A Search for Remnants of the Past

University of Denver to conduct archaeological dig at Amache concentration camp from June 16 to July 11.

In 2003, Amache, a former Japanese American internment camp located in southeastern Colorado, was surveyed by archaeologists who examined the ground surface to assess the integrity and extent of its archaeological remains. Based on comparisons with other recorded intact camp sites, the researchers suggested that Amache, with its rich history of Japanese American experiences, is a site of great importance for understanding the effects of war-time internment and the broader social and cultural context of the internment experience.

This summer, the Denver University Archaeology Department will hold a field school in historical archaeology and oral history studies at Amache. The four-week period will take place from June 16 to July 11 at the site of Amache, as well as at the Amache Museum located in the town of Granada.

The archaeological portion of the project will focus on further understanding of the site and gathering information that will be used for long-range planning and interpretation. One area of research will be the internment gardens that were created by the hundreds of internees who farmed the site. These gardens were a source of food and independence for the internees. Interpretation of historic archaeology is a rapidly evolving practice that aims to reveal the human conditions of the past to the public.

At the Amache Museum, field school students will assist with collections management, including preparing objects for exhibition. The students will also have opportunities to engage with the larger Hispanic community in preparation for the summer season.

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Angry parents of the children who were killed in collapsed schools say government doesn't care.

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JUINFA—Police cordoned off quake-hit schools and towns Thursday in an apparent attempt to quell protests by parents angry that probes of school building construction have not begun a month after the disaster.

Despite an official promise of unfettered media coverage, police barred entry to at least two towns where schools collapsed in the May 12 quake. In the town of Juijfa, a reporter from Singapore's Strait Times newspaper was detained by police and forced to return to the provincial capital of Chengdu, about an hour away.

About a dozen police and paramilitary troops guarded the gate of Juijfa's destroyed middle school, where 50 people gathered.

Outside the quake-flattened town of Beichuan, hundreds of parents blocked the valley's sole road, angry that a memorial plaque to dead students had been unceremoniously removed.

"We've been told there will be a memorial plaque," said Wang Ping, whose 13-year-old brother died when Beichuan Middle School collapsed. "I'm angry. All our hopes were in our children. Now they're dead, the future of the dead is lost, too."

The plaque, a shiny polished black stone with gold letters that read "Beichuan Middle School," was discovered by a team of students and parents. "It's symbolic of our children's future." said Ping. "They've been taken from us, and now their future is stolen too."

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A piece of Japanese porcelain was found during an archaeological dig by university students.

A monument stands at the Amache cemetery in southeastern Colorado is dedicated to the men from the camp who died while fighting during World War II.

The 2008 field school is part of a long-term archaeology and heritage project at the Amache. One of the goals of the project is to be community-based. A critically important element of this public engagement is the involvement with Amache stakeholders, most importantly the Amache Community Association.

Du has been working with the Japanese American community to design the site, which it that aligns with interests of former internees, their families, and the larger community as a whole. Institutional support for this project has come from the University of Denver Center for Community Engagement and the Women's Library Association. Additional funds include a research grant from the National Park Service, and community support through the Japan Society of Colorado and the Robert M. Horvitz Memorial Fund.

The University of Denver invites all to be a part of their work at Amache. There are many ways to engage with them through visits, planning, research, and public interpretation. The public is welcome to visit the site of Amache during this summer's field school.

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ern California to present Second Choral Festival on Sunday, June 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the El Camino College, Marce Auditorium, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance. It will feature: Nishiyama, Academy of California (special guest), 29 States Join Hawaii i

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HONOLULU—Twenty-nine states have joined Hawaii in asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a ruling that the state’s can’t sell or transfer 1.2 million acres of former monarchy lands until Native Hawaiians’ claims to the lands are resolved.

The states urge the U.S. Supreme Court to hear an appeal of the

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SANTA ANA.—The former financial director of Soka University of America, a religious group that pleaded guilty to embezzling $1.7 million for use in personal and other life expenses was sentenced Aug. 25 when he was sentenced, a pros