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HAPPY NEW YEAR
YEAR OF THE ROOSTER
Ai Wei Wei rooster at Crocker Museum, 2016

Trafficking news

Uber driver rescues girl

Uber driver-hero Keith Avila on December 26th rescued a girl out of sex trafficking. He picked up the 16 year old girl and two women in Sacramento and drove them to the Holiday Inn in Elk Grove. He overheard the older women telling the girl about giving the customer a hug, patting him down for weapons, asking about weapons and then getting the "donation."

Avila dropped them off at the hotel and immediately called the police. The police quickly responded arresting Destiny Pettway and Maria Westly for pimping and pandering and Disney Vang for sex with a minor.

When asked why he decided to get involved, Avila said: "Honestly, I didn't think about it ... They said what they said, and it's one of those things that you just do."

Fishermen file lawsuit

Two Indonesian fishermen six years ago escaped slavery aboard a Honolulu-based tuna-swordfish fishing boat while it was docked at San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf. Attorneys for Abdul Fatah and Sorihin say in a federal lawsuit filed in September that they were recruited in Indonesia seven years ago to work in Hawaii's commercial fishing fleet without realizing that they would never be allowed to disembark. The fishing boat owner, Thoai Nguyen of San Jose, allegedly forced the men to work up to 20 hour shifts, denied them medical treatment, and said they would owe Nguyen thousands of dollars if they wanted to leave before their contract expired.

In September, an Associated Press investigation revealed that 149 fishing boats based in Honolulu had crews being paid as little as 70 cents per hour, weren't being fed enough and had untreated medical issues. These crewmembers were not allowed to set foot on shore because that would require a visa and the boat owners held their passports. The Hawaii Longline Association, an association for fishing boat owners, responded to AP's report by adopting an universal crew contract that is required if the boat wanted to sell fish in Hawaii's seafood auction. The contract allows owners to set their own minimum wage, the captain can keep the crew at sea the entire year (15 trips, 10-40 days each) and required the owner to retain the crew's passports.

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Oppose Sessions Confirmation

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, announced its opposition to the confirmation of Senator. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) as attorney general of the United States and the API community should follow suit.

"Senator Sessions' past statements and troubling views on issues impacting American Muslims and other minority communities make him unfit to serve as attorney general," said CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad. Awad said CAIR is also calling on all Americans to urge members of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee to question Sen. Sessions about his past anti-Muslim statements, current associations with anti-Muslim hate groups and his views on a number of civil rights issues during his confirmation hearing.

CAIR has already expressed its concerns to members of the committee, and now the Sacramento Valley civil rights organization is urging community members to do the same by contacting all members of that committee to urge that they question Senator Sessions about the following issues of concern:

1. Question Senator Sessions on his support for Trump's religious test to ban Muslims traveling to the US.

In December 2015, Sessions voted against and publicly lashed out at a nonbinding amendment seeking to prevent a religious litmus test for people entering into the United States. The amendment had been offered by ranking Senate Judiciary Committee Member Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT). During that vote, Session said: "Many people are radicalized after they enter. How do we screen for that possibility, if we cannot even ask about an applicant's views on religion? Would we forbid questions about politics? Or theology?"

Following the horrific shooting at the Orlando night club Sessions also warned
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Americans on FOX News Sunday in June 2016 to “slow down” on foreign born admissions into the United States, particularly those with Islamic backgrounds. “It’s a real part of the threat that we face and if we can’t address it openly and directly and say directly that there is an extremist element within Islam that’s dangerous to the world and has to be confronted.”

2. Question Senator Sessions about upholding the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA)

In the past 10 years, the Dept. of Justice has opened 51 Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons act (RLUIPA) investigations, filed seven lawsuits under RLUIPA’s land-use provisions and participated in 40 privately filed lawsuits. A number of these cases have been in support of the right of religious minorities, including Christians, Jews, Muslim, and Sikh communities. RLUIPA protects individuals, houses of worship, and other religious institutions from discrimination in zoning and landmarking laws.

In December 2016, the Center for Security Policy published “Mosques in America: A Guide to Accountable Permit Hearings and Continuing Citizen Oversight,” a primer for assessing and opposing mosque land use applications. Given Sessions’ close associations with the Center for Security Policy, CAIR questions Sessions ability as Attorney General to support the right of American Muslims to construct houses of worship in the same manner one would expect him to support other religious communities.

3. Question Senator Sessions over his association with Anti-Muslim Hate Groups

In 2015, Sessions accepted the “Keeper of the Flame” award from the anti-Muslim hate group Center for Security Policy. The Center’s leader Frank Gaffney has asserted his belief in the conspiracy theory that President Obama is Muslim, writing “. . . there is mounting evidence that the president not only identifies with Muslims, but actually may still be one himself.”

The FBI says a Center for Security Policy report is based on “outdated information” and “overstated” any threat Muslim observances pose to America.

Sessions has also accepted the “Annie Taylor Award” in 2014 from the anti-Muslim hate group - David Horowitz Freedom Center - and attended that group’s annual “Restoration Weekend” Florida retreat events in 2008, 2010 and 2013. The Southern Poverty Law Center, a group that tracks hate movements in the US, labels David Horowitz “the godfather of the modern anti-Muslim movement.”

4. Question why Senator Sessions sent a letter to the National Endowment for the Humanities demanding their justification for funding the “Muslim Journeys Bookshelf” program

In October 2013, Sessions as Ranking Member of the Senate Budget Committee sent a letter to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) in part demanding a justification for why the NEH was “promoting” Islamic cultures at the expense of Christian and

Jewish cultures.

The purpose of NEH’s Muslim Journeys program is to “offering resources for exploring new and diverse perspectives on the people, places, histories, beliefs, and cultures of Muslims in the United States and around the world.”

5. Question Senator Sessions about allegations of racist comments

In 1986, Sessions was accused of making racist comments while serving as a US attorney in Alabama, including calling an African American assistant US attorney “boy.” Sessions has called the NAACP and the ACLU “un-American” and “communist-inspired.”

6. Question Senator Sessions about police reform, Voting Rights, Civil Rights

Sessions should also be questioned about his views on other critical issues such as police-involved shootings, protection of voting rights, enforcement of hate crimes laws, discrimination in education, and immigration reform.

There are millions of American Muslims and other minority Americans in the United States making innumerable contributions to our nation’s cultural fabric and economic well-being. The civil rights of all persons in the US, including Muslims, should be protected and preserved by the next attorney general.” The current attack on the Muslim community resounds of the WWII targeting and illegal imprisonment of Japanese Americans by the US government.



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Letters to the Editor:

I read your October newspaper volume 29, no. 3 about Sacramento APIs targeted by robbers. I am Korean American who was robbed at gunpoint by 2 robbers in ski masks and viciously tied up with large zip ties in South Sacramento on 5-22-16. They stole a large sum of cash and merchandise from my family’s business in broad daylight. The injuries I received left me unable to work or go out in public places. It’s been almost 4 months since I left my house. I would like to know why crimes against Asians are hardly ever on the news.

James Kim

To Currents

I appreciate your work. Always I read the news thinking of people’s hard work. I am rich with the feeling that I’m there.

