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Can California and the country pull it together to protect rights for undocumented persons?

ADMISSION TO THE STATE BAR

Sergio Covarrubias Garcia, 36, passed his State Bar exam on the first attempt.

This feat drew the notice of the State Bar's Committee of Bar Examiners in 2011 and they applauded his successful bar exam, his positive moral character in asking the California Supreme Court to license him to practice law and then disclosed that Garcia was an undocumented immigrant. Then the California Supreme Court, which licenses attorneys in the state, held up Garcia's license in 2012, demanding the bar show why he should be allowed to practice. The high court asked why it should admit Garcia when federal law prevents undocumented immigrants from receiving public benefits, including professional licenses, and when there is no state law authorizing licenses for such individuals.

A bill Assembly Bill 1024 has been rushed to passage in September in the final hours of the California legislative session, seeking to allow Garcia and other similarly situated to have the right to practice law in this state.

Garcia entered the United States illegally, brought to the state by his farmworker parents when he was 17 months old. His father, Salvador Covarrubias, earned his US citizenship in 1994. His mother, Albertina Garcia, is a legal permanent resident – her son uses her last name – and three other siblings are American-born citizens. But 19 years have passed since Garcia first applied for a green card, permanent residency and the legal right to work without resolution from US immigration authorities.

His family went back to Mexico when Garcia was 10. His father was frustrated that the kids no longer spoke Spanish. His father brought the family back to California when he was 17. Garcia and his mother had to be smuggled in.

He graduated with honors from Durham High School near Chico and Butte College. He earned a paralegal certificate from California State University Chico, before entering law school in the belief he could practice upon graduating and passing the bar.

California Attorney General Kamala Harris, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Dream Bar Association, a group supporting undocumented law students, joined the State Bar last year in backing Garcia's legal quest to win issuance of his California law license.

Attorneys for the State Bar's Committee of Bar Examiners, including UC Davis law school dean Kevin R. Johnson, argued in a brief that granting Garcia a law license didn't violate federal statutes prohibiting unauthorized immigrants from seeking "public resources."

Larry DeSha, a retired prosecutor for the State Bar, wrote an opposing brief, declaring that as an undocumented immigrant "Mr. Garcia is not qualified to practice law because he continually violated federal law by his presence in the United States."

Lawyers for the US Department of Justice also opposed Garcia's appeal in a brief, citing a federal law prohibiting states from issuing professional licenses for undocumented immigrants. Even if the state were to approve a law license for Garcia, the Department of Justice wrote that "his possession of such a license would not imply authorization to work in the United States."

The California Supreme Court heard oral arguments on September 4th. The justices, whose ruling is pending, suggested that federal law denies Garcia the "public benefit" of a law license and that they weren't inclined to grant one. But Justice Marvin R. Baxter noted that federal statutes also appeared to give states the right to pass legislation allowing the issuance of professional licenses to

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illegal immigrants.

Two days later, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, D-San Diego, introduced urgency legislation on behalf of the California Latino Caucus. AB 1024 would allow the California Supreme Court to license lawyers even if they are not legal residents and it passed with bipartisan support, 62-4 in the Assembly and 29-5 in the Senate.

Governor Brown has taken no position on the bill. Even if the governor signs AB 1024 and the state Supreme Court supports him, conflicting state and federal laws may mean that Garcia has more legal hurdles before practicing law, said McGeorge School of Law associate dean Clark Kelso.

Source: Sacramento Bee, September 21, 2013

CALIFORNIA DRIVERS' LICENSE

Assembly Bill 60 is now on Governor Brown's desk. If signed, California will become the 13th state to offer licenses to all undocumented immigrants.

Many of us cannot imagine not having a California's drivers license. Of course, we need to drive and being lawfully licensed is nice. But we also like the ability to board airplanes, get a library card, cash checks, use a credit card when photo identification is requested and show some identification to the police officer who stops us.

But the undocumented cannot go any of these things and these are not privileges.

Assemblymember Luis Alejo (D-Watsonville) introduced AB 60 which would change all this.

AB 60 says that car crashes are a leading cause of death and approximately one in five fatal crashes involved an unlicensed driver. DMV has stated that unlicensed driving is a major California

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CAIR Report: Islamophobia network funded with \$119 million

(Sacramento, CA -- 9/19/13) -- The nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization today released a report, "Legislating Fear: Islamophobia and its Impact in the United States," which reveals that anti-Islam groups received more than \$119 million in funding between 2008 and 2011.

The new report by the Washington-based Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) also identifies 37 organizations dedicated to promoting anti-Islam prejudice in America.

"This report sheds light on the groups promoting Islamophobia in our society and reveals to the reader the impact those groups have on our nation's discourse about Islam, pluralism and the future of the protections enshrined in the U.S. Constitution," said Corey Saylor, who directs CAIR's department to monitor and combat Islamophobia.

Report Findings Include:

- The U.S.-based Islamophobia network's "inner core" is currently comprised of at least 37 groups whose primary purpose is to promote prejudice against or hatred of Islam and Muslims. An additional 32 groups whose primary purpose does not appear to include promoting prejudice against or hatred of Islam and Muslims, but whose work regularly demonstrates or supports Islamophobic themes, make up the network's "outer core."

- The inner core of the U.S.-based Islamophobia network enjoyed access to at least \$119,662,719 in total revenue between 2008 and 2011. Groups in the inner core are often tightly linked with each other. Key players in the network benefitted from large salaries as they encouraged the American public to fear Islam.

- In 2011 and 2012, 78 bills or amendments designed to marginalize Muslims and vilify Islamic religious practices were introduced in the legislatures of 29 states and the U.S. Congress. Sixty-two of these bills contained language that was extracted from David Yerushalmi's American Laws for American Courts (ALAC) model legislation. While the bias motive behind the bills is clear, the presence of an actual problem that needed to be solved was not -- even to the legislators introducing the measures. In at least 11 states, mainstream Republican leaders introduced or supported anti-Muslim legislation.

- There were 51 recorded anti-mosque acts during the period covered by this report, 29 in 2012 and 22 in 2011. Two notable spikes in anti-mosque acts occurred in 2011-2012: May 2011 (7 acts), likely related to the killing of Osama bin Laden, and August 2012 (10 acts), probably all in reaction to the massacre of six Sikh worshippers by a white supremacist in Oak Creek, Wis. By comparison, in June 2010, CAIR published "CAIR: Who we are," a review of 1,999 CAIR press releases and action alerts spanning 1994-2008. In that report we noted: "Since 1994, CAIR has detailed at least 64 acts of destruction and defilement of Islamic places of worship--including shootings, vandalism, arson, and bombings."

