

THE APPA Newsletter
July 8, 2009

Oboon, see below

See This Weekend

MISSION STATEMENT:

Promote full utilization of the capabilities of the Enterprise's employees and champion the betterment of the company and community. Promote interest in Asian Pacific issues and culture and act as a bridge to all groups within our community. (substitute in your Enterprise and company, etc...)

ed. by Douglas Ikemi
(dkikemi@pacbell.net)

Back issues of the newsletter for all of 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009 are available at

<http://www.ikemi.info/APPA/newsletters>.

if you want to look up some past event.

This newsletter was originally published under the auspices of the Hughes Asian Pacific Professional Association (no longer extant). It currently has no affiliation and is available to anyone who is interested in downloading it.

Please send in information on cultural events and news items to dkikemi@pacbell.net. The mac.com address will be shut down soon. Thanks to those who have.

Long range calendar items:

Chinatown Farmers Market EVERY THURSDAY FROM 2-6PM, the Chinatown Farmers' Market takes place at Hill & Alpine bringing fresh fruits and produce by California Farmers to the Chinatown Community. FRIED BANANA, FRIED YAM, HAWAIIAN CHICKEN. We invite you to come and experience the Chinatown Farmers' Market. Free parking with purchase.

The Downtown Arts District/Little Tokyo Farmers' Market

Weller Court 2nd & San Pedro in Little Tokyo Summer Hours 10-3pm

Features fresh produce, Hawaiian Chicken, more food gifts...and live jazz band.

Tuesdays from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

The weekly market is held every Tuesday from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m year round, rain or shine. Sponsored by LARABA the market will include farm-fresh produce, Asian produce, organic produce, eggs, seafood, cheese, olives, olive oils, flowers, plants, bread and prepared foods and more. Hawaiian Chicken, Roasted corn on the cobb Local businesses interested in having a prepared food booth at the market or individuals interested in volunteering at this non-profit event, please contact Susan Hutchinson at

323-660-8660 for more information
Los Angeles Public Library Celebrates our DiverseCity
<http://www.lapl.org/kidspath/events/diversecity/index.html>

Obon festivals in Southern California
<http://www.japanese-city.com/calendar/events/japanese-city-events-locations-summer-obon-odori-taiko-line-dancing-dango-drums-games-food.php>

July 18-19 Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
12371 Braddock Drive
Culver City, California 90230
(310) 391-4351
<http://www.vhbt.org/map.htm>

July 18-19 Orange County Buddhist Church 1:00 - 8:00 P.M.
Cultural Exhibits
3:00 to 8:00
Koi Fish, Antique Swords, Ikebana (Flower Arrangements), Tea Ceremony, Sumi-E (Ink Drawings), Kimono Display, Kimekomi Dolls, Bonsai, Chigiri-e (Torn Paper Art), Fabric Dyeing, Japanese School, Dharma School
Stage Performances
Saturday and Sunday
3:45 pm to 7:30 pm
Judo, Aikido, Kendo, Karate, Nihon Buyo (Classical Dance), Koto, Shakuhachi (Musical Instruments), Minyo (Folk Song), Taiko Drums
Chicken Teriyaki, Wonton, Sushi, Udon, Teriyaki Beef, Chow Mein, Corn on the Cob, Teri-Burgers, Dango, Vegetables, Chicken Salad, Snow Cones
909 South Dale Avenue Anaheim, California 92804
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E-mail: ocbc909@aol.com
<http://www.bca-ocbc.org/>

July 18-19 Pasadena Buddhist Church
The schedule of events for 2009 is tentative, please check back for updates.
5:00 - 5:30 [Judo Demonstration](#)
5:30 - 6:00 [Aikido](#) Demonstration
6:30 Bon Odori led by Julie Toyama and Sandy Watson. Everyone welcome to participate!
7:00 [Matsuri Taiko performance](#)
Sunday
4:30 - 5:30 Tea Ceremony in the Tea House
5:30 - 6:00 [Naginata Demonstration](#)
6:00 - 6:30 [Kendo Demonstration](#)

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7:00 [Taiko Performance by Hikari Taiko](#)

Food booths served BBQ chicken teriyaki, chow mein, sushi, and snow cones. A few game booths will help entertain the youngsters. Festivities begin at 4:30 and end at 9:00 on Saturday and 8:30 on Sunday.

Each evening, dancers from around the Southland gathered around the yagura and danced the traditional Obon Odori (dances). Dancing is scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm each evening. Obon odori is to dance for joy. Everyone is invited to join in to "just dance" and be accepted as we are.

