professor of Raza studies at San Francisco State University and former Oakland high school teacher, gave a moving presentation called "Note to Educators: Hope Required When Growing Roses in Concrete." The title refers to a poem and song by Tupac Shakur (see p.5), which helped to frame Andrade's message about the chronic, toxic stress faced by many low-income students. He spoke to the need for teachers (and librarians) to meet these students where they are, to give them hope, and to appreciate their tenacity to succeed despite difficult circumstances.



Jeff Duncan Andrade

**Teamsters Local 2010**

Take the bargaining survey and vote on the issues most important to you  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2010bargainsurvey>

Get involved! The next UCR union member meeting will be April 28<sup>th</sup>, 12-1pm in Student Services Building Room 2201.

# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Readers,

Happy spring! It has certainly been a beautiful season so far here on the UCR campus. Even with the lack of rain here in Southern California, our trees are lush and green once more, flowers are blooming, and the weather has been generally mild and full of sunshine. It is definitely a time of renewal and inspiration.

I hope you will adopt the spirit of the season with renewed interest and inspiration for our library activities. We are getting close to elections time for our two library organizations, the Library Staff Association and the Librarian's Association of UC, Riverside division. If you enjoy the programs and activities sponsored by LSA and LAUC-R, consider getting more involved in the upcoming year by running for office, serving on a committee, or becoming a department representative for LSA. Remember, these are OUR organizations, and inspired library staff are what make them great!

I also urge you to consider becoming more involved with our newsletter, either by attending meetings, reporting on library events, or submitting content. Our meeting attendance and content submissions have dropped since we first started, so we need our help! Mark your calendars for our next newsletter general interest meeting, which will be May 27<sup>th</sup> at noon in Rivera Room 403. Keep an eye out for an invitation to join our e-mail list, which will be coming soon. If you have enjoyed reading the newsletter, please consider contributing.

Sincerely,  
Carla Arbagey  
Newsletter Editor-in-Chief



## EVENTS AND THINGS TO DO

Compiled by Terri Gutierrez

### April:

- 4/18, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Riverside Insect Fair. Mission Inn Ave., between Orange & Lemon Streets.  
4/18, 10 a.m. Salute to Veterans Parade. Begins at Riverside City College, Magnolia Ave. & Ramona Dr.; [asalutetoveterans.com](http://asalutetoveterans.com)  
4/20, 12 p.m. Hubble Telescope Exhibit Opening, Orbach Library.  
4/25, 10 a.m. Big Barn Classic Car Show, Menifee, Mottee Historical Museum; [mottmuseum.com](http://mottmuseum.com)

### May:

- 5/4, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Star Wars Day/Comic Book Day Mash-Up Event, Rivera Library, Leisure Reading.  
5/8, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. UCR Market Day  
5/10 Mother's Day  
5/14, 3 p.m. Petko Student Book Collection, Rivera Library, Special Collections.  
5/15, 7 p.m. 11<sup>th</sup> Annual World Music Celebration, University Theatre.  
5/16, 8 p.m. UCR Chamber Music Ensembles, ARTS 166  
5/17, 2 p.m. Primavera in the Gardens, Food & Wine Tasting Fundraiser, UCR Botanic Gardens  
5/21, 8 p.m. UCR Jazz Ensembles, University Theatre  
5/25 Memorial Day Holiday  
5/26, 12 p.m. Japanese Taiko Drumming Demo, ARTS Bldg. Amphitheatre Steps

Apr. - June Film Series, Culver Center of the Arts. Friday – Saturday screenings. See schedule: <http://culvercenter.ucr.edu/Film/List>

### Regional Happenings:

- 4/15 – 4/19 Spring RV Show, Pomona. Pomona Fairplex; [thebestrvshow.com](http://thebestrvshow.com)  
4/17 – 4/19 Earth Day Food & Wine Weekend, Paso Robles; [earthdayfoodandwine.com](http://earthdayfoodandwine.com)  
4/18 – 4/19 The Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, USC campus; [latimes.com/festivalofbooks](http://latimes.com/festivalofbooks)  
4/19 Avocado Festival, Fallbrook; [fallbrookchamberofcommerce.org](http://fallbrookchamberofcommerce.org)  
4/23 – 4/30 Newport Beach Film Festival, Newport Beach; [newportbeachfilmfest.com](http://newportbeachfilmfest.com)

The main business of the convention was to conduct our elections and pass resolutions. CFT President Joshua Pechthault and Secretary-Treasurer Jeff Freitas were both re-elected. The delegation spent a lot of time discussing and voting on resolutions. CFT also acts as a lobby group, and so the resolutions determine what legislation, causes, and programs CFT will support during the next year. Among the resolutions were approved were support of the Black Lives Matter movement, and a resolution drafted by UC-AFT to demand retirement benefits from UC for part-time lecturers.