Jane B. Pak

Letter of the Editor Currents

Racism is still evidence in our nation more than ever. Because of the many shootings throughout not only the nation but the world.

People need to respect one another. It’s funny you see a black man eating sushi, a Mexican lady eating in a Chinese restaurant and a Japanese person eating at McDonalds. Many people of different cultures eating in a place other than their own.

This is a positive gesture and a start. If we can appreciate other culture’s food why not the people itself?

Rich Fong, Sacramento

Dear Editor re WWII articles (Oct 2016)

Personally, I prefer the word “imprisonment” (rather than Japanese American “internment” which is a term misused to cover up the wartime events) because of its suggestion of the tort of false imprisonment. An apt meaning, wouldn’t you agree?

The number of persons imprisoned is “nearly 117,116” in the “ten so-called relocation centers” according to the most meticulous historian, University of Washington professor Tetsuden Kashima. For actual imprisonment, though, the number is more like 120,000.

T.H.



34th Annual SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

APPLICATION DUE BY 11:59 PM on Friday, March 3, 2017

What scholarships are available? Scholarships are available for students attending college/university and are designated for those students who meet at least one of the following specific criteria: demonstration of exceptional service and dedication to the Asian Pacific Islander Community, low-income students, and a student who plans to major in the science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) field.

Applicants must:

- Be a student residing in the Greater Sacramento Area
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited four-year or two-year university, community college, or vocational/technical school for the entire 2017-18 academic year.

How to apply?

- Submit a cover letter (state eligibility, un-weighted GPA; and to be considered for scholarships for low income families, include financial aid eligibility)
- Submit an application (download from www.apseafoundation.org).
- Submit a 250-word essay
- Submit the complete application package to: scholarship@apseafoundation.org
- All finalists must attend an in-person interview and will be asked to bring a high school transcript, student aid report or free application for federal student aid (if applicable), and a short biography about themselves.

Scholarship recipients must attend Awards Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

*Please note: Former recipients of the APSEA Foundation scholarship are ineligible to reapply for the award.

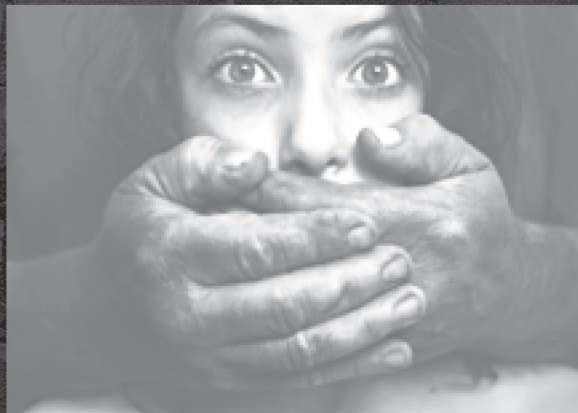
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Trafficking

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the loophole which allows the Hawaii Longline Association contract and permits boat owners to avoid providing basic labor protections.

Fatah and Sorihin signed contracts promising to pay \$350/month plus bonuses. They borrowed \$300 to pay a labor agent in Jakarta. They flew from Jakarta to Singapore, Sidney, Fiji, Pago Pago, American Samoa. At some point they swam to a boat before sailing to Honolulu to begin fishing.

While working, Sorihin broke a finger

which the captain set with a chopstick and was injured when a winch cable snapped and was allowed two hour rest. They were provided torn, worn out gear. The new protective gear on

board was available only if they paid for it. They were refused medical care because there was no health insurance. They worked from 6am to 6pm without a food break, would then take a meal and a few hours rest and then fish some more. The captain's relatives were physically abusive, the captain was verbally abusive. They asked to go home and the captain said they would have to reimburse him \$6000 if they left.

When the boat was moored in the SF Bay, the skipper was gone and the crew was drunk and sleeping. Fatah and Sorihin grabbed their passports, ran into San Francisco and took a train to San Jose where they knew someone. The two men have since been issued visas for victims of human trafficking and are living in the SF Bay Area.



ACC SENIOR SERVICES



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At least 17 years of age, U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident, HS graduate

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- Engage seniors in arts & crafts, light exercises, and other social activities.
- Provide much needed rest to family caregivers.

For more information, contact Khonnie Lattasima at (916) 394-6399 ext. 143 or klattasima@accsv.org.



Renaissance Society Seminars

The Renaissance Society, an organization, in partnership with the California State University, Sacramento, that provides opportunities for participatory lifelong learning and community engagement for older adults, has partnered with ACC Senior Services to present interesting, informative and engaging seminars at ACC. The seminars are presented by members of the Renaissance Society and will be held on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00p at ACC, 7334 Park City Drive. These seminars are open to everyone! For Renaissance Society members who wear their badges, these seminars are free.

“Hamilton” - David Warren
February 1, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p, \$5

“The River Runs Through It - Food, Wine, and Agriculture in the Sacramento Region”- Maryellen Burns
February 8, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p, \$5

“The Art of Stone Collecting: Suiseki” - Clarence Smith
February 15, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p, \$5

“Easy Magic Tricks for Grandparents” - Harry Mossman
February 22, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p, \$5

“The Growth of Sports Gambling” - Mort Saltzman
March 1, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p, \$5

“Northern California Floods and their Prevention”- Dick Tarble
March 8, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p, \$5

“Active Retirement Investing” - Marsha Holland & Bill Bailey
March 15, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p, \$5

“China, The Dragon that is Shaking the World” - Nancy Samuelson
March 29, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p, \$5

“The Terra Cotta Warriors of China” - Chris Budwine
April 5, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p, \$5

“Iran” - Vick Vickland
April 12, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p, \$5

“Four Faces of India” - Theo Goodwin
April 19, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p, \$5

“Racing Extinction” (Documentary & Discussion) - Allan Keown
April 26, Wednesday, 1:00-3:00p, \$5



Get Ready for the Big Day of Giving and Open House at ACC

Thursday, May 4, 2017, is the Big Day of Giving, a local initiative to increase philanthropy in the Sacramento region, with a focus on online giving. Once again, ACC is participating—our goal is to raise funds to support our community-based programs—ACC Rides, Lifelong Learning & Wellness classes, Bridge to Healthy Families Caregiver Support, and Utilities Education & Assistance. Last year, we raised almost \$30,000!

You can support ACC’s Programs in different ways:

- Make a donation to ACC at bigdayofgiving.org on May 4th. Donations may range from \$15 to \$10,000.
- Follow us on Facebook before the Big Day. Share/like/comment on the posts that inspire you the most.
- Attend our Open House—a day of art and music and dance on Thursday, May 4th (time TBD, but probably noon to 7:00). This is a family-friendly event. We will have concerts and performances by our music and dance groups, as well as audience participation classes, food sales (including Debbie’s famous chili, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy and other fun food) and more. If you attended last year’s event, you know that it was truly a memorable occasion.

For more information, contact Linda at lrevilla@accsv.org or (916) 393-9026. See you on the Big Day!