For more information via the internet, send email to [Jeannie](#).

1993 Glen Avenue

Pasadena, CA 91103

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July 25-26 Higashi Honganji

OBON is a traditional event to honor and express gratitude to the spirits of our ancestors, those before us who provided us with the gift of life. Each year, obon is held as a time to celebrate the return of the spirits of our ancestors.

The Obon Festival features food, games, farmers market, flower market, traditional Bon Odori Dancing, and various types of entertainment. The 2008 entertainment lineup included [June Kuramoto](#) of [Hiroshima](#), [TAIKOPROJECT](#), [hereandnow](#), [The Grateful Crane Ensemble](#), [happyfunsmile](#), Bombu Taiko, and Kitsune Taiko.

The 2009 festival details and entertainment lineup will be determined at a later date, so please check back soon.

MANTO-E -

The tradition of [Manto-e](#) during the Obon Festival is to light the sky with "ten thousand lanterns", originating about 1,200 years ago.

BON ODORI Practice -

Bon Odori practice will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays, so please check back soon for practice dates and times.

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Los Angeles, CA 90013

Telephone: (213) 626-4200

Facsimile: (213) 626-6850

E-mail: info@hhbt-la.org

<http://www.hhbt-la.org/>

July 25-26 West Los Angeles Buddhist Temple

Obon Saturday, July 25, 5-10pm

& Sunday, July 26, 3-9pm

2003 Corinth Avenue

West L.A., CA 90025

(310) 477-7274

<http://www.wlabt.org/>

August 1, 2 Gardena Buddhist Temple

For more information email: info@gardenabuddhistchurch.org

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1517 W 166th St., Gardena, CA, 90247

(310) 327-9400

<http://www.gardenabuddhistchurch.org/>

Aug 1

Buddhist Temple of San Diego Obon Odori (1 Day)

BON ODORI: Gathering of Joy (5-9 pm). Our colorful outdoor festivities begin with music, cultural displays, food sales. Family and community are invited to celebrate OBON, the Buddhist holiday dedicated to expressing joy and gratitude for the gifts of life, heritage, and those we have taken for granted or forgotten. We dance out of sheer gratitude for the contributions of people who made possible life as we know it. Japanese food, snacks, gifts, books; a drawing to benefit the temple's youth; and a rousing taiko performances. The unique OBON AGAIN RESALE SHOP offers new and vintage Japanese clothing, ceramics, gifts wares. Free, public welcome.

Schedule

5 pm - 9pm

Dance Time

5:30 p.m.

Location

2929 Market Street San Diego, CA 92102

Contact

(619) 239-0896

btsd@netzero.net

Rev. Tesshi Aoyama

Fowler in Focus: Masks of Sri Lanka

Through August 30, 2009

Brightly painted wooden masks transform Sri Lankan dancers into specific characters that appear in curing rituals or popular entertainment. Ranging from comical to fierce, these unusual masks have long played an important role in performance genres that were created through the mixing of local indigenous religious traditions with strains of Buddhism and Hinduism originally imported from the Indian mainland in the first millennium BCE. The Fowler Museum collections include the most important assemblage of nineteenth and early twentieth century Sri Lankan masks in North America. Fowler in Focus: Masks of Sri Lanka presents twenty-five of these rare masks, as well as newly produced masks representing Singhaya (lion) and Mahasona (Great Graveyard Spirit) in full costume.

Developed in collaboration with David Blundell, associate professor, National Chengchi University, Taiwan and consultants in Matara, Southern Province, Sri Lanka: Conrad Ranawake, Institute for the Development of Community Strengths, and A. V. S. Ranasinghe, Sri Lanka Mask and Dance Ensemble. The accompanying programs are made possible through the Sri Lanka Foundation and the Yvonne Lenart Public

Programs Fund.
UCLA Fowler Museum

Treasures through Six Generations: Chinese Painting and Calligraphy from the Weng Collection

April 11, 2009–July 13, 2009

Boone Gallery

Exhibition of Chinese painting and calligraphy highlights works spanning 900 years

One of the greatest private collections of Chinese art in the nation is showcased at The Huntington in "Treasures through Six Generations: Chinese Painting and Calligraphy from the Weng Collection," on view April 11 through July 13 in the MaryLou and George Boone Gallery. Based on an exhibition organized in 2007 by the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, The Huntington's presentation will feature 41 masterworks from a collection that is revered in China as well as in the United States. This past fall, the Weng collection was the focus of an exhibition at the Beijing World Art Museum.