The convention was inspirational, moving, and informative. We even had a great dinner and social during the first night! It was a great experience to attend the convention, and I encourage other librarians to serve as delegates during next year's convention.



Top right: CFT Secretary-Treasurer Jeff Freitas (left) and CFT President Josh Pechthault (right)  
 Bottom right: Convention delegates in support of the Black Lives Matter movement  
 Left: Honora St.Clair, Karl Lisovsky, Karen LeCocq, Andrew Tonkovich accept CFT Organizing Award. UC-AFT had the third highest membership growth of all CFT locals!

### THREE...TWO...ONE...ATTEND!

By Judy Lee

**Event One** *Island: Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island, 1910-1940*  
**Date & Time** 4/21/2015, 3:30-5:00; Refreshments 5-6 pm  
**Venue** 1128 INTS 1128 (Screening Room)  
**Book Signing** Copies of the 2d edition of *Island...* will be available at the talk (\$30 + tax) from UCR's Bookstore and Judy Yung can sign your copy.

**Event Two** Oral History  
**Date & Time** 4/22/2015, 3:30-5:15; Refreshments 5-6pm (Speaker departs 5:15 pm)  
**Venue** 240 Orbach Science Library

Which three themed months and two presentations are covered by one speaker? *Answer:* Women's History Month (March), National Poetry Month (April), Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May); talks on April 21 and 22; Judy Yung.

The discovery of writing on the walls of barracks on Angel Island in the 1970s simultaneously touched off unspoken and forgotten stories of immigration and launched the preservation effort of today's Angel Island Immigration Station. Originally published in 1980, the poems and their translations were further enhanced by research and illustrations in the second edition of *Island: Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island, 1910-1940*, co-edited by Judy Yung. Her research and work since the poems' discovery contributed significantly to Asian American history. Professor Emerita Yung (UCSC) will talk about these poems, the stories they reveal, and the rich legacy they provide.

Much of Yung's research between the two editions of *Island...* stems from her use of oral history as a research tool (e.g., *The Adventures of Eddie Fung: Chinatown Kid, Texas Cowboy, Prisoner of War* and *Chinese American Voices: from the Gold Rush to the Present*)

and her pioneering work utilizing this method to bring the history of Chinese American women to the fore (e.g., *Unbound Feet: a Social History of Chinese Women in San Francisco* and *Unbound Voices: a Documentary History of Chinese Women in San Francisco*). Professor Emerita Yung will talk about her work in oral history, including why it is important to her and how she became an oral historian.

Both presentations will enrich activities and local research now conducted at UCR, at other institutions, and in the community. History 30 will attend the Tuesday presentation and Ethnic Studies 133 will attend on Wednesday; both are taught by new UCR faculty. Professor Yung will also visit a graduate class on oral history. The Young Oak Kim Center on Korean American Studies received a three-year \$135,000 grant, part of which will go toward an oral history project. UCR history students will collect oral histories at the Riverside Metropolitan Museum where the Smithsonian traveling exhibit on Asian Americans (*I Want the Wide American Earth*) remains until the end of May. The Save Our Chinatown Committee has partnered with students in Professor Cherstin Lyon's oral history classes (CSUSB) for stories about Riverside's historic Chinatown.

Judy Yung is an award winning author. Her 2010 *Angel Island: Immigrant Gateway to America*, co-authored with Erika Lee, won the Caughey Western History Prize for best book of the year in Western History for 2011. A few weeks ago, Judy Yung was honored by the National Women's History Project (NWHF) during Women's History Month (2015), the theme being "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives."

Funding has been supplied by LAUC-R (professional development, chair, and program), Gender and Sexuality Department, Center for Ideas and Society, Public History Program (History), Ethnic Studies Department, and the Young Oak Kim Center for Korean American Studies. Arrangements and administrative support are provided by the UCR Library and CHASS.

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Chinese New Year was a popular time for some of the more adventurous Riversiders to visit Chinatown. The "China boys" delighted in seeing children visit as they had left families back in China or, due to the Exclusion Act, could not start families here.