- In 2011, after significant pressure from CAIR and other organizations that included crucial reporting by Wired.com's Spencer Ackerman, federal authorities initiated steps to remove biased and inaccurate material about Islam from law enforcement training materials. Studies and a lack of consequences for most candidates for public office who engage in anti-Muslim rhetoric reveal an unfortunate societal tolerance for prejudicial speech directed at Muslim.

This is CAIR's second report on Islamophobia in the United States. The first, "Same Hate, New Target," was published in 2011 and argued that anti-Islam sentiment is a manifestation

of problems minorities have faced in the U.S. throughout its history.

CAIR is America's largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization. Its mission is to enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

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safety problem and estimated that 12 percent of the drivers, potentially one million drivers, on the road are unlicensed.

Currently an applicant must submit satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the US is authorized under federal law. AB 60 will authorize DMV to accept a number associated with any document that DMV finds clearly establishes the identity of the a

applicant.

JACL National Stands Up for Immigration Reform

By Andy Noguchi

An eerie silence hung over the annual JACL National Convention as 200 people anticipated the delegate vote on the comprehensive immigration reform resolution in Washington, D.C. July 26th. What was the result? An astounding 72-0 tally! This carries significant weight since the JACL is the oldest and largest Asian and Pacific Islander American (API) civil rights group in the country.

This vote capped a 3-month organizing campaign led by the N. California - W. Nevada - Pacific (NCWNP) JACL District to promote common sense reform. The campaign helped to spark discussion and rally support among JACL's vast network of over 100 Chapters across the country.

This JACL resolution backs the controversial pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, including "Dream Act" youth brought in as children, and will reunify families. It also shields from deportation residents who live peacefully in the US, respecting civil and human rights, plus invoking American labor protections for any foreign workers admitted.

To show the big impact on Asian and Pacific Islander American communities, proponents amended their own resolution on the convention floor. They highlighted the "11 million undocumented immigrants of which 12% (1.3 million) are APIs" and the "4 million individuals (applying for legal entrance) of which 40% (1.6 million) are APIs enduring inhumanely long backlogs for family reunification."

Two JACL youth members spoke in support of the resolution on the convention floor. They recounted personal experiences with immigration.

Desun Oka, a recent UC Davis graduate and Florin Chapter member, related his parents' journey from Japan to the high tech industry, plus challenges faced with visas, green cards, and eventual citizenship. He later shared that the resolution "was a reminder to people that the same struggles the Issei (early 20th century immigrants) faced before are confronting newcomers now".

Mariko Fujimoto, a San Francisco State University student and Silicon Valley Chapter

member, spoke about a Latino college friend brought to the U.S. while a young child. She later explained that her Chapter is co-hosting a fundraiser to help pay the high visa fees for the student to legalize under the Dream Act and "hopes that JACL Chapters will be encouraged to help others."

To kick off the resolution campaign, the Watsonville-Santa Cruz (WSC) JACL adopted a local immigration measure April 25th following support of other marches and rallies calling for reform, explained Chapter Delegate Jeanette Otsuji Hager. This inspired the NCWNP JACL District to take action.

The NCWNP committee, including Carol Kawase (Sonoma County), Jim Duff (Berkeley), Jeanette Otsuji Hager (WSC), Andy Noguchi (Florin), Governor David Unruh, and Regional Director Patty Wada, headed the campaign. An impressive 20 Chapters, Governors, Youth Reps, and Districts across the country joined as co-sponsors.

Other major parts of the convention immigration push included massive legislative visits and a workshop. Monica Thammarath of the National Education Association volunteered to organize the July 25th hill visits to 64 congressional members or their staffs by about 200 delegates.

She expertly prepared detailed legislative packets, a briefing, and debriefing for the delegates. Thammarath described the huge effort as the largest legislative visit she's ever arranged.

To continue momentum, Thammarath and im Amy Watanabe, JACL Fellow, encouraged delegates in a follow up email to meet locally with their congressional reps. "August recess will be critical for movement on immigration reform as Members go back to their districts to meet with their constituents (you!)."

The NCWNP committee also urged JACL members and other APIs to support their local immigration coalitions. Leaders of JACL Chapters across the country, from Sonoma County (California), Arizona, Mile High (Denver), to Philadelphia, shared stories of their grassroots coalitions. This is a key way activists can advance the ongoing campaign for fair immigration reform.

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2013 Educational Series



APSEA-USC Host Final Conversations in Leadership Workshop - November 13

By Rebekah Christensen, Chair – Navigating Leadership

The APSEA-USC Conversations in Leadership Series will complete its fourth and final workshop on November 13th when Juney Lee, Chief Deputy Director, California Department of Rehabilitation will present her “back story” in the context of her presentation: *The Yin and Yang of Leadership*.

The “back story” has been a key focus of each workshop throughout the series for an important reason. Essentially, our “backstories” comprise the framework of who we are in the world. They highlight our journey of life and the challenges, defining moments, accomplishments and achievements that are ours. Collaboratively, these experiences unite to formulate our character, and our insights and philosophies that fuel our motivational force to serve. Our character is the defining force of our authentic nature. It determines the *how and why* of the choices we make; our approach to facing both our fears and our opportunities; our respect for ourselves, situations and people; the quality of our interactions; the path we choose, the effort we give and our tenacity and perseverance to prevail. There is a quote by General Norman Schwarzkopf that succinctly highlights the importance of character: *“Leadership is a combination of strategy and character. If you must be without one, be without the strategy.”*

The upcoming November 13th workshop marks the conclusion of a second highly successful year for the APSEA – USC partnership. This partnership was forged to bring Leadership and Change Management to APSEA members, the employment base of state government and the public-at-large. Above all, the explosive pace of a virtual society requires we develop agility to face and respond to the constant change that is our world of today. Thus, there is an overarching goal of this ongoing program. It provides the practical tools and approaches for honing our agility to respond in “real-time”, with skill and knowledge, to the constant change of our technological world. Jeff Uyeda, APSEA’s president, states: *“The value of this work is too important to only be shared with the limitations of classroom seating. We are pleased to announce that APSEA has gone virtual and opened its own YouTube Station where all workshops are featured. We invite you to ‘join the conversation’ at www.youtube.com/apseavideos.”*

We guarantee becoming involved with the rapid movement of Navigating Leadership (covering all levels of education, collaboration and outreach) is synonymous with action! If reading about Navigating Leadership feels like “a calling” that is compelling your involvement as an attendee or in an advisory



May 7 Howard Schwartz Chief Deputy Director, Cal-HR
May 8 Robert A. Barton Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General
August 6 Joseph Farrow Commissioner, California Highway Patrol
November 13 Juney Lee Chief Deputy Director, California Department of Rehabilitation

Registration Fee: Refer to the registration page for full details.
Sponsorships: Sponsorships are available for purchase with this series

or sponsorship capacity, please contact Rebekah Christensen at rebekahchristensen@gmail.com, and watch for announcements of our 2014 series at www.apsea.org.