Welcome Center Fun & Games (ACC, 7334 Park City Drive)

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| Mondays | 1-3pm | Crafts Day *Make 1 & take 1 \$2 |
| Tuesdays | 10am-12pm 3-7pm | Assorted Card Games (Poker, Pinochle, Uno) Shibori Girls’ Night (\$10, 3rd Tuesday of mo.) |
| Wednesdays | 9-10am 10-12pm | Coloring Therapy Mahjong for Beginners |
| Thursdays | 11am-1pm 2-4pm 3-5pm 3-4:30pm | Wii Fit Yarn Social Free Movie Day (4th Thursday of mo.) Japanese Internment Panel (2/16/17) |
| Fridays | 1-3pm 1:30-2:30pm | Crafts Day Intro to ACC (Last Friday of mo.) Call 916-394-6399 |

Three Chinese hackers charged

In December, three Chinese traders were indicted in New York federal court for hacking into the computer systems of prominent US law firms, stealing insider information on mergers and acquisitions and profiting more than \$4 million in the scheme.

From 2014 to 2015, the hackers stole millions of documents from two law firms and bought and sold shares in at least five publicly traded companies, including drug and chip makers. They actually compromised the accounts of information technology employees at each firm and impersonated as employees to gain access to private networks and email servers. They were unsuccessful in breaching five other law firms servers.

Lat Hong, 26, was arrested in Hong Kong in December and his extradition is being processed. The whereabouts of Bo Zheng, 30, and Hung Chin, 50, was not revealed.

ICE, counties crackdown on birth tourism

The Chinese internet lists hundreds of "maternity hotels" in Southern California, a glimpse into a cottage industry of Chinese midwives, drivers and doctors who accept cash to deliver US-born babies to Chinese nationals who travel to get US citizenship for their newborn. Maternity hotels are apartments or homes run as hotels for pregnant women who intend to give birth, recuperate in the US and most return to China to live.

ICE says that a person who lies about the purpose of their US visit can be charged with visa fraud. Birth tourism per se is not illegal. Childbirth is a legitimate reason to travel to the US and as long as the Chinese nationals provide the correct paperwork and evidence they can pay for their medical care, they will be issued a visa. In 2015, 2.27 million visas were issued to Chinese tourists. The conservative-leaning Center for Immigration Studies estimates that nearly 26,000 Chinese national give birth in the US each year.

In Southern California, complaints have led to ICE raids of birth hotels in Riverside, Rowland Heights and Irvine and arrests for tax code violations and committing fraud by helping birth tourists get visas under false pretenses. In Chino Hills, the Arcadia police has an ongoing investigation on maternity hotels. In 2013 LA formed a birth tourism task force which cited 34 birthing hotel operators for running businesses on land zoned for residential use only. In LA county there is no ordinance prohibiting birth hotel operations, but the businesses must still follow other licensing and tax laws.

In 2013 a Chinese film "Finding Mr. Right" dramatized a Chinese mother's trip to Seattle to give birth. That film grossed \$82 million in China (ninth highest earning domestic film) was about a Beijing tycoon's wife who flies to Seattle to give birth but falls in love with the maternity hotel driver. Rosy depictions of the US, the growing Chinese middle class, a

deteriorating belief in China's future, flaws in China including food safety, pollution, income inequality and social competition entice many birth mothers to look to the US as a safety net. A Hurun Report poll in 2015 showed that just six percent of high net worth Chinese plan to stay in China full time and US is their top destination.

It is believed that Chinese single unwed women are a significant part of this birth tourism industry. China's family planning regulations make it difficult for a single women to get a reproduction permit. Without the proper permits, a baby cannot access Chinese public services like school or healthcare. Chinese society does not readily accept unwed mothers. These single mothers may also be mistresses of rich Chinese men who chose to house their girlfriends out of country.

PEW study re birth rates

Asian immigrant women are increasingly accounting for a larger share of foreign mothers who give birth to children in the US according to the Pew Research Center data released in October. Asian immigrants account for 22 percent of US births by foreign women, up from 16 percent in 2010. The study found that fewer Latin American immigrants are having babies in the US. That birth rate dropped from 64 percent in 2008 to 54 percent in 2014.

The number of American women who gave birth in 2014 has dropped 11 percent since 1970. During the same period, immigrant women have tripled the number of births.

About seven percent of all births in the US are from immigrants lacking legal status.

TB decline stalled

Tuberculosis cases for the first time in more than 20 years is not dropping. The number of cases actually rose a little last year, the first increase since 1992. This stall worries the Center for Disease Control because with so many proven interventions TB rates should continue to drop.

Tuberculosis is caused by bacteria that usually attacks the lungs and is spread when an infectious person coughs or sneezes. If not treated, TB can be fatal.

As many of 13 million Americans have latent TB which means that they have the bacteria in their lungs but the bacteria is not actively causing illness and they are not contagious. CDC says new TB illnesses are occurring when the immune system is weakened by another illness, by medication or another cause.

About two-third of new TB cases are diagnosed in foreign born immigrants and that rate is decreasing. The diagnosis rate among US born persons has leveled at about three cases per 100,000 since 2013.

Rich API men are being looted

(It's called "elder abuse")

Chinese national women and white women are finding good pickings among older API American men - both those single and married - because they are good for (1) quick and easy wealth (because APIs are good at amassing wealth), (2) immigration status and US citizenship, (3) real estate, (4) credit cards, (5) social security benefits, (6) pension benefits, and (6) Medicare. While these guys are mentally competent, they allow their egos to be flattered by the "attentions" of these younger women and are willing victims to these seductresses.

An elderly hotel owner in Southern California hired a 50-something housekeeper from China to care for himself and his aging wife. Husband started writing 5-digit checks to this woman on a regular basis. An adult son accidentally walks in to see the housekeeper naked and in a very compromising position on his father's lap. The wife files for a divorce to protect her share of the community property assets. After the divorce, the husband disappeared for two years - he had married the housekeeper - and when he died, the housekeeper-new wife got his share of the family wealth. The family was only notified of his death through his lawyer.

Another man has three sons. One son is married to a white women. When in his 60's, the man divorces his wife and marries his daughter-in-law soon afterwards. He now has a child from his former-daughter-in-law. Needless to say, family relations are tense and family reunions non-existent.

A 60-plus year old man went looking for a girlfriend and joined a gym to meet women. He divorces his wife and marries a white woman he met at the gym. He dies a few years later and the new wife inherits a lot of property because this guy by profession was a Chinese medical doctor.

A 60 year bachelor goes to Hong Kong and meets a 22 year old woman. He brings her to the US, she gets a green card and then disappears. He says it was worth it and would go back to Hong Kong to do it again.

A 70 year bachelor with stage 4 terminal cancer is introduced to a Hong Kong woman who woos him and then (1) asks him to marry her so that she can stay in the US longer, (2) asks him to transfer his real estate into her name as his spouse so that "it will look good for immigration," and (3) promises to be there to help him in his last days. He does #1 and #2. She doesn't live up to her promise #3. The family is furious because some of the property transferred to the "new wife" was actually property of the elderly mother who wanted to make sure that this son is financially secure.

IMCS hosts successful embroidery exhibit

More than 100 people attended an exhibit of Mien embroidery exhibit hosted by Lu-Mien Community Services with the assistance of Parkview Presbyterian Women and held October 30, at Parkview Presbyterian Church In Sacramento.