The Chinese Exclusion Act eventually took its toll as Chinatown's population shrank. Residents moved away, returned to China, or simply died out. With few Chinese families, Chinatowns were overwhelmingly populated by men, that "bachelor society." Riverside's oldest Chinatown resident passed away in 1939, Sam Lew Gut, the former loyal house servant to Catherine Bettner. The Bettner house on Magnolia is now under the care of the Riverside Metropolitan Museum as the "Heritage House."

George Wong had tended to the elders of Chinatown and, as the last resident, purchased the property in 1940. Born in China in 1900, George arrived at the age of twelve to join his father, popular vegetable peddler Wong Ben Chow (pronounced Chow/Chou/Jou, known as "Little Joe").



George Wong, 1968

George was an interesting Riverside character. He passed away in 1974, but lived to see the site recognized as a Riverside County Landmark (1968). George Wong was buried in Evergreen Cemetery on a slight incline, overlooking his beloved Chinatown. Even in the last years of his life, he hoped for the restoration of Chinatown. The property was sold and the last remaining buildings were "mysteriously" demolished around 1977.

Although several Inland area Chinatowns once existed; all of them have since disappeared. Riverside's Chinatown was a major center and even raised money for

Sun Yat Sen, the founding father of the Republic of China. Riverside's was the only area Chinatown to be recognized as significant at the city, county, state, and national levels.

There is a direct link with the Chinese influence on citrus agriculture and the establishment of a USDA lab in Riverside (early 1900s), which evolved into the Citrus Experiment Station (1907). Chinese workers were favored at the Citrus Experiment Station to carry out exacting experiments and tests. The Citrus Experiment Station, now retooled to house the Anderson Graduate School of Management School of Business Administration, formed the basis for UC Riverside and the rest, as they say, is history.

Primary and secondary source materials on Riverside's Chinatown can be found at the Riverside Public Library, the Riverside Metropolitan Museum, and the UCR Library. In the 1980s there was interest in the Chinatown site. In 1984-1985 a mitigated archaeological dig was conducted by the Great Basin Foundation and UC Riverside. Author Maxine Hong Kingston broke ground at the archaeological site, returning a year later for its celebrations. Her visits coincided with UCR's Writers Week. The major coordinator of Writers Week was Harry Lawton, a driving force behind researching the history of Chinatown and supporting the dig. The excavation unearthed over three tons of materials, considered a great amount at the time. At the dig's completion, the archaeologists decided to keep the remains intact and protect it by covering over the site. Riverside Mayor Ab Brown issued a proclamation in 1985 to recognize Chinatown's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Actor James Hong was the emcee of a celebration at UC Riverside. For more about the history of Riverside's Chinatown and the results of the 1984-1985 excavation, consult the two-volume *Wong Ho Leun: an American Chinatown* (F869 R5 W65 1987, Rivera and SpCol). Wong Ho Leun was George Wong's Chinese name.



Site of Riverside Chinatown, second location. ©2015 Google · County of San Bernardino, DigitalGlobe, U.S. Geological Survey, USDA Farm Service Agency

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You see you wouldn't ask why the rose that grew from the concrete had damaged petals. On the contrary, we would all celebrate its tenacity. We would all love it's will to reach the sun. Well, we are the rose - this is the concrete - and these are my damaged petals. Don't ask me why, thank God, ask me how!

-Tupac Shakur, The rose that grew from concrete (excerpt)



προπόδ = προ + ποδ  
πρόσαρ = προ + σαρ  
καρπέτ = καρ + πέτ  
αдрес = αδ + ρεσσ  
танго = та + го  
I = I = I ANSWERS

## TRANSLATING *CHINA AND THE ALLIES*

Submitted by Kuei Chiu

After four years of effort, and in collaboration with two librarians from Ohio State and Duke University, Kuei Chiu's Chinese translation of Arnold Henry Savage Landor's *China and the Allies* was published last year. It is part of the *Experiencing China* series by the China National Library Press, which was launched in 2004 and has 17 titles released so far. The series features travel books, correspondences, diaries, and memoirs of western missionaries, diplomats, and travelers. Each edition and reflects the author's observation and personal encounters while travelling in China during the late Qing Dynasty.

Arnold Henry Savage Landor (1865-1924) was an English painter, explorer, and writer. He was born in Florence, Italy, grandson of the writer Walter Savage Landor. His

first trip to China was via Korea in 1885, during which he visited Peking and Great Wall. In 1897, he tried to visit Lhasa, a city whose ruler had forbidden entry to outsiders. After his initial failure, he succeeded in his second attempt, and visited Tibet before finally being captured and tortured by the Tibetans. On the Tibetans, Landor writes that they "were bent on discouraging other foolhardy amateurs from entering their kingdom." He wrote three books based on his experience in Tibet and Nepal: *In the Forbidden Land: an Account of a Journey into Tibet, 1899*; *Tibet and Nepal Painted and Described, 1905*; and *An Explorer's Adventures in Tibet, 1910*.