Register for November 13th workshop at Eventbrite.com. The attendance fee is free for APSEA members, \$35 for non-members. The workshop will be held from 530-8pm at the USC State Capital Center (1800 I St, Sacramento).

APSEA Active in Strengthening Civil Rights

By Dean Lan
Senior Advisor, APSEA Board of Directors

APSEA has worked collaboratively with the Governor’s Office and the Legislature to preserve and strengthen Equal Employment Opportunity and civil rights in State government. APSEA meets weekly with a Coalition of other state advocate groups to include:

- Association of California State Employees with Disabilities (ACSED)
- Black Advocates in State Service (BASS)
- CAFÉ de California-Chicano Latino State Employees Association
- LULAC Lorenzo Patino Council of Sacramento
- State Employees International Union, (SEIU) Local 1000

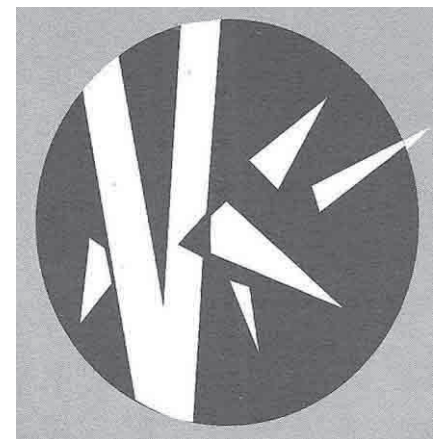
Achievements

In the context of our collaborative activities, APSEA and the Coalition met with the Governor’s Office, Agency Secretaries, Department Directors, Legislature Union representatives and community organizations and successfully:

- Co-sponsored with CalHR the first State EEO Conference in over 30 years.
- Co-sponsored a workshop regarding the Governor’s application and appointment process for exempt employees.

State Legislature Apologizes for Race Related Dismissals

APSEA would like to commend Lorna Fong, a lifetime APSEA member for her hard work in securing an apology from the State Personnel Board earlier this year. Working with APSEA and the Japanese American Citizen’s League (JACL), Ms. Fong sought an official apology for the dismissal of more than 300 state employees from state service. The unjust dismissals occurred in 1942 shortly after the United States declared war on Japan and were based solely on their Japanese ancestry. The SPB apology paved the way for the California State Legislature’s passage of Assembly Concurrent Resolution 19 authored by Assembly Member Richard Pan. The Concurrent Resolution was chaptered on September 9, 2013 is reprinted on Page 7. For more information on the apology, please go to: www.nichibei.org/2013/09/state-legislature-passes-resolution-apologizing-to-fired-employees.



- Upheld the merit system and ensure equal employment opportunity for all current and future State employees.
- Met with the Governor’s Office to retain EEO/HR and diversity issues in State Government.
- Met with Legislative Tri-Caucus to discuss, modify and pass legislation regarding EEO/HR and diversity.
- Met Directors at CalHR, State Personnel Board, Fair Employment and Housing to discuss EEO/HR, and diversity issues.
- Analyzed legislation which will impact EEO, civil rights, and the merit system in State Service.
- Testified at various Legislative Hearings at the State Capitol regarding S.B. 1308, 1309 which established a new State Department of Human Resources and changed the responsibility of the State Personnel Board.

Recent Event – Governor Appointments Workshop

The Coalition sponsored a Governor Appointments Workshop on September 18th in the Governor’s Conference Room. Approximately

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New evening classes at ACC Senior Services Center: Photography, Adobe Photoshop, and Basic Windows 8

Is your point and shoot camera still on “auto?” Are you stymied by f-stops on your DSLR? If you are a novice photographer, or ready to take your photography skills beyond “selfies,” now is your chance to hone your skills. Starting in October, Joe Chan is teaching Introduction to Digital Cameras, Intermediate/Advanced Photography, and Photo Editing Using Adobe Photoshop during the evenings at ACC.

Joe Chan is a photography and photo editing instructor at ACC Senior Services Center. His 10 years experience includes fine art, landscape, portraiture, food and commercial and event photography, using Canon cameras and other photography tools. In a recent survey, Joe was commended as an “outstanding instructor.” An assortment of his work can be viewed at www.flickr.com/photos/52423276@N07/.

Additionally, Lorna “The General” Fong, is teaching “Basic Windows 8” during the evening. This class will walk you through the basics of the Windows 8 Operating System in an easy step-by-step manner. Lorna, ACC’s newest technology instructor, is fresh from her triumphant gig as our swimming instructor. Assisted by the exuberant Lori Lee, The General spent her summer teaching seniors how to swim. Joe, Lorna, Lori, and all of ACC’s instructors prove that it is never too late to learn a new skill.

For more information on these or other evening classes, see ACC’s class schedule on our website: www.accsv.org/cl/documents/FallClassSchedule.pdf. To register for classes, contact Anna Su at (916) 393-9026 x330.

ACC’s Camera Club is on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ACC.Camera.Club

CATS visits Ancient Kingdoms

2014 tours: August 14, September 18, October 9 and 26

The Community Asian Theatre of the Sierra (CATS)’s 2014 production will be Miss Saigon in April/May 2014. CATS is extending its 20th anniversary celebration with trips to the Ancient Kingdoms of Southeast Asia. Over 17 days, the groups will travel through Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia, visiting temples and shrines devoted to Buddhist, Hindu, and animist worship, including Angkor Wat, and walking through romantic remnants of French Colonial architecture and gilded palaces where royals still reside. Visits to market places and schools are also planned.

Overseas Adventure Travel is organizing these CATS tours. Check details at www.oattravel.com/trips/2014/travel-thailand-lvc. The tour costs approximately \$4500, depending on the departure date and extras like insurance and snacks.

To book a departure date, contact Hock Tjoa at hgtjoa@gmail.com or CATS, PO Box 1266, Grass Valley 95945.

ACC Senior Services – a community of caring

In September 2013, the Asian Community Center (ACC) unveiled a modernized logo and re-introduced ACC as *ACC Senior Services – a community of caring*. The intent of the change was to simplify its mark, use a name that better describes corporate activities, and adopt a tag line to better promote the new brand. It was felt that ACC is not only a “community center” and it needed a name that was more descriptive of what it does.

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The roll-out of the new brand will be done in stages over the next few months. By year-end, monument signs, other signage, stationery, and printed materials will be changed to show the new logo and color scheme. The modernized brand effects ACC as a whole and captures the energy and passion of ACC when it was founded.

Current Faces, New Places

XI CHEN, UCD professor of chemistry, won the Carbohydrate Research Journal’s 2013 Award for Creativity in Carbohydrate Chemistry. The award given every two years includes a \$1,000 prize and a plenary speaker slot at the 17th European Carbohydrate Symposium in July in Tel Aviv.