The well-planned event included the following exhibits: an explanation about the history of Mien embroidery; details of the intricate stitches, including the meaning of certain patterns; a number of traditional garments, including priceless family heirlooms; pieces showing modern application of Mien embroidery for such items as ties, aprons, scarves, and hair ornaments; and several items completed by students in the IMCS embroidery classes.

During the worship service at Parkview which immediately preceded the exhibit, a worship team from Lu-Mien Central Fellowship Church treated attendees to two hymns, original compositions written by a member of the Lu-Mien church. The service concluded with a processional by elderly Lu-Mien musicians performing on traditional instruments, who marched majestically down the central aisle and around the perimeter of the sanctuary, then into the adjoining social hall.

Refreshments included both Mien foods and desserts provided by the Parkview Presbyterian Women.

Embroidery classes have been funded by a grant from the Alliance for California Traditional Arts through its Living Cultures Grant Program. For further information about Mien embroidery and/or the classes, please send an email to mienembroidery@gmail.com

Lu-Mien seniors enjoy Thanksgiving Feast

Some 60 elderly and disabled Lu-Mien refugees and their family members recently enjoyed a sumptuous Thanksgiving feast, courtesy of Lu-Mien Community Services (IMCS). Participants in the twice-weekly IMCS Healthy Village gatherings, the seniors were treated to a wide variety of delicious foods prepared by group members. The event occurred at the regular Wednesday Healthy Village meeting on the day before Thanksgiving.

Entertainment was provided by community leaders Mr. Chan Choy Saelee and Mr. Vern Yoon Saelee, who recited several traditional Mien stories and proverbs. Mr. Marc Sely, IMCS language instructor, acted as emcee.

A highlight of the event was distribution of 67 turkeys and five 25-lb bags of rice. Fifty turkeys and the rice were donated by the family of Suiying Saechao, and 17 were donated by the Sacramento Food Bank. Ms. Saechao has been an active volunteer with the IMCS Embroidery Class and annual Lu-Mien Student Conference.

Healthy Village, one of the largest and longest-running IMCS programs, provides twice-



weekly opportunities for elderly and disabled Lu-Mien refugees to gather, socialize, catch up on valuable information such as upcoming changes in public benefits, and learn about a wide variety of practices that lead to healthier lifestyles. The twice-weekly meetings are held in the community room of Mutual Housing California at Lemon Hill Apartment Complex, 6000 Lemon Hill Avenue, Sacramento. The program is presently being funded by the Division of Behavioral Health Services through the voter approved Proposition 63, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) along with generous donations of goods and pro bono services from dedicated community volunteers.

For further information, contact Mr. Kao Thun at 916/383-3083 or kthun@unitediumien.org



Lu-Mien Student Conference Is Coming

The 18th Annual Lu-Mien Student Conference (IMSC) will soon be here, and the planning committee is in the process of finalizing the IMSC 18 workshops. Centered on the theme SAE It Loud: Voices of Tomorrow, the conference will be held Friday, March 17, in the Sacramento State University Union Ballroom. A highlight will be awarding six scholarships valued at approximately \$5,000 to eligible applicants.

A crucial aspect of the IMSC involves helping Lu-Mien youth become more acquainted with Lu-Mien history and culture. Three culturally sensitive workshops will be facilitated to help Lu-Mien middle school and high school aged youth learn about their cultures and strengthen their identity, which will help them in turn become a generation of leaders in their own communities. These are:

* Workshop 1: Career exploration with a diverse panel of college students and professionals in the community.

* Workshop 2: Understanding and appreciating culture through food. Students will learn about the customs of making our traditional Lu-Mien food and about the cultural ties of the dishes with other Southeast Asian cultures.

* Workshop 3: Understanding the Lu-Mien cultural identity and how it shapes individuals. This workshop aims to empower youth and help them be proud of their Mien culture and identity.

Outreaching to students in the area school district begins in the month of January. We are also beginning to recruit volunteers and workshop facilitators. Volunteer and workshop facilitator applications and training will begin in February. For more information on how to volunteer and support the conference, please email iumienstudentconference@gmail.com

Financial support is also greatly appreciated. You can make a donation at <https://www.gofundme.com/IMSC18> All donations to IMSC 18 are tax deductible.

Founded in 1998, the first Lu-Mien Student Conference was held in 1999. Since that time, the IMSC annually draws approximately 250 Lu-Mien high school and middle school youth, offering valuable information about career choices, life skills, and Mien history and culture, and providing them with role models of Lu-Mien who have completed post-secondary education and entered successful careers. Since its founding, approximately 8,000 Lu-Mien students have attended the conference. Of these, some 90% have completed high school. Of these, an approximate 80% have gone on to college, and entered professional careers. Further attesting to the ongoing importance of the conference is that, of IMSC alumni, approximately 25% return as volunteers and emerging community leaders.

CAUSE internship

The Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE) has announced its summer internship. CAUSE is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, nonpartisan, community-based organization with a mission to advance the political empowerment of the Asian Pacific American community through voter registration and education, community outreach, and leadership development.

The CAUSE Leadership Academy - formerly the California Asian American Student Internship Coalition - was founded in 1991 to develop a pipeline of leadership for the Asian Pacific American (APA) community. CLA teaches students the importance of civic engagement and political participation as it prepares its participants to be leaders at the forefront of the democratic process. Despite APAs being the fastest growing community in the United States, representation and leadership has not kept pace with the growing and changing demographics.

The internship will run from June 19, 2017 – August 18, 2017 (9 weeks). Interns are expected to commit full time for 40 hours per week. Additional hours to work on group projects will also be required. The number of additional hours will depend on collaborative group efforts.

A stipend of \$1,500 will be provided upon satisfactory completion of the program and can serve as reimbursement for expenses accrued throughout the program's duration.

Accepted interns are required to secure their own housing in Southern California for the duration of their internship. Interns are highly encouraged to seek housing opportunities together.

The application deadline is Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 11:59 PM PST. Top candidates will be interviewed either on Saturday, February 18th or Saturday, February 25th at the CAUSE office located in Pasadena.

The application can be downloaded at the CAUSE website www.causeusa.org. More information can be obtained Tanya Edmilao at 626/356-9838.

AB1726/Chapter 607

Assemblyman Bonta's AB1726 legislation passed last fall and was signed into law by the governor on September 25th. The new law requires state agencies, boards and commission which collect and report demographic data to use separate collection categories and tabulations for additional specified Asian groups and Pacific Islander groups. The expanded Asian groups will include data collection for Bangladeshi, Hmong, Indonesian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, and Thai. The additional Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander groups, will include, but not be limited to, Fijian and Tongan.

Community groups advocating for AB 1726 included Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network, Empowering Pacific Islander Communities and the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center.

UC and CSU systems have voluntarily committed to reporting the same disaggregated student data.

Fox criticized for racist programming

The Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County denounces the Fox News "The O'Reilly Factor" October 3rd segment as implicitly racist. The segment featured reporter Jesse Watters taking a trip to New York Chinatown to ask passersby a series of culturally insensitive and ignorant questions while playing stereotypic Asian music and intercutting the story with martial arts movie cuts.

"These kinds of nonsensical attempts at what program host Bill O'Reilly called 'gentle humor,' are neither 'gentle' nor 'humorous;' rather they feed into the 'bully mentality' that has pervaded the American cultural landscape making it acceptable to denigrate people who are racially or culturally different," stated Lena Tam, president of the Asian Pacific Democratic Caucus of Alameda County.

Although the reporter was in Chinatown, his questions exposed his indifference to even bothering to differentiate between Chinese, Japanese, and Korean cultures.

Americans of Asian and Pacific heritage represent 1/3rd of the population in Alameda County which is also home to KTVU Fox, the flagship station of the Fox network. Their diverse reporting staff consistently show a high level of professionalism in stark contrast to the Watter's World segment on "The O'Reilly Factor" program.

The Caucus urged Fox News and the O'Reilly Factor to take responsibility and apologize for purposely perpetuating stereotypes and marginalizing Asian American communities. The Caucus also asks KTVU-Fox management to join us in protesting racially and culturally insensitive programming from Fox.

karoshi = death by overwork

The investigation of two suicides at a Japanese advertising company Dentsu have been confirmed to be linked to long work hours. The 2013 death of a 30 year old male was due to overworking. The government investigators also ruled that the suicide of a 24 year old female who jumped from her company dormitory on Christmas Day 2015 was karoshi-related. She had posted on social media her distress over long working hours and harassment by her boss. She had logged in more than 100 hours of overtime the month before her suicide. "Karoshi" is a Japanese term for death by overwork. The government could file criminal charges against the company if they find that illegal labor practices were prevalent.

In response to the findings, Dentsu promised to improve working conditions and reduce their maximum overtime from 70 hours per month to 65 hours per month starting in November 2016. Nearly 23 percent of Japanese corporations report some employees working more than 80 hours of overtime a month. Of the 24,000 suicides reported in Japan last year, 2,158 were attributed to workplace issues.

The Japanese corporate culture is traditionally age based hierarchies and stresses devotion to the company. These attitudes lead to high pressure to work extreme hours.

Mulan needs API writer

In October, after 16,000 signatures and a trending hashtag demanded Disney to #MakeMulanRight, Disney has answered the API community's our call -- in part. Two weeks ago the internet exploded in outrage when a leaked script revealed that Disney had plans to turn its "Legend of Mulan" live action film into a white savior story with a white male love interest in the spotlight.

But after thousands of us came together to voice our discontent, Disney promised Mulan would remain the lead character in her own story, and that "all primary roles, including the love interest, are Chinese."

It's a huge win, but the fight isn't over. We've always believed that media representation is about more than who is on camera: it's also about who is in the writer's room and the executive office. That's why we need to keep building pressure for Disney to #MakeMulanRight by committing to hire an Asian American writer to work on the script.

Tell Disney to add an Asian American writer to the "Legend of Mulan" team.

Sure, Hua Mulan is a Chinese historical figure, but Disney's 1998 animation was a cultural touchstone for a generation of Asian Americans. And it's no surprise that Chinese American screenwriter Rita Hsiao had a hand in shaping what for many of us was the first nuanced depiction of Asian characters in American media.

From Mulan references at dim sum to McDonalds toys, Disney's Mulan meant the world to my Chinese American family when I was growing up. That's why I'm so determined to have someone who understands firsthand the impact of Asian American representation behind the scenes making sure Disney delivers the Mulan film we all want.

Will you call on Disney to add an Asian American writer to the "Legend of Mulan" team?

Sanctuary schools?

In December the San Francisco Board of Education pledged to its students and their parents to maintain the city's status as a "sanctuary city" for undocumented immigrants and to limit local law enforcement cooperation with federal immigration authorities. The Sacramento Board of Education is likewise considering a policy of "safe haven" sites that do not enforce immigration deportation activities. The Los Angeles Unified School District is opening additional centers to direct parents to social services and legal help in light of the election.

The University of California also reaffirmed its commitment to help undocumented students last week, saying it would not hand over any information about undocumented students without court orders. UC president, Janet Napolitano, urged Mr. Trump to keep the program that grants temporary reprieve to young undocumented immigrants brought here as children.

In December, Senator Kevin de León, the Senate president pro tem, introduced a package of bills intended to help undocumented immigrants by helping to provide legal representation, further limit local law enforcement cooperation and train public defenders on immigration law. It seems clear this is just the beginning of the state's battle with a Trump administration over undocumented immigrants.

Tule Lake proposals

Tule Lake Unit of WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument was established by presidential proclamation on December 5, 2008. A management plan to guide its development is underway. The National Park Service (NPS) identified three possible management strategies, or "alternatives" for the development of the site.

Alternative A - the No-Action Alternative - relies solely on base funding and would result in the unit being closed to the public except during the summer season when the segregation center's ditch rider house would be open. Access to Camp Tulelake, the Peninsula, and the segregation center's stockade would be allowed only during scheduled tours led by NPS rangers. This alternative includes two projects - restoration of the jail and a local interpretation and education program.

Alternative B - Limited Operations - proposes limited visitor services, educational and interpretive programming, resource management, facility maintenance and improvements, and staffing. Similar to Alternative A, the unit would be closed to the public, except during the summer season's segregation center's ditch rider house. Access to Camp Tulelake, the Peninsula, and the segregation center's stockade would only be allowed infrequently during scheduled tours led by NPS rangers. Implementation of this alternative would require an increase to the unit's operating budget.

Alternative C, the NPS Preferred Alternative, emphasizes raising national awareness about the Tule Lake Unit's unique incarceration, segregation, and renunciation history and its resources. Historic resources would be protected through stabilization and historic preservation treatments, and year-round visitor experiences would be provided. Interpretive and educational programs would focus on engaging youth, and technology and digital media would be used extensively to introduce Tule Lake to new audiences and tell the unit's stories.

At a December 6th community meeting at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, local Tule Lake Committee leader Barbara Takei, Berkeley's Satsuki Ina, and Seattle's Frank Abe shared their concerns and urged active public input on the NPS plans. They focused on the following issues:

- The Park Service favors the "Alternative C Plan" that would expand facilities at Tule Lake, protect the site, and provide public access.
- Currently, Tule Lake is being threatened by the proposed building of a 10 foot high fence through the camp site near the airport.
- The "Alternative A and B Plans" would do nothing or only a bare minimum that would not help tell the stories of Tule Lake.
- The NPS is currently holding a series of 11 public meetings across California to secure important community input on their plans.
- The Sacramento region is the home of many of the over 18,000 former Tule Lake prisoners and their families.
- Tule Lake became the only WWII segregation center in 1943 for Japanese Americans from all the concentration camps who resisted their mistreatment



The Florin Japanese American Citizens League – Sacramento Region strongly supports efforts to preserve, expand, and protect Tule Lake so its history can be told. This country deserves to learn the lessons of the past, especially with the post 9/11 backlash threatening other innocent Americans in the Muslim, Arab, South Asian, and Sikh communities today.

NPA planning documents are online at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/TuleLakeGMP>. A hard copy can be requested from NPS/EIS, 909 First Ave, Suite 500, Seattle 98104. The comment period ends February 10, 2017.

Remembrance Event

Saturday, February 11

Northern California Time of Remembrance (NCTOR) committee (Florin, Lodi, Placer County, Sacramento JAACL) is commemorating the 75th year after the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt which suspended due process and resulted in the unjust incarceration of 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry into America's concentration centers during World War II. The events will be held Saturday February 11 from 1-4pm at the California Museum (1020 O St, Sac).

The documentary, RESISTANCE AT TULE LAKE, will be shown which tells the long suppressed story of 12,000 persons of Japanese ancestry who dared to resist the US government's program of mass incarceration during World War II. Branded as "disloyals" and re-imprisoned at Tule Lake Segregation Center, they continued to protest in the face of militarized violence. Thousands renounced their US citizenship in protest. Giving voice to their experiences which have been marginalized for over 70 years, this documentary challenges the nationalist, one-sided ideal of wartime "loyalty."

Konrad Aderer, the documentary's filmmaker and a New York television journalist, will be available to discuss Resistance and his 2011 documentary ENEMY ALIEN about a post 9-11 detainee. Enemy Alien was honored with a Council for American Islamic relations "Courage in Media Award" and was featured at the 2011 NCTOR event.

Tickets are \$20/adult, \$15/students, free for students 17 or younger. Proceeds will benefit the California Museum's Time of Remembrance activities and Field Trip Tours led by formerly incarcerated docents and volunteers.

For more information, contact Nancy Whiteside at 916/508-6587, nwhiteside@hotmail.com, www.nctor.org, 916/427-2841.

"RESISTANCE AT TULE LAKE"

Saturday, February 11, 2017

1:00 -4:00 p.m.

California Museum

1020 O Street, Sacramento



Resistance at Tule Lake tells the long-suppressed story of 12,000 Japanese Americans who dared to resist the U.S. government's program of mass incarceration during World War II. Branded as "disloyals" and re-imprisoned at Tule Lake Segregation Center, they continued to protest in the face of militarized violence, and thousands renounced their U.S. citizenship. Giving voice to experiences that have been marginalized for over 70 years. This documentary challenges the nationalist, one-sided ideal of wartime "loyalty".

Konrad Aderer

Documentary filmmaker and television journalist based in New York City. Konrad's independent documentaries have focused on resistance to policies targeting immigrant communities in the US.

Donation: \$20.00 general, \$15.00 college students 18-25. Free for students under 18. Includes admission, reception and "Uprooted" and current exhibits in the CA Museum. Additional information: www.nctor.org or call Nancy Whiteside at 916-508-6587 or nwhiteside@hotmail.com or 916-427-2841. All tickets will be at WILL CALL.

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Address: _____ Student: _____ @ \$15.00 ea. _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____ Tax deductible donation: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____ Total enclosed: _____

(Add additional guests on the reverse side of form)

Enclose check payable to Placer Co. JAACL and remit by FEBRUARY 4, 2017 to:

Nancy Whiteside, 5333 Primrose Drive, #45A, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

CALENDAR

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Feb 3 Fri **ACC Senior Services "Diabetes 101- Lifestyle Modifications, Motivation, Stages of Change and Setting SMART Goals."** 12-130pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac.) . Free. To register: 916/393-9026 X330, classes@accsv.org

Feb 6 Mon **Alzheimer's Association: The Basics : Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer's Disease (presented in Chinese).** Mandarin: 230-330pm; Cantonese 4-5pm at Stockton Blvd Partnership Conference Room (5625 Stockton Blvd, Sac). Free. RSVP. Info: Mandarin - Janice Tsai JT9196@yahoo.com, 916/508-2416; Cantonese - Frances Choo sitmoi@yahoo.com, 916/214-2095

Feb 7 Tue **Alzheimer's Association: 2017 State Advocacy Day.** 830am-5pm at Sacramento Convention Center (1400 J St. Sac.) \$35/person (includes breakfast, lunch and materials.) Register by Jan. 30. Info: Rachel Brainard rbrainard@alz.org, 916/447-2731

Feb 8 **PACT Webinar: Opening your child's adoption: Searching for birth families.** 11am-1230pm. Info: www.pactadopt.org, info@pactadopt.org, 510/243-9460

Feb 8, Mar 8 Wed **ACC Senior Services Family Caregiver Support Group.** 12-130pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). Self-help group run by and for people with challenges/ life changing situations involving caregiving for a loved one with memory decline such as dementia/Alzheimer's disease and mild cognitive impairment. Free. Info: Soojin Yoo 916/393-9026 X326, syoo@accsv.org

Feb 9, Mar 9 Thu **ACC Senior Services Phone and PG&E Bill Review Clinic.** 2-4pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). Free. Drop-ins welcome on a first-come first-served basis. Info: 916/393-9026 X339, team@accsv.org

Feb 11 Sat **Northern California Time of Remembrance: "Resistance at Tule Lake" with filmmaker Konrad Aderer.** 1-4pm at California Museum (1020 O St, Sac). \$20/general, \$15/ students, Free for students under 18. Info: www.nctor.org, Nancy Whitesides 916/508-6587, nwhitesi@hotmail.com, 916/427-2841.

Feb 11 Sat **Chinese New Year Parade-Year of the Rooster,** San Francisco

Feb 11, 28 Sat **Sacramento Hmong Community: Sacramento Exhibit - Hmong Story-40.** Hmong history display, 8000 sq. ft. exhibit, video documentaries, cultural artifact display and picture galleries. 10am-6pm at Enrollment Center (5735 47th Ave, Sac). Feb 11 11am Ribbon Cutting. Free. Info: Koua Lor Franz 916/807-8643

Feb 11 **PACT Adoptive Parents of Color and their families: Family gathering and parent discussion group.** 3-5pm. Info: www.pactadopt.org, info@pactadopt.org, 510-243-9460

Feb 12 Sun **Japan/America: Points of Contact, 1876-1970, Artistic Exchanges between Japan and America after WWII.** Crocker Art Museum (216 O St, Sac.) Museum admission; Free on Feb. 19.

Feb 14, Mar 14 **PACT First/Birth Parent Support Group.** 7-9pm. Info: www.pactadopt.org, info@

pactadopt.org, 510-243-9460

Feb 16 Thu **ACC Senior Services: Day of Remembrance.** 3-430pm at ACC (7334 Park City Dr, Sac.) Free. A short film will be shown, followed by panelists Mas Hatano, Gary Fujii, Amy Moore and June Shimosaki, discussing their or their families' experience of incarceration at Little Rock, Tule Lake and Rohwer during WWII and connect it to current affairs. Info: Linda Revilla lrevilla@accsv.org, 916/ 393-9036 ext. 323

Feb 17 Fri **ACC Senior Services "Debt Presentation."** 1-2pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac.) This seminar will outline seniors' rights and obligations when they owe money and what options are available to manage debt. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 X330, classes@accsv.org

Feb 18 Sat **Chinese New Year Celebration Assn: Chinese New Year Celebration.** 11 am-5 pm at Hiram Johnson High School Auditorium (6879 14th Ave. Sacramento.) Dragon dance and martial arts, cultural entertainment, community exhibits, arts and crafts, food vendors, children's games. \$6 adults, \$1 children under 12. Info: www.cnyca.net, 916/337-6680

Feb 19 Sun **API Friends of John Chiang for Governor: Special Champagne Brunch for John Chiang for Governor.** 1-3pm at home of Dr. Ken & Lina Fat (2905 Royce Way, Sac). Donations: \$500-10,000. Info: Mehran Khodabandeh mehran@electJohnChiang.com, 909/993-2949

Feb 19 Sun **Two Views: Photographs by Ansel Adams and Leonard Frank, Japanese American Internment.** Crocker Art Museum (216 O St, Sac.) Cost: Museum admission; Free on Feb. 19

Feb 19 Sun **A Day of Remembrance, Anniversary of Executive Order 9066.** Crocker Art Museum (216 O St, Sac.) Free; advance reservations recommended.