In London, Landor's became famous after his trip to Tibet, and was even invited to give talks in the United States. When the Boxer Rebellion broke out in China, he joined the Allied forces in their attempt to relieve the siege of diplomatic legations in Peking in the summer of 1900, which he recounted in *China and the Allies*. The military intervention of the so-called "Eight-Nation Alliance" was a significant event in modern Chinese history, and has much interest among the Chinese, who still find it humiliating today. Landor's book definitely fills the gap by providing the Chinese audience with a western version of that part of history.

It was a daunting task to translate this 2 volume, 800+ page work, which includes numerous illustrations. The most difficult part, however, is that there are many geographic and personal names as well as direct quotes from Chinese, which cannot be simply translated back to Chinese without any research. Many times, Kuei and his librarian collaborators have to spend hours researching for how such names are spelled out in Chinese or where the original quotes/texts are.



The original English work by Landor may be found in the Rivera Library at DS77LL26.



Arnold Henry Savage Landor with kittens Kerman and Zeris, whom he travelled with in *Across Coveted Lands* (1902)

## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH...Ying Shen

Submitted by Carole Meyer-Reith

### How did you come to work in the UCR Library?

I was working in a private college and I was thinking about working in a public institution where I could contribute more and support the Asian students. I had heard of the UC System and LAUC (Library Association of University of California) is very strong. Here at UCR is an Asian student body that is about 40%. When I was an international student in school at Rutgers, the librarians helped me with great enthusiasm. They encouraged me to think about becoming a librarian.

### What are some of your favorite pastimes?

I have helped form the International Student Library Team and I am currently co-chair with Stephanie Milner. Many other librarians participate and Anthony Sanchez was also previously a co-chair. I enjoyed working together with the Team members. I am active in CALA, Chinese American Librarian Association, and CALA-SCA, the Southern California Association of

CALA where I am the Treasurer. Planning a conference is a lot of fun. I perform as a singer of Peking Opera, folk songs, and regional Chinese theatre, and through this I like to raise money for disaster areas and other important causes. I perform at churches, Universities, and schools. I also love Math. There is a close connection between Mathematics and Music and they are indispensable parts of my life.

### Do you have a favorite Library memory?

I invited Pam Clute to come to the Library to show the students the power of Mathematics. That got some of the students started to join her program, especially women who are interested in Math. This is one of my favorite library memories. But most of all, I like my colleagues. Seeing them every day at the Reference Desk makes me happy.



Ying Shen is a librarian in Orbach Information Services, and is the subject specialist for mathematics, physics & astronomy, and statistics

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The Highland Springs Resort website appropriately states: “Named after our enchanting coastal live oak tree that has resided here for over a thousand years, the Grand Oak Steakhouse is located on the historic grounds of Highland Springs Resort (est. 1884) in Cherry Valley, California. All dishes at the Grand Oak Steakhouse are created with elegance and care. We serve honest food that stimulates the senses, from classic, nostalgic flavors to new, seasonally inspired dishes. Several of the ingredients are produced right here on our own organic farm, including lamb, heirloom vegetables, and chicken eggs. All other produce is sourced from small, local, family-owned farms.”

Although we did not view the grounds in the daytime, my impression is that the Highland Springs Resort is more of a lavender farm/lodge than a “resort” – I think the Hotel del Coronado, for example, fits that description better – but we were utterly charmed by the historic grounds and how it which was once a stagecoach stop regularly visited by Albert Einstein and his family. I also hope that our children have an opportunity to enroll in their Farm Camp, which was highlighted on Jamie Oliver’s Food Revolution. Last but not least, their annual Lavender Festival, which will be held June 13-14 and 20-21 this year, has featured the UCR Library’s own Jean Weiss (of Metadata and Technical Services) teaching a workshop on edible flowers! The owners also graciously donated gift certificates for the LSA Holiday Raffle this past year and I hope will do so again in the future. If you enjoy the outdoors, excellent food, and lavender, then this is the place for you!

For more information about this unique and beautifully rustic location, go to <http://www.hsresort.com>.



Left: House-made sausages cooking on the grill at last year’s Sausage & Beer Festival. This year’s festival will be August 22-23 at the resort.

Above: A lavender from the Grand Oak bar

Below: Gift shop featuring lavender goods



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After the excavation in an attempt to build a memorial park on the site, a grant was secured from the state. However, efforts stalled and the monies had to be returned. The property, now owned by the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE), was fenced off for protection and languished. RCOE tried to sell the property directly to a developer around 2007-2009 which led to community involvement and a lawsuit to save the historic site from development that would destroy the archaeology.

More details can be viewed at <http://saveourchinatown.org/aboutchinatown.html>. The Save Our Chinatown Committee (SOCC) formed after the Riverside Chinese Cultural Preservation Committee’s (RCCPC) work to negotiate alternative plans was unsuccessful. For additional information consult the 2012 interview conducted by Melissa Cardenas-Dow for the Asian Pacific American Library Association (APALA) at <http://www.apalaweb.org/apa-library-leader-interview-judy-lee-riverside-california/>.

To keep up with the latest activities on the Riverside Chinatown site, events of interest, or SOCC activities, follow them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/savechinatown>.

## FUN WITH LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SUBJECT HEADINGS

Compiled by Carla Arbagey

The following are current or past subject headings found in the official list of Library of Congress Subject Headings.

- *Hats on television*: First used to describe Gary Gould's "The Hat with a Thousand Faces"
- *Rubber band craft*: "You'll shoot your eye out!"
- *Airport aprons*: Are in fact the parking area for planes at an airport
- *Peekapoo*: A Pekinese and poodle dog (subject headings now exist for many designer dog breeds!)
- *Little goblin moonwort*: *Botrychium mormo*; a forest plant
- *Egg gathering-Law and legislation*: Might make Easter egg hunting difficult!
- *Dismal Swamp State Park (N.C.)*: Your next vacation destination?
- *Dentists In Art*: See artist Gerard Dou
- *Chickens in Religion and Folklore*: Apparently used for works about the Miracle of St. Dominic de la Calzada
- *Boating with cats*: because cats just love the water



Anonymous

## TODAY IN LIBRARY NEWSLETTER HISTORY

Contributed by Carla Arbagey

"Today in Library Newsletter History" is an occasional column that will feature interesting and amusing articles from previous editions of our library's newsletters. This installment features an excerpt from the May 2001 issue of *UCR Library News*, written by former deputy university librarian John Tanno. In Tanno's InfoToday conference report, there is a review of various internet search engines, including Google, which was founded less than three years before this article was written! Information Today continues to sponsor technology and library-related conferences, which may be found at <http://www.infotoday.com/conferences.asp>. The program from the 2001 InfoToday conference is available at <http://www.infotoday.com/it2001/default.htm>.

UCR LIBRARY NEWS

*InfoToday 2001*  
*May 15-17, New York City*

## BRAIN FOOD

ONE + ONE = ONE

Add together each of the defined words to get a new word.

Example: to shout + what you say when you feel pain = a color.

Answer: yell+ow = yellow



- (1) A light brown color + to leave = a dance;
- (2) A store's announcement + a type of women's clothing = a building's location
- (3) A vehicle + an animal pal = a floor covering
- (4) The ocean + a father's boy = part of the year
- (5) Another name for dad + a yellow veggie = a white fluffy snack

Answers on p.5

Randy Ralph and John Felts of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro presented their findings of a study of eight major WWW search engines (Alta Vista, Excite, Go/Infoseek, Google, Hotbot, Lycos, Northernlight, and Yahoo). They concluded that the search engines were comparable in terms of their overall performance, but Google outperformed the others by generally providing more relevant search results whereas Alta Vista was the least successful by this measure. It was a carefully structured study and I was pleased to find my personal preference for Google supported by their research.



These commonly used search engines, however, completely miss a great deal of the information available on the "Invisible Web" as discussed by Gary Price (George Washington University) and Chris Sherman (Searchwise). They speculate that the invisible web is two to fifty times larger than the visible web. Components of the invisible web include proprietary material which is only accessible after paying a fee, file formats which the search engines cannot crawl, real-time information (e.g., stock quotes, weather, etc.), dynamically generated pages, and information that is buried within a database but hidden from the search engines. The presenters discussed a variety of resources that can aid one in finding this hidden information. They have authored a book, *The Invisible Web*, to be published soon by Cyber-Age Books. In a brief encounter after the session, they mentioned to me how highly they regard UCR's INFOMINE as an outstanding resource.