NINA DAVULURI, 24, as Miss New York took the Miss America crown September 15th. Davuluri is the first Indian American Miss America. She entered the competition to earn scholarship money to attend medical school. A University of Michigan graduate. Davuluri is not shocked by the racists protest her selection

ACC Senior Services Center continues to provide utilities assistance

Since 2011, ACC Senior Services Center has been a part of pilot program offering education and assistance with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) bills to seniors and people with limited English proficiency. The program called Community Help and Awareness of Natural Gas and Electricity Services (CHANGES) is sponsored by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and supported by PG&E. In January 2013, we were notified that the pilot program has been extended through December 2014.

As part of the program, ACC offers free workshops to educate consumers about their PG&E gas or electric bills. Workshop topics include: avoiding disconnection, payment options, billing cycles, balanced payment plans, CARE/FERA and other assistance programs, energy conservation, safety and understanding your bills. PG&E provides us with literature in seven languages: Chinese, English, Hmong, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese. We offer these workshops for community centers, English as second language classes, apartment complexes, church and civic groups. If necessary, we can have volunteers or staff on hand to interpret the presentations.

Another unique feature of the program is providing assistance to consumers with disputes, account changes or payment plans. For example, if the consumer receives an unusually high bill and they think the charges are incorrect or their meter is not running correctly, we can review their bills, contact PG&E, and request a meter/safety check or energy audit. If the consumer cannot pay the their bills due to circumstances beyond their control and needs to stop the disconnection process, ACC can payment plan. We can also help consumers with applying for various assistance programs, like Medical Baseline and contact PG&E and arrange a the CARE/FERA discount program.

ACC was selected to be part of the CHANGES pilot because of its successful work with another program sponsored by the CPUC, Telecommunications Education and Assistance in Multiple-languages (TEAM). Similar to the CHANGES program, TEAM provides educational workshops about telephone services and assistance with telephone complaints. ACC has been helping seniors and limited English proficient consumers with phone issues since 2009.

If you are interested in scheduling a workshop or need assistance with an issue with PG&E, please contact Soojin Yoo at (916) 393-9026 x338, team2@accsv.org.

because she received the same hate messages after she won the New York title.

Current Faces, Recent Passings

THELMA KIDO, 90, UCD King Hall School of Law Dean’s Assistance and Registrar from 1965 to 1986. Died in August.

MADAME MAY SONG VANG, 62. “Mother” of the Hmong American community. When her husband General Van Pao died in 2011, she stepped up into the role as leader of the Hmong. Died August 5.

Asian Community Center (ACC) Senior Services

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Top 10 ways you know you are a caregiver

10. You spend your time making and going to doctor appointments with your parents.
9. You are on a first name basis with the pharmacist, because you are always refilling your parents’ prescriptions.
8. You clip coupons for adult diapers.
7. You took the knobs off of your mother’s stove, because she sometimes forgets to turn it off, and you are doing all of the cooking for her.
6. You strategize with your siblings on how to convince your father that he should not be driving.

5. You argue with your siblings about your parents’ care.
4. You take days off from work to take care of your parents’ appointments, shopping, and errands.
3. You feel like you really are “sandwiched” in the middle: taking care of your parents and your children.
2. You promised your mom that you would take care of your dad, but you didn’t know how hard it was going to be.
1. You feel as if you are burning out.

If any of these items ring a bell with you, you are probably a family caregiver. According to the Family Caregiver Alliance, in 2007, there were 4 million caregivers in California. They note, “Recent medical advances, shorter hospital stays, increasing life spans with better management of chronic illnesses, limited discharge planning, a shortage of homecare workers, and the expansion of home care technology have increased the caregiving responsibilities of families. Family caregivers are being asked to shoulder greater burdens for longer periods of time. In addition to more complex care, conflicting demands of jobs and family, increasing economic pressure, and the physical and emotional demands of long-term caregiving can result in major health impacts on caregiver” www.caregiver.org/caregiver/jsp/content_node.jsp?nodeis=2313

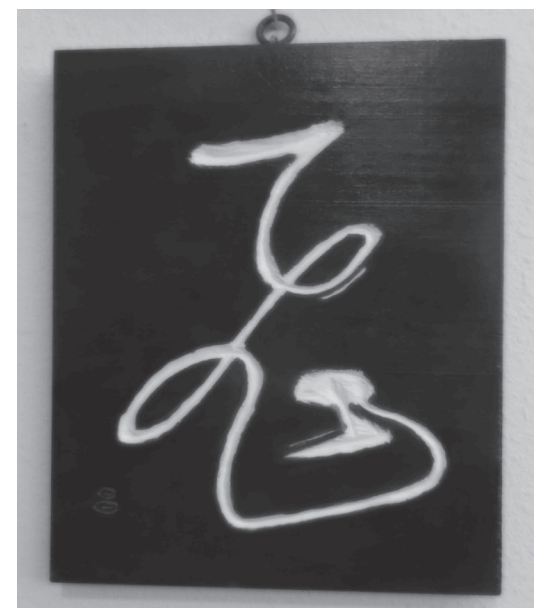
The Family Caregiver Alliance website (www.caregiver.org), as well as AARP (www.aarp.org) and the Alzheimer’s Association (www.alz.org) have many online resources for caregivers. Closer to home, the Bridge to Healthy Families program, the collaboration between ACC Senior Services, the Alzheimer’s Association, and UC Davis Alzheimer’s Disease Center, offers caregiver support programs, educational workshops, and community nurse

services. ACC’s day and in-home respite programs provide temporary relief for caregivers. As one caregiver wrote about her husband’s participation in the Respite program, “Not only did you help to keep his mind and body active, you also provided me with essential respite time, and at an extraordinarily reasonable cost. I don’t know how I could have handled the situation otherwise.” Thanks to a grant from The SCAN Health Plan, we now also offer qualified families a scholarship to pay for respite care. For more information on ACC’s caregiver services, please contact Judie Higashi, RN, EdD, Community Nurse Specialist at jhigashi@accsv.org or (916) 393-9026 x336.