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens

1151 Oxford Road

San Marino, CA 91108

626.405.2100

http://www.huntington.org/huntingtonlibrary_exhibitions.aspx?id=3674

10-31-2008 - 12-31-2009 The Korean Cultural Center, Los Angeles will be open the Korean Folk Art Museum at the first floor. The new exhibition title is "Emerging Country in East Asia - Elegant Life of Noble Class in Joseon Period".

The Joseon period (1392-1910) was the closest time period to present day Korea and a crucial element for understanding Korean heritage.

Visitor will experience the Joseon period at KCCLA

5505 Wilshire Blvd., L.A.

www.kccla.org

National Museum Presents!

SPRING ROLLS into JANM

11:00 AM

Celebrate the coming of spring with this hands-on family cooking class of assorted Asian foods including sweet and savory spring and egg rolls and fun noodle soups. \$25 members (for one child & one adult); \$35 non-members, includes Museum admission and supplies. Reservations for Spring Rolls into JANM can be made by calling 213.625.0414 at ext.2222.

This cooking workshop is brought to you in collaboration with Kidding Around the Kitchen. To find out more about Kidding Around the Kitchen, go to <http://www.kiddingaroundthekitchen.com/>

Other Family Events at the National Museum

April 11 – Target Family Free Saturday: What's Cooking?

May 2: Southwest Chamber Music: Music Unwrapped Free Family Concerts

May 9 – Target Family Free Saturday: Aloha!

June 6: Kidding Around in the Kitchen Family Cooking Adventure: Beat the June Gloom

June 13 – Target Family Free Saturday: Try this on for Size!

July 11 – Target Family Free Saturday: Books Galore!

August 8: Kidding Around in the Kitchen Family Cooking Adventure: Summer Boredom Busters

August 15: Summer Festival on the Courtyard

August 29: *Common Ground* Tour for Families

August 29: Taiko for Families

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On the Enlightened Path: Jain Art from India

Until July 13, 2009

The Norton Simon Museum presents *On the Enlightened Path: Jain Art from India*, an exhibition that examines the artistic traditions of one of the world's oldest yet least known religions, Jainism. Installed in the rotating Asian gallery on the lower level of the Museum, this exhibition includes approximately 20 sculptures, paintings and manuscripts.

Founded in India in the sixth century BC by Vardhamana Mahavira, Jainism encourages personal meditation, following a strict ethical code and practicing ahimsa, or non-violence and kindness toward every living creature. Followers, called Jains, believe in a lineage of twenty-four liberated souls known as Jinas (conqueror or liberator), who have achieved liberation from the endless chain of rebirth and serve as spiritual guides to others on the same path. The Jain community is comprised of both lay and monastic members. Monks and nuns are either Digambara, which means "sky-clad," and do not wear clothing, or Svetambara, "white-clad," and wear simple white robes. In modern-day India, the Jain community comprises roughly 10 million followers, less than one-half of one percent of the country's population.

On the Enlightened Path features a dazzling selection of traditional Jain artworks from the Norton Simon collections. In the Jain community, illustrated sacred texts such as the Kalpasutra (Book of Sacred Precepts) and sculptures depicting various Jinas are the primary focus of artistic output. The exhibition presents a fine selection of bronze, marble and schist sculptures from the 9th to the 15th centuries, used for worship in both home altars and temples. A colorful and intricate Jain tantric diagram, or Yantra, from the 15th century, rich in cosmic iconography, was used as a meditation aid. Selections

of the Museum's rare, complete 16th-century Kalpasutra manuscript, recently donated by Narendra and Rita Parson, are on view for the first time. Together, these works provide visitors an opportunity to learn more about this fascinating religion, its followers, and its dynamic artistic traditions.

Norton Simon Museum, Pasadena, CA
--628-1547

Daughters of India: Photographs by Stephen P. Huyler
Through July 26, 2009

For a country as vast and paradoxical as India, it is impossible to generalize about the role of women in society. Worshiped as shakti, oppressed as chattel—these seeming contradictions have left many Western observers stumbling into stereotypes and misunderstanding. In *Daughters of India*, photographer Stephen P. Huyler celebrates the strength, courage, resourcefulness, and creativity of Indian women from a wide variety of backgrounds. Notably, artistic creativity plays an important part in the lives of many of the women, as they express themselves and address others through paintings, sculpture, embroidery, and the creation of decorative elements in their households (including kolam or rice flower drawings executed on the ground in front of their homes). For others, the full force of their creativity is brought to bear simply in overcoming the severe obstacles presented by poverty, caste prejudice, and other hardships. Taken together, these sensitive photographs form intimate portrayals of the lives, activities, and rituals of these remarkable Indian “everywomen.”

The Fowler Museum thanks Stephen P. Huyler for providing his images for *Daughters of India*, also featured in a new publication of the same name. The accompanying programs have been made possible by the Yvonne Lenart Public Programs Fund and Manus, the support group for the Fowler Museum.

UCLA Fowler Museum

The Fowler Museum is located in the heart of UCLA's north campus. Easy parking is available near the Museum by following these directions:

Enter UCLA from Sunset Blvd. at Westwood. Drive ahead to the Parking Information Booth in Lot 4. Convenient Fowler parking is at the northeast or southeast ends of Lot 4 (see map), where automated pay stations accept \$1 and \$5 bills and credit cards. The parking fee is a maximum of \$9. The Fowler is visible to your left when you ascend from the elevator or stairs (follow pedestrian walkways, indicated by arrows).

<http://www.fowler.ucla.edu/>

Discovering Ganesha: Remover of Obstacles

Through September 20, 2009

Ganesha, the so-called “Elephant God,” is one of the most adored and widely worshipped deities in the Hindu pantheon. In a series of stunning photographs, New York-based artist Shana Dressler investigates contemporary Ganesha festivals in Mumbai. Juxtaposed with classical representations of Ganesha from Pacific Asia Museum's collection, Dressler's vibrant photos connect the past and the present of India while illustrating the historical legacy and spiritual significance of Ganesha in Hindu society.

Curated by Yeonsoo Chee.

Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, CA

46 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena California 91101 [Google Map](#)

Hours: Wed – Sun: 10:00am-6:00pm

<http://www.pacificasiamuseum.org/>

May 14-July23 Anime Film Festival - Seven films, five nights, and lots of fun!

Seven films, five nights, and lots of fun! Enjoy early Japanese cartoons such as Momotaro's Sky Adventure (1931) by Yasuji Murata and The Animal Village in Trouble by Sanae Yamamoto along with popular films including Samurai X and Gundam Wing: The Movie. Stay tuned for more information on film, time and cost.

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Hours: Wed – Sun: 10:00am-6:00pm

July 10-11

Island Paradise Featuring the music and dance of Polynesia

Friday 7:30m, Saturday 2PM and 7:30PM

Reserved seating \$10

Box office 310-781-7171

Torrance Cultural Arts Center

3330 Civic Center Drive

Torrance, CA 90503

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There is a one time \$40 registration fee and \$5 music score fee.

Weekly rehearsals will be held at the JACCC in Room 204 on Fridays from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

For more information contact the JBA at (310) 515-9522 jba@jba.org

Sunday, July 19, 2009 [Katsudo Shashin: Ohayo](#)

Told with Ozu's signature eye and heart for human tales of daily life, Ohayo (1959) is set in suburban Tokyo neighborhood in 1950's. Two young boys beg their parents incessantly for a television set and are finally ordered to be quiet. The children take order literally and stop speaking-completely. Their silence begins to take a toll on their family as well as neighbor community.

at 2:00 PM

[Katsudo Shashin: Samurai Saga](#)

Edmond Rostand's play Cyrano de Bergerac is brought to the screen by director Hiroshi Inagaki in this 1959 samurai epic. Set in Kyoto, 1599, Komaki (Toshiro Mifune) is a decorated warrior with the heart of a poet, upholding honor in his town and teaching young children calligraphy. He falls in love with his childhood friend, but she sees him only as a friend. Komaki then takes it upon himself to help another man win her heart with his poetry.

at 4:00 PM

Aratani/Japan America Theatre

244 South San Pedro Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Phone: (213) 680-3700

Website: www.jaccc.org

E-Mail: jatevents@jaccc.org

[Map & Directions](#)

The Undiscovered Chinatown Tour (Aug)

Saturday, August 1, 2009

10:30am - 1pm

\$20 per person

Group size is limited.

RSVP via email at info@chinatownla.com or call (213) 680-0243.

chinatownla.com

"The Undiscovered Chinatown Tour" To Uncover History, Treasures, and Great Shopping

Visit a temple, an herbal shop, art galleries, antique stores, and more when guided to the unique treasures--not to mention great bargains--to be found in Chinatown. The 2 1/2 -hour walking tour will be offered on the first Saturday of every month and will take visitors to a number of off-the-beaten-track points of interest, and will guide those interested in shopping to some of Chinatown's best bargains and its trendiest shops. See why Chinatown is touted by Sunset and Los Angeles magazines as one of the hottest destinations for urban adventurers! Wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to wind your way through a myriad of alleyways, plaza stalls, and classical courtyards to discover the charm of L.A.'s Chinatown.

For special tour arrangements or requests, please contact the BID office at (213) 680-0243 or via email at info@chinatownla.com with your need.

2009 North American Taiko Conference

August 7, 8, 9, 2009

Little Tokyo

Los Angeles, CA

<http://www.taikoconference.org/news>

Saturday, August 08-9, 2009 **TAIKO JAM '09**

No one has been presenting taiko longer than the JACCC and the Aratani/Japan America Theatre is still exactly where it's at to get a taste of the four corners of this art form.

JACCC's taiko curators have put together a taiko show that will stimulate, inspire and educate!

Hailing from Las Vegas is the dynamic Kaminari Taiko, from Oregon comes the visually stunning Portland Taiko, and representing Los Angeles are the intense Kishin Daiko and rhythmically creative On Ensemble.

Taiko Jam only happens every 2 years in conjunction with the North American Taiko Conference so don't hesitate and get your taiko jam on!!

at 8:00 PM

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244 South San Pedro Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Phone: (213) 628-2725

Website: www.jaccc.org

E-Mail: jatevents@jaccc.org

[Map & Directions](#)

Oct 24-25, 2009 Japan Expo

www.japanexpo.org

See LA Library DiverseCity events at <http://www.lapl.org/kidspath/events/diversecity/index.html>

This Weekend (and earlier/later)

Date : Thursday, July 09, 2009 Time : 7:30 PM

Korean Movie: The Perfect Couple (2007) Directed by Kim Jung-woo

July 9th 2009 (THU) 7:30 PM / 109m / Not Rated (In Korea 15)

While having a skewered tempura on a street vendor, the young reporter, Soo-jin accidentally runs into a detective Jae-hyuk, who has an edge-phobia, and sticks the skewer into his side. Since then, they run into each other whenever there are awkward

situation, which eventually becomes a unique love.(KOFIC)

*Source: KMDb and KOFIC

-Place: Ari Hall on the 3rd Floor, Korean Cultural Center, 5505 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA (Wilshire + Dunsmuir Ave)

-The screenings are free. Please RSVP to josh@kccla.org

-All screenings have English subtitles.

-You also can enjoy more than 500 Korean films and dramas on DVD at the Film Archives & Screening Room in the KCCLA library. Call 323-936-7141 (x 101)

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July 11 – Books Galore!

Familyfestivals

Target Free Family Saturday: Books Galore!

FREE ALL DAY

Come and explore with us the wonderful world of Asian American and Japanese American books.

Generously sponsored by Target, these special Saturdays are filled with fun activities giving families unique ways to learn, play, and grow together.

All day craft activities:

Do you have a story to share? Create your own kamishibai! Kamishibai is a form of storytelling that originated in Japanese Buddhist temples in the 12th century.

Use your big imagination to create a notebook.

Hold that spot! Uncover cool colors as you scratch a design into a bookmark.

Ruthie's Origami Corner: make an origami book and pencil.

11 AM – Doors open.

12 PM – A special reading of Allen Say's classic "Under the Cherry Blossom Tree" by our very own master storyteller Rodney Kageyama

1 PM: Take a tour of our ongoing exhibition, *Common Ground: The Heart of Community*, with our very knowledgeable core of docents.

1 & 3 PM– Digital Story Telling Workshop (PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WORKSHOP HAS BEEN CANCELED)

1 - 4 PM– To celebrate summer, good books and fun foods Kidding Around the Kitchen and JANM are inviting kids of all ages to come and make a homemade maple granola fruit parfait.

2 PM– Author Nathaniel Lachenmeyer will read and sign his book, "The Origami Master." A special activity will follow!

4 PM – Doors close

ABOUT OUR FRIENDS:

Under the Cherry Blossom Tree

Written and illustrated by Allen Say

Allen Say retells a classic makura -- a short story told in Japanese joke houses to warm up the audience -- with the sharpness, vigor and timing of a stand-up comic."

Under the Cherry Blossom Tree is available at the Museum store.

Nathaniel Lachenmeyer

Nathaniel Lachenmeyer is an award-winning author of books for children and adults. His books have been translated into six languages.

The Origami Master

Written by Nathaniel Lachenmeyer. Illustrated by Aki Sogabe.

Shima the Origami Master lives on a mountain in Japan. He isn't lonely, because his beautiful origami animals keep him company. One morning Shima finds a marvelous new paper elephant on his desk. Where could it have come from? The next morning, a splendid dragon is in its place. It looks real enough to fly away. That night, Shima stays awake to find out who could make such wonderful creatures. But when he discovers who the mysterious artist is, he learns a surprising lesson about friendship. The Origami Master is a Junior Library Guild Selection, a Children's IndieNext Pick, and a Booklinks Lasting Connection.

Ages 7-9 Hardbound: 32 pp.

The Origami Master is available at the Museum store: [Museum store](#)

Kidding Around The Kitchen

It is such a common problem in today's world that families rarely get to eat together anymore.

Kidding around the Kitchen shows that families can make and eat food together without a lot of fuss or a huge time commitment. The family food demo helps families with tips on smarter shopping, fun recipe ideas, advice on how to incorporate healthier choices when possible and advice on how to delegate tasks in an age-appropriate way. This family food demo is a "how to" get everyone involved in the family meal.

Kidding around the Kitchen is for families that have full plates in life as well as wanting a full plate of food to enjoy together. It's about time well spent. You'll see your kids get a we did it attitude!! This family food demo works on the try it premises all while empowering the kids and family. If we can do it, so can you!!

Kidding around the Kitchen is an adventure in fun, food and family. We are not only making food, we are making memories.

For more information on Kidding around the kitchen go to:

www.kiddingaroundthekitchen.com/

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July 11-12 Nishi Hongwanji L.A.

815 East First Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Phone: 213/ 680-9130

FAX: 213/ 680-2210

<http://www.nishihongwanji-la.org/>

July 11-12 Zenshuji Soto Mission 1:30

23 South Hewitt Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

July 11 Oxnard Buddhist Temple

250 South "H" Street

Oxnard, CA 93030

805.483.5948

Where I went last weekend (or the weekend before):

See dkikemi.blogspot.com

Resources:

LACMA calendar:

<http://www.lacma.org/events/Calendar.aspx>

UCLA Asia Institute calendar:

<http://www.international.ucla.edu/asia/events/index.asp?action=monthview>

Japanese American National Museum

<http://www.janm.org/events/>

Chinese American Museum

<http://camla.org/events/calendar.htm>

Korean Cultural Center

<http://www.kccla.org/>

Japanese American Community Cultural Center

<http://jaccc.org/>

Pacifica Asian Museum

<http://www.pacificasianmuseum.org/calendar/whatsnew.htm>

Links to selected articles from the LA Times and other papers. To actually access the articles, you may have to sign up for a free account.

U.S. settles with family of Southeast Asia scholar

Roxanna Brown was both a target and an informant to investigators looking into the donations of allegedly looted Thai antiquities to museums. She died in custody just days after her arrest. The U.S. government has agreed to pay \$880,000 to her estate. Roxanna Brown was both informant and target in a probe into donations of allegedly looted Thai antiquities to museums. Days after her arrest, she died in custody. The government will pay \$880,000.

By Jason Felch

July 8, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-roxanna8-2009jul08.0.6135081.story>

San Diego man arrested in attacks targeting Asian women

3:07 PM | July 2, 2009

Tony Perry

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2009/07/home-invasions.html>

Come-from-behind winner in Japan's National Rhinoceros Beetle Sumo Championship

2:11 PM, July 2, 2009

Lindsay Barnett

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/unleashed/2009/07/rhinoceros-beetle.html>

Xinjiang unrest prompts China president to forgo G-8 talks

President Hu Jintao cuts short a state visit to Italy to deal with the deadly violence in Urumqi. The city is under heavy police guard after clashes involving the majority Han and minority Uighurs.

By David Pierson and Barbara Demick

July 8, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-fg-china-riots8-2009jul08.0.2879199.story>

WORLD ECONOMY

China's elderly will overwhelm the nation

The one-child rule imposed 30 years ago has created too few young people to support the quickly expanding aging population.

By David Pierson

July 6, 2009

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-china-old6-2009jul06.0.6977821.story>

Shi Pei Pu dies at 70; Chinese opera singer inspired M. Butterfly

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