Feb 23 Thu **ACC Senior Services "Domestic Violence Resources."** 10-11am at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac.) Learn about domestic violence, including who the victims are, what the signs are, and what is the cycle of violence. We will share information about the resources available for victims of domestic violence. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 X330, classes@accsv.org

Mar 1 Wed **ACC Senior Services "Planning Ahead for the Inevitable."** 1130am-1230pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac.) A 25-minute presentation on why everyone should pre-plan funeral arrangements. Eliminate stress and relieve your family of the burden, know all available choices, get what you want, ensure every detail is covered. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 X330, classes@accsv.org

Mar 3 Fri **APSEA Foundation Scholarship Application deadline.** www.apseafoundation.org

Mar 4 Sat **"All People Celebrate Ethnic Studies Today and Tomorrow" program.** 830am-3pm at Pioneer High School (East Gibson X Pioneer Rds, Woodland). Free. MC Francisco Rodriguez, Chancellor LA Community College District. Register by Feb 27 at www.ycoe.org/ethnic-studies. Info: Melissa Moreno mmoreno@yccd.edu

Mar 4 - Apr 1 (Sat) **My Sister's House Spring**

domestic violence advocate training. Info: info@my-sisters-house.org, 916/930-0626

Mar 4 **PACT Family Education: Exploring feelings about adoption.** 2-5pm program, 5-6pm potluck. Facilitated discussions for youth and parents. Info: www.pactadopt.org, info@pactadopt.org, 510-243-9460

Mar 5 **Florin Buddhist Church-Fried Rice Loco Moco breakfast.** 9am-noon at 7235 Pritchard Rd, Sac. Limited tickets at \$10. Info: Eric 916/956-8557 efuji52@gmail.com, Judie 916/396-2347 jmiyao@sbcglobal.net, Kathy 916/761-9469 chibi15@pacbell.net

Mar 8 **PACT Webinar: Invisible adoptions: Talking with children about adoption when your family "matches."** 11am-1230pm. Info: www.pactadopt.org, info@pactadopt.org, 510-243-9460

Mar 24-25 **PACT: California Adoption Conference 2017.** 3/24 professionals' day featuring Holly van Gulden. 3/25 general conference, workshops. Info: www.pactadopt.org, info@pactadopt.org, 510-243-9460

Mar 29 **PACT Webinar: PACT's National Orientation for persons interested in adopting a child of color through PACT.** 11am-1230pm. Info: www.pactadopt.org, info@pactadopt.org, 510-243-9460

April 15 Sat **APAPA CEF: APAPA 13th Annual Capitol Internship Award & Scholarship Fundraising Gala.** Sheraton Grand Hotel (1230 J St, Sac.) Info: Sokie Hul 916/928-9988 ext 101, sokiehul@apapa.org; Marilyn Nielsen 530/401-8907, amrilyn.nielsen@apapa.org

April 18 Tue **APSEA/APSEA Foundation Annual Awards Dinner.** www.apseafoundation.org

May 15 **My Sister's House 15th Anniversary Gala.** Info: info@my-sisters-house.org, 916/930-0626

Aug 3-6 **OCA National Convention.** Sheraton Hotel (Sac.)

Current Faces, New Places

Brian Louie was sworn in as Sacramento's Interim Police Chief on December 12.

Mai Vang will be representing Area 5 of the Sacramento City Unified School Board of Education.

Priscilla Jong, a My Sister's Home volunteer, received one of the Sacramento County's 2016 Heroes of Human Service Awards

My Sister's Home received one of 20 grants nationally (one of only two received by a California community group): "Reaching Each Asian Pacific Islander Community with Hope" (REACH) a two year collaborative with EmpowerYolo, Yolo County's sexual assault prevention program.

Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program

PACT's Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Leadership Program invites energetic and motivated young adults, ages 18-20 years old, with a high school diploma or GED, who want to develop their leadership skills and gain valuable work experience while supporting adopted and fostered youth of color at PACT's annual Family Camps to apply. PACT is a non profit adoption alliance whose mission is to serve adopted children of color. During these Family Camps, CITs will develop leadership and mentoring skills through direct supervision, regular educational seminars with their CIT Program Coordinator, Ijeoma Ononuju, and experts in the fields of adoption, race and child development while engaging in a hands-on experience as counselors to young campers.

If you are an adopted and/or foster-care alum, person of color or someone who is otherwise personally impacted or sympathetic to the adoption/foster care community, PACT encourages you to apply. PACT Family Camp will be held in two locations this year - Tahoe City CA July 1-8 and Reisterstown MD July 29-August 4. CIT candidates will have to pay \$250 to participate. The fee covers programming, meals and lodging. Transportation to/from camp is not provided. The fee may be offset by a bonus received from participating CAMP families. Pre-camp training will be conducted 1-2 times before camp. Applications accepted through April 15 or until the program is full. Dr. Ijeoma Ononuju is the CIT program coordinator who received his PhD from the UCD School of Education in 2016. WWW.pactadopt.org, 510-243-9460

2017 Citizen's Planning Academy

The Citizen's Planning Academy is an eleven-class course designed to educate and engage residents, business and community leaders in the City's planning process and how planning shapes our community. The course objective is to assist participants in becoming more effective and informed advocates in future City of Sacramento planning efforts, and to encourage positive engagement in the planning process.

Classes cover a broad spectrum of planning topics and issues. Speakers include city staff, local planning professionals, architects, building industry leaders and seasoned neighborhood activists. Sessions are designed to include presentations, discussion, interactive group exercises, and field trips. The Citizen's Planning Academy is free and open to Sacramento residents and business owners who are interested in planning.

Applications for the 2017 Citizen's Planning Academy are due Tuesday, January 17. Applications are at <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Long-Range/Planning-Academy>

Yolo County Section 8 online applications

Yolo County Housing will open its housing choice voucher (Section 8) and project based vouchers wait lists through January 19. Qualified applicants can submit online applications at www.ych.ca.gov. The online application will be available in English, Spanish and Russian. Applications may also be submitted during regular business hours at various application centers in the community. Applicants need to have the name, date of birth, social security number, income and assets information of all household members. Some programs have special requirements, such as being engaged in farm labor, being over the age of 62, or having special needs and requiring support services. Yolo County Housing provides over 2,760 units of affordable housing through private market subsidies, rental units for families, seniors and disabled, as well as seasonal and permanent rental housing for farm workers. For more information about Yolo County Housing, visit their website at www.ych.ca.gov or 530/ 662-5428.

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Alzheimer's disease and related dementias are not a normal part of aging.

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease is a workshop, presented by the Alzheimer's Association, for anyone who would like to know more about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017

Time: 2:30 – 3:30 pm (Mandarin)
4 – 5 pm (Cantonese)

Location:

Stockton Blvd Partnership
Conference Room 1
5625 Stockton Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95824

> Free of cost.

> Space is limited, registration is requested.

Mandarin: Janice Tsai,
JT9196@yahoo.com,
916.508.2416

Cantonese: Frances Choo,
SITMOI@yahoo.com,
916.214.2095

CALENDAR

Jan 16 Mon **MLK365 March for the Dream.** 830am March begins at Sacramento City College (3835 Freeport Blvd, Sac) and ends at the Sacramento Convention Center (1400 J St, Sac).

Jan 17 Tue **ACC Senior Services "Diabetes 101-Diabetes Medicines: What Are They, When Should They Be Used and How Do They Work."** 3-430pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac.) Free. To register: 916/393-9026 X330, classes2accsv.org

Jan 18 Wed **OCA/APSEA State Capitol Reception.** 530-830pm at State Capitol Basement Rotunda. Enter at L St. Entrance after 6 pm. Free. Info: Linda Ng 916/996-3770, lngjmh@sbcglobal.net, Michael Head 530/304-1322. www.ocasacramento.org

Jan 18 Wed **API Capitol Association, CA API Legislative Caucus Institute, and the League of CA Cities API Caucus: Welcome Reception for API Legislative Caucus Members et al.** Light appetizers and cocktails. Special welcome for CA API Legislative Caucus Institute's New President Mona Pasquil Rogers, Appointments Secretary, Office of Governor Jerry Brown. 7pm at Chops Restaurant (L St X 11th St, Sac). RSVP: http://bit.do/welcome_reception. Info: Annie@Lam-Consult.com

Jan 21 and 1st and 3rd Saturdays **AMPSAC African Marketplace** (2251 Florin Road, Sac.) Food, music, vendors. Info: ampsac@yahoo.com, 916/730-6386

Jan 21, March 18, May 20 Sat. **CAPITAL Meetings.** 9 am meeting at Sacramento Sheriff's Central Station (7000 - 65th St. near Florin Rd, Sac)

Jan 21 Sat **Million Women March on Sacramento.** 10am at State Capitol.

Jan 21 Sat **Sacramento Rescue and Restore Coalition and Sacramento Metropolitan Lions Club: Food for Thought, Voices that need to be heard - Human trafficking in the Sacramento region.** 1-130pm Resource Fair, 130-4pm Panel discussion at Parkside Community Church (5700 South Land Park Dr, Sac). Free. Bring a nonperishable food donation for the Sacramento Food Bank.

Jan 21 Sat **UC Davis Muslim Student Assn 5K for Water 2017.** A fundraising race to build wells in 11 underdeveloped countries and aiding Flint Michigan. \$25/student, \$35/community. 9am at UC Davis. Info: 5kforwater.eventbrite.com

Jan 22 -May 15 **Contemporary Japanese Ceramics from the Horvitz Collection** at Crocker Art Museum (216 O Street, Sac). Cost: Museum admission.

Jan 24 Tue **ACC Senior Services "Understanding and Responding to Dementia."** 3-5pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac.) Participants are taught a four-step model to address behavioral aspects of dementia. Free. To register: Call the Alzheimer's Assn 800/272-3900, ptardio@alz.org

Jan 25 **PACT Webinar: Ripped from the headlines: Talking with transracially adopted children about race.** 11am-1230pm. Info: www.pactadopt.org, info@pactadopt.org, 510-243-9460

Jan 26 Thu **Asian Resources Inc: 15th Annual**

Lunar New Year Dinner, 2017 Year of the Rooster. Honorees: Elaine Abelaye-Mateo, Marielle Tsukamoto, Supervisor Patrick Kennedy. 530-830pm at Happy Garden Restaurant (5731 Stockton Blvd. Sac). Info: Diane Truong 916/454-1892, diane@asianresources.org

Jan 26 Thu **ACC Senior Services "Key Tips for Taking Action and Staying Organized."** 1030am-12pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac.) In this fast-paced interactive workshop, learn Key Tips for Taking Action and Staying Organized. Fee: \$3 pre-paid or \$5 drop-in. To register: 916/393-9026 X330, classes@accsv.org

Jan 27 Fri **Hasan Minhaj performs "Homecoming King."** Mondavi Center, UCD. Minhaj is a 2007 Davis High graduate and a regular on Comedy Central and The Daily Show.

JANUARY 28 - LUNAR NEW YEAR, YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

Jan 28 Sat **Sacramento JAACL - Annual Crab & Spaghetti Feed.** UC Davis Bakuhatu Taiko Dan performance. 530pm at Sacramento Buddhist Church (2401 Riverside Blvd. Sac.) Adults \$50, Children (6-10) \$10, Kids under 5 - Free. Info Janice Luszczak janice.luszczak@gmail.com

Jan 28-Feb 5 **Vietnamese American Community of Sacramento (VACOS) & Greater Sacramento Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce (GSVACC) presents 2017 Little Saigon Tet Parade, Lunar Flower Fest and Tet Festival.** 1/28 Parade starts on Stockton Blvd. & Fruitridge Rd at 9:30 am. 1/28-1/29 Lunar Flower Fest is at 6525 Florin Rd, Sac. 2/4-2/5 Tet Festival is at

6525 Florin Rd, Sac. Info: Mai Nguyen 916/ 627-5165, Tim Do 916/583-3902 , info@GSVACC.org

Jan 29 Sun **14th Annual Celebration of Abraham: Embodying Hope, A Call for Action.** 3-530pm at St. James Catholic Church (1275 B St, Davis).

Jan 31 **CAUSE Leadership Academy Summer Internship Application deadline.** Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment's summer internship program (June 19-August 18) develops leadership for the APA community. 40 hrs/week, \$1500 stipend, applications must secure their own housing in Southern California. Website: CAUSE Leadership Academy 2017. www.causeusa.org

Jan 31 Tue **ACC Senior Services "Prevent Annoying Sales Calls."** 330-430pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac.) Learn about the National Do Not Call Registry and the rules that may reduce the number of sales calls you receive. If you are already registered, but still getting calls, you will learn why. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 X330, classes@accsv.org

Jan 31 **My Sister's House-Dignity Health-3Strands Global Foundation: Human Trafficking Conference "Preventing and Eliminating Human Trafficking."** 9am-3pm at CSUS Ballrooms 1 and 2 (6000 J St, Sac). Info: Jasmeen Kairam jasmeenmsh@gmail.com, 916/930-0626

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In Honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month
and
Lions Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger & Poverty



Sacramento Rescue and Restore Coalition and
Sacramento Metropolitan Lions Club present:



Food for Thought

**Voices that need to be heard -
Human trafficking in the Sacramento region**

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Resource fair— 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Panel discussion— 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Parkside Community Church
5700 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento, CA 95822**

FREE EVENT! Light refreshments will be served.

*Suggested donation—unexpired nonperishable food
to be donated to Sacramento Food Bank*

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