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SENIOR SERVICES



Korean woodblock by Dr. Luke Kim

APSEA continues

STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

RESOLUTION OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD FORMALLY APOLOGIZING FOR PRIOR BOARD ACTIONS THAT DENIED OPPORTUNITIES FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT AND DISPLACED STATE EMPLOYEES OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY DURING WORLD WAR II

WHEREAS, on January 18, 1942, the Senate issued Concurrent Resolution No. 15 directing the State Personnel Board to take every proper means to prevent anyone securing a position on the eligible list of the State civil service or from being certified to a civil service position in the State service who is not loyal to the United States and to further make such rules as may be necessary to provide for the dismissal from the service of such persons as may be proved to be disloyal to the United States of America in this present war;

WHEREAS, in response to the Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15, the Board on January 28, 1942, issued a resolution directing that the then Acting Executive Officer not certify from existing State eligible lists for state employment any person or persons who are citizens, naturalized citizens, or native-born citizens who are descendants of nationals with whom the United States is at war until an investigation has been made of their citizenship and loyalty to the United States; and that a similar investigation be made of such applicants for state examination prior to acceptance of their applications to compete in future state examinations; and that it be ascertained whether or not funds could be obtained for a similar investigation of such persons who are at present

employed by the state;

WHEREAS, on February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066 authorizing the Secretary of War the power to exclude any person, alien or citizen from any area, which might be required on the grounds of military necessity. This Order led to the internment of Japanese American citizens at various camps for the duration of the war;

WHEREAS, on April 2, 1942, following the exclusion order of the President, the Board issued a resolution suspending all State civil service employees of Japanese ancestry, which resulted in the suspension, and ultimately resignation or dismissal, of 265 state employees, 88 of whom appealed the dismissal;

WHEREAS, on January 2, 1945, the U.S. Government issued Public Proclamation No. 21, rescinding Executive Order 9066, which ended the forced internment of Japanese American citizens;

WHEREAS, on September 8, 1945, the Board rescinded its January 28, 1942 resolution prohibiting the examination and certification of Japanese individuals;

WHEREAS, on January 18, 1947, the Board issued decisions in the 88 matters appealed by state employees of Japanese ancestry from their dismissals from state service, ordering their reinstatements and authorizing back pay compensation for the period between their suspensions and their forced evacuation under Executive Order 9066;

WHEREAS, on February 19, 1976, President Gerald R. Ford formally issued an Executive Order rescinding Executive Order 9066;

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1983, AS 2710 was enacted authorizing up to \$5,000 in monetary compensation to state employees of Japanese ancestry who were terminated by the State Personnel Board's 1942 resolutions;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the historical fact that thousands of Japanese American citizens were unjustly identified as enemies of the state and displaced from their homes, work, and community;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that acts rooted in social and racial injustice, albeit during times of great unrest, are indefensible and serve as a reminder that discrimination and racism are constant possibilities that must be guarded against;

WHEREAS, the Board further recognizes that a diverse civil service representative of the diversity in our state strengthens our foundation in the guard against discrimination and racism;

WHEREAS, it has been 70 years since the Board issued its resolutions that led to the dismissals of loyal Japanese American citizens from California civil service employment;

WHEREAS, though the Board rescinded its 1942 resolutions and awarded recoverable back pay, the Board now seeks to express its sincere regret for the events surrounding the internment of Japanese American citizens and displacement of Japanese American civil servants during WWII; and

IT IS RESOLVED, that in recognition of the 70th Anniversary of its 1942 resolutions, the State Personnel Board offers its sincere apology for the displacement from employment of those Japanese American individuals affected by the Board's 1942 resolutions, which were issued in response to both federal and state mandates.

The foregoing Resolution was made and adopted by the State Personnel Board at its meeting on January 10, 2013, as reflected in the record of the meeting and Board minutes.

STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 19

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 104

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 19—Relative to Japanese American state employees.

[Filed with Secretary of State September 9, 2013.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 19, Pan. Japanese American: discrimination: apology.

This measure would acknowledge that the State of California made a grievous mistake that injured loyal employees who were dedicated to serving the people of California when it dismissed over 300 Americans of Japanese ancestry as a result of Senate Concurrent Resolution 15 (SCR 15) of 1942

by Senator John Swan. This measure would resolve to issue a public apology to the state civil service employees who were dismissed.

WHEREAS, In early 1942, over 300 Americans of Japanese ancestry, all of whom met the state civil service requirement of American citizenship, were employed by the State of California; and

WHEREAS, On January 19, 1942, the California State Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 15 (SCR 15) authored by Senator John Swan; and

WHEREAS, SCR 15 authorized the State Personnel Board to "take every proper means to prevent anyone securing a position on the eligible list of the state civil service or from being certified to a civil service position in the state service who is not loyal to the United States and to further make

such rules as may be necessary to provide for the dismissal from the service of such persons as may be proved to be disloyal to the United States of America in this present war"; and

WHEREAS, On January 27, 1942, a State Personnel Board staff analysis opined that the board could do little in response to SCR 15, and that no blanket discharge of employees on the ground of dual citizenship, or nationality of parents was possible. The board was aware it would not be

justified in ordering dismissal of an individual without "evidence of acts, statements, or courses of conduct tending to show disloyalty"; and

WHEREAS, On January 30, 1942, the State Personnel Board commenced an investigation into the loyalty of persons applying to take an exam, on eligibility lists for state jobs, and employed by the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Japanese Americans were the focus of investigations by the State Personnel Board, and the board prepared lists of identified employees that contained only Japanese surnames; and

WHEREAS, No other group of employees was investigated; and

WHEREAS, On February 5, 1942, Mike Masaoka, National Secretary for the Japanese American Citizens League, appeared before the State Personnel Board and was assured that there would be no summary or arbitrary dismissals; and

WHEREAS, Earl Warren, Attorney General for the State of California, wrote on February 7, 1942, "It is my conclusion that said order [SCR 15], discriminating as it does against naturalized citizens and against American born citizens of the first generation, violates the civil liberties of citizens as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and of this State and is

in conflict with our Civil Service Act"; and

WHEREAS, On February 27, 1942, the California Board of Equalization dismissed all employees of Japanese ancestry; and

WHEREAS, Over the following weeks, every employee of Japanese ancestry was terminated from state employment; and

WHEREAS, The State Personnel Board adopted a resolution that read:

"Whereas, a state of war does exist between the United States of America and the Axis Powers, Germany, Italy, Japan, and others; and

Whereas, certain employees of the State Personnel Board are of Japanese ancestry and the morale among other employees of said Board has been adversely affected by their being required to be associated in their work with these employees of Japanese ancestry, and

Whereas, there is a general lack of confidence on the part of the public and State employees in the loyalty of many of said employees of Japanese ancestry, and

Whereas, this Board is convinced that the welfare of the United States of America, and a successful conclusion of the war can best be achieved by safeguarding the public and its property from any possible espionage or fifth column activities such as were employed in the attack on Pearl Harbor, and participation in such activities can be prevented by separating those persons of Japanese ancestry now employed by this

Board by separating them from State service,

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the following named employees ... are hereby immediately suspended, and

Be it further resolved that the Secretary be and he is hereby ordered to prepare charges against said persons pursuant to the law."

WHEREAS, Over 314 employees with Japanese surnames were terminated; and

WHEREAS, Seasonal and probationary employees did not have a right of appeal, and only permanent employees could file an appeal of the dismissal; and

WHEREAS, Sixty-three employees were able to file an appeal, and these employees retained James C. Purcell and William E. Ferriter to represent their case against the State Personnel Board; and

WHEREAS, All employees were dismissed on the same charges without regard to individual job performance, and as a result, many charges were not applicable to individuals employees; and

WHEREAS, Charges A to G, inclusive, against employees included allegations that employees were citizens of the Empire of Japan and subjects of the Emperor of Japan, employees could read and write Japanese and subscribed to Japanese newspapers, employees attended Japanese schools

that taught the Japanese language, employees were members of Japanese organizations, employees reduced the morale and efficiency of public service employees, employees has failed to report that they had attended Japanese schools, and military zones restricted the movement of employees and

prohibited employees from properly performing their duties as state employees; and

WHEREAS, On May 27, 1942, the State Personnel Board filed Supplemental Charges H and I that stated that employees were confined by the federal government and could not carry out their duties, and alleged that the employees were dual citizens of Japan; and

WHEREAS, In response to the supplemental charges, James C. Purcell filed a case on behalf of Mitsuye Endo, a California state employee, before the Circuit Court of Appeals, petitioning for her release from federal confinement; and

WHEREAS, In response to the possibility that the constitutional rights of employees could be raised, the Secretary to the State Personnel Board suggested that the board exercise its "police power" to protect the public order, safety, health, morals and welfare from Japanese persons; and

WHEREAS, On December 18, 1944, the United States Supreme Court decided in favor of Mitsuye Endo, and state employees continued their appeal to regain their jobs; and

WHEREAS, On September 4, 1946, a hearing was held before the referee of the State Personnel Board regarding the charges; and

WHEREAS, The Attorney General's office indicated at the hearing that the employees had been the most thoroughly investigated people in the history of this country, and that nothing had been disclosed to substantiate the charges in any way; and

WHEREAS, The state could not produce any proof, and the case was submitted as to the charges without any evidence; and

WHEREAS, On September 28, 1946, employees were sent telegrams indicating that they had only 10 days to report to work and be reinstated to their jobs; and

WHEREAS, It was not possible for employees, who were scattered across the country as a result of their federal confinement, to return within the 10-day window, and only a handful of employees were re-employed; and

WHEREAS, In August 1947, the State Personnel Board provided backpay only for the period between the date of suspension and the date of the employees confinement by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Employees were not compensated by the state or federal government for their wage losses suffered over the four and one-half years that they were denied their jobs; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2710 authored by Assembly Member Patrick Johnson was signed into law on August 17, 1982, by Governor Jerry Brown; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2710 provided \$5,000 as symbolic compensation for the unfair dismissal of Japanese American employees during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2710 did not provide an apology for the unjust actions of the State of California, the California State Legislature, or the California State Personnel Board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the State of California made a grievous mistake that injured loyal employees who were dedicated to serving the people of California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature issue a public apology to the state civil service employees who were dismissed as a result of SCR 15; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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Governor Appointments Workshop: (L-R) Mona Pasquil, Secretary of Appointments, Office of the Governor, Jeff Uyeda, President, APSEA and Linda Ng, 1st Vice President, APSEA

APSEA civil rights

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100 government leaders and persons interested in pursuing an appointment were in attendance. This meeting highlighted not only the application process and skillsets sought as they relate to specific appointments, but equally, the importance of the mission orientation to serve from those submitting applications.

Future

APSEA is working with the Coalition on the following activities in the next few months:

- Townhall meeting with SEIU to discuss employee issues (i.e. upward mobility, discrimination complaint processes, proposed EEO legislation)
- Legislative reception at the Capitol
- Legislative Hearing on proposed EEO legislative improvements

Questions: For questions or further discussion about the Coalition, please contact Dean Lan, dlann0000@gmail.com.

Sahaya Walks

Join hands and make a difference in the lives of HIV-affected children

Can we make a difference in the lives of impoverished AIDS orphans on the other side of the globe? Local residents can shout a resounding “yes” by participating in the Sahaya Walks event on Sunday, October 27th.

For the past six years, these events have given participants of all ages, from children to retirees - the opportunity to address problems in the world caused by AIDS.

“Over the years, through our Walk events, together we have raised a total of about \$50,000,” said Davis resident Koen Van Rompay, founder of the Davis-based organization Sahaya International. “We have sent 100% of these proceeds to provide for 22 HIV-infected children in Sahaya’s programs in India—giving the children access to the basic needs of life, including access to life-saving HIV medicines and proper nutritional supplements to keep their health strong. Thanks to our annual Walks, we have not lost a single child due to AIDS for six years. This is truly something to celebrate!”

Sahaya Walks will return to Davis from 2 to 4 p.m., October 27th at the First Baptist Church in West Davis. Organized by Sahaya International in partnership with many faith-based organizations and student clubs, the event features an easy half-mile walk followed by fun educational activities and games for all ages, music, lemonade and snacks.

Van Rompay visits southern India at least once a year where he meets the children who are receiving help. He recalled meeting a 6-year old HIV-infected girl, Shanti, in 2004. She and her mother were HIV-infected but thanks to a sponsor from Davis, Sahaya was able to help them.

“We paid for their travel expenses so that each month, they could reach an HIV clinic in Chennai, eight hours away by bus, to get access to life-saving HIV medications,” he said. “We also helped her with

other basic needs. Now she is 14 years old, happy and healthy. “A while ago, Shanti wrote us such a touching letter telling how much we mean in her life.” (see side bar).

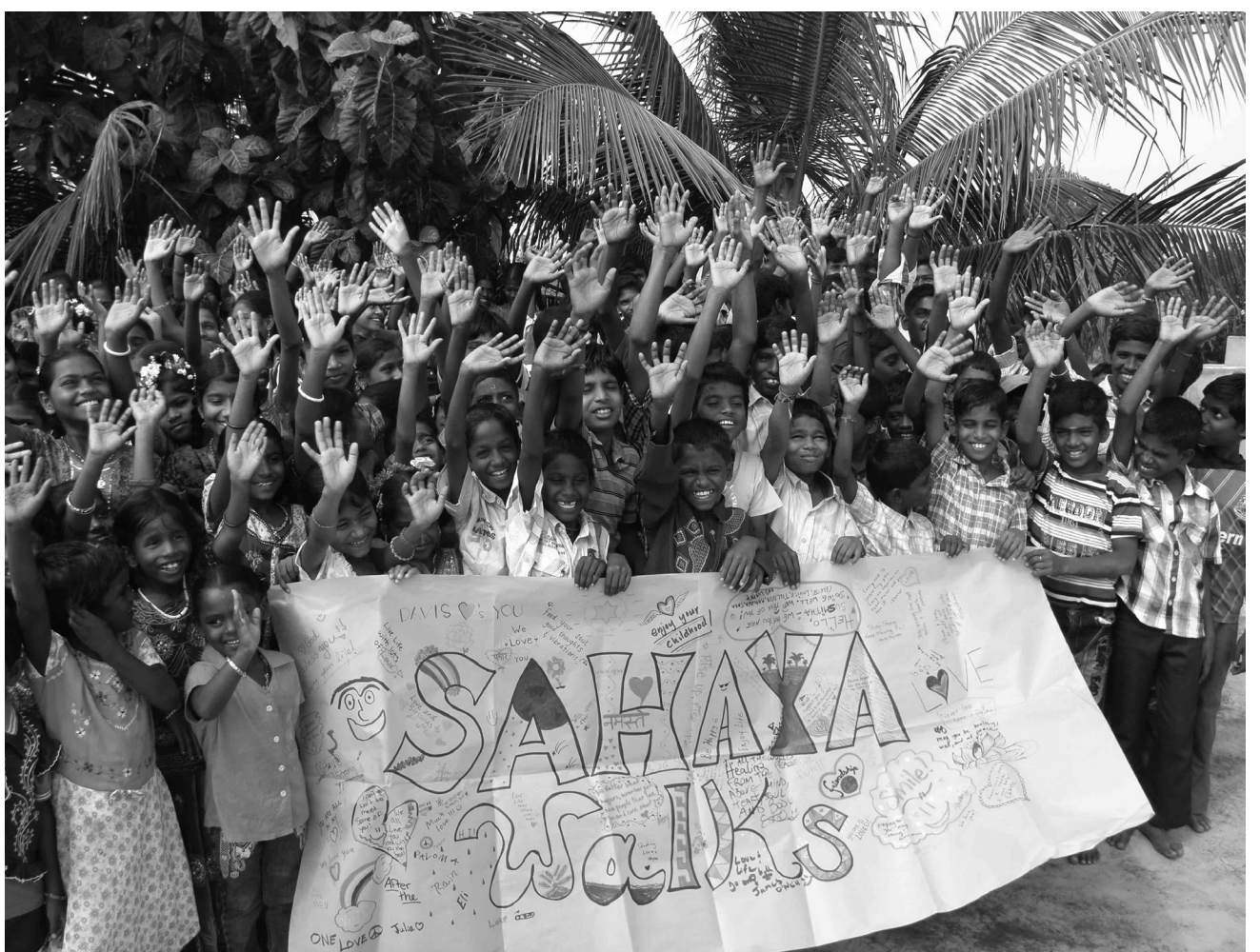
Van Rompay says that although the problems seem overwhelming, AIDS is a treatable disease that can be challenged by education and caring.

“There is no doubt whatsoever that together, we can make an incredible difference and continue to provide a future to these 22 children, and any additional HIV-infected children that may be

diagnosed in their rural area,” added Van Rompay. “We invite everyone to join us on October 27 in this celebration of life.”

Also, people who may not be able to come to Sahaya Walks can still contribute funds to help these children.

Visit www.sahayawalks.org to learn more on how to get involved. Van Rompay is also always willing to give a slide presentation to any local groups or clubs. For more information, contact him at koen@sahaya.org.



What does Affordable Care Act (ACA) or Obamacare means to you?

By Evette Tsang

The goals of the ACA are to increase the quality and affordability of health insurance, lower the uninsured rate by expanding public and private insurance coverage, and reduce the costs of health care for individuals and the government.

According to Covered California, the health insurance marketplace for California, there are approximately 126,000 subsidy eligible individuals in the greater Sacramento area covering the counties of Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado and Yolo. Considering we are in an area where 30 to 40 percent of our work force is in the public sector, a sector that traditionally has good health benefits, this number provided by CC would seem high. However, in our outreach efforts and discussions with many individuals, this number perhaps could be understated. According to the 2010 census, there are closed to 2 million people in this region. Based on this number, the number of subsidy eligible individuals would only be 6.3% of the total population. Even assuming Covered California is accurate in its assessment, the potential number of people that will seek subsidies for health insurance in this market would still be significant.

In this article, we have broken down the population into three groups, legal residents, small business employers, and lower income Medi-Cal qualified individuals. In doing so, we are able to better define the policy, bring awareness and provide some directions, respectively, as this reform will have an impact on almost everyone.

If you are a legal resident, you will be eligible to purchase health insurance from a health insurance marketplace or exchange such as Covered California (CC). **CC open enrollment will start from October 1, 2013 with benefits effective January 1, 2014.** Under the ACA, all new policies, and in-force policies upon renewal, must cover a core of essential health benefits, including hospitalization, emergency services, and mental health treatments. Annual wellness check-ups and other preventative screenings must be covered with no co-payments or deductibles. Residents may not be denied health insurance for pre-existing health conditions, and insurers may not place a lifetime cap on benefits. Households with incomes at or below 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (at or below \$94,200 annually for a family of 4) may be eligible for tax credits to offset premium costs.

The ACA Shared Responsibility provision requires all citizens, with few exceptions, have health insurance. The penalty for non-compliance in 2014 is one percent of annual income up to \$95. The penalty increases in subsequent years.

If you are a small business employer, you are not required to offer health insurance to your employees if you have fewer than 50 full-time workers, or full-time equivalent workers. However, the ACA encourages many small business employers to provide health insurance by offering small business health care tax credits.

Small business health care tax credits maybe available if you have fewer than 25 full-time equivalent employees making an average of about \$50,000 a year or less, and you must pay at least 50% of your full-time employees' premium costs. You don't need to offer coverage to your part-time employees or to dependents. The tax credit is worth up to 50% of your contribution toward employees' premium costs (up to 35% for tax-exempt employers). Tax credits are only available through the insurance marketplace.

Many small businesses were already offering health insurance plans to employees before the ACA

was passed and signed into law. These plans are accepted, or grandfathered in, under the ACA.

Employers' options include gathering and sharing information from their current insurer to share with employees, putting their employees in contact with a health insurance broker or making them aware of help offered by certified enrollment counselors (CEC) and navigators.

It's also important to remember that employers are required to notify their employees of the availability of the health insurance marketplace by October, 1. You can contact our office or visit DOL website for a sample DOL notice copy.

For small business owners who wish to change their coverage plans, or for those who did not offer health insurance before the new law, the ACA establishes the Small Business Health Options Program or SHOP. SHOP allows employers to compare and shop for quality insurance plans side by side for their employees. California small business owners with less than 50 full time equivalent employees may access SHOP through California's health insurance exchange.

Large group employers with more than 50 full time equivalent employees, however, are required to offer health insurance next year, but the penalty for not offering coverage has been delayed until 2015.

If you qualify for Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid health program that provides free medical services for low-income adults and children. Beginning January 1, 2014, this program will expand to include households that may have been ineligible in the past. **Under the expanded program, individuals with annual incomes less than \$15,856, and families of four with household incomes less than \$32,499, will be eligible.** Applications for Medi-Cal may be completed online at E-Benefits of California or in-person at a county Department of Social Services. For more information about Medi-Cal, contact the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) at (916) 445-4171.

Where to get assistance in California

California has initiated an Assistors Program to train and certify individuals (Certified Enrollment Counselors) and organizations (Certified Enrollment Entities) to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate in-person enrollment assistance. This program will work with a community outreach network of health care centers, faith-based organizations, labor groups, employers, pharmacies and advocacy organizations.

Health insurers and/or insurance brokers can also help guide individuals and employers in learning more about their insurance options for 2014 and beyond.

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UCD Confucius Institute

A brain child of chef Martin Yan is a center to study of Chinese food and beverage culture. Yan was present to launch the Confucius Institute on September 16th at UCD's Mondavi Center. The Institute is a partnership between UCD, Jiangnan University and the Hanban division of China's Ministry of Education. The celebration included food tasting and performances of song and dance.

Hanban has partnered with other universities and organizations to open Confucius Institutes promoting Chinese culture at more than 400 locations around the world, including 90 in the US. The UCD center will be the first institute devoted to food and beverage culture.

Jiangnan is home to the top food science program in China and a perfect match to UCD with its renown food science, viticulture and enology programs, according to Yan who earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in food science from UCD.

The institute will sponsor public lectures on subjects like the history, culture and science of tea, cooking classes, food tastings and an intensive Mandarin language course for high school students. Four Jiangnan University professors will teach language courses at UCD and plan institute programs. Twenty two Jiangnan students will complete their fourth year of undergraduate study at UCD, initially focusing on food sciences but later expanding into other majors.

UCD's existing summer abroad program "A Taste of China" will expand to include more students taking courses at Jiangnan and UCD professors engaging in programs there. The opportunity for immersion in the Chinese culture will be a boast to UCD students.

Hanban and Jiangnan will be funding the institute with UCD providing office and program space. UCD's expertise in nutrition, agriculture, and business will also benefit the Chinese partners in this exchange program.

Yan says naming the program after Confucius is appropriate because "Confucius always said you do not eat when it's not in season, you do not eat when it's not fresh.

Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies

Monday October 7, 2013, 6-8 PM

The Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies will be officially launched at UCD School of Law King Hall on October 7th in the King Hall Courtyard. The Aoki Center is being formed in memory of the late Professor Keith Aoki who was an accomplished and respected scholar. Aoki through words, art, music and engagement created a significant body of work in civil rights, critical race theory, intellectual property, and local government law. The center is an initiative led by faculty and students at UC Davis School of Law to connect students to faculty work in the areas of critical race and nation studies and also to connect faculty who work with critical race issues across the UC Davis campus.

Human trafficking toll on Filipino community

350 Filipino teachers lured to teach in the US will be sharing \$4.5 million in damages. In December 2012, a federal jury found that the labor recruiting company Universal Placement exploitive contracts. The teacher plaintiffs in Nunag Tanedo v. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, filed in August 2010, were represented by the American Federation of Teachers and the law firm of Covington and Burling. International of Los Angeles and its owner Lourdes Navarro had lured and forced these women into

The teachers began arriving in 2007 with H-1B guestworker program visas which permit foreign nationals with special skills to work in the US for six years. Most teachers paid a placement service fee of \$16,000 (several times an average household income in the Philippines) to obtain the job. To pay the fee, the recruiters referred the teachers to private lenders who charged 3-5 percent interest per month. The teachers found themselves forced to pay these exorbitant fees because they had already made substantial investment in the employment opportunity. The recruiters confiscated their passports and visas until the debt was paid.

On top of the upfront fees, the teachers were forced to pay 10% of their second year salary to the company. If they resisted they were threatened with being sent home and losing the thousands already paid.

Some of the teachers had sold property, resigned from jobs, borrowed money and left children and friends behind in the Philippines in search of better opportunity. When their arrangement under the H-1B program soured, the teachers continued to work in Louisiana for the employer because their overwhelming debt prevented them from leaving.

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Mabuhay Little Manila

By Derrick Lim, YeeBrew Productions

The pride and spirit of Stockton's Little Manila were as hot as the overwhelmed air conditioning in the historic Hotel Stockton on July 13, 2013. Hundreds of glowing well wishers crowded the lobby and overflowed to the upstairs mezzanine to get a glimpse of the first book launch tour of *Little Manila Is In The Heart* by Stockton native Dawn Bohulano Mabalon.

Inspired by Carlos Bulosan's *America Is In The Heart*, which also has an important place in Stockton, Mabalon builds on Bulosan's ethno biography with her deeply personal 20 year quest to document the story "of the Filipina/o American community in Stockton, California." And by doing so, Mabalon fulfills her desire to pay homage to her ancestors, the Manongs and the Manangs.

At its peak during World War II, Little Manila boasted the largest Filipino population outside the Philippines. 15,000 Filipinos concentrated within a 4-6 block area surrounding Lafayette and El Dorado streets near Chinatown and Japantown on Stockton's West End. Much of the population was the literal backbone of year round agricultural labor harvesting asparagus, celery, grapes, fruit trees, and tomatoes in the fertile San Joaquin Valley.

Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta are names readily identified and publicly recognized with California's farm labor movement. Not well known or recognized outside the Filipino community is Modesto "Larry" Itliong, who

played a significant role organizing thousands of Filipino farm workers and orchestrating strategy on large strikes under the banner of Local 7 and the AWOC (Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee). Itliong was pivotal in getting support from another major farm worker group, the NFWA (National Farm Workers Association) organized by Huerta, who knew Itliong from St. Mary's Church in Stockton. NFWA support of the AWOC 1965 Delano grape strike turned out to be the critical precursor to the merging of both groups in 1967 into the UFW (United Farm Workers), giving the grape strike and farm worker issues even more visibility on the national stage. Itliong served as Assistant Director of the UFW.

Some 20 years after World War II, the peak of Little Manila's presence began a steady decline. Stockton powerbrokers (elected officials, planners, developers, and business owners) used millions of federal and state dollars to clear what was considered a blighted community. The tightly woven fabric of Little Manila unraveled building by building. Over 1,000 residents were displaced with meager relocation assistance and a paucity of affordable housing stock to absorb the cultural displacement. Leading up to the construction of State Highway 4, the Crosstown Freeway connecting I-5 to State Highway 99 demolished 20 city blocks including the heart of Little Manila and Chinatown communities.

Government policy at multiple levels facilitated the urban redevelopment and freeway construction. Environmental justice and environmental mitigation fell short. Policy implementation disrupted and displaced communities rather than rebuild, preserve, or relocate them. *Little Manila Is In The Heart* begs the important question and potentially more troubling answer to whether short sighted policy implementation and use of public funds exacerbated already marginalized and racialized communities in Stockton, and then decimated them years later. Many of the people and small businesses affected were the same ones of color toiling in the fields and working behind counters hindered by their race and class from going north of Main Street for the longest time. They were least able to sacrifice more, or benefit from their modest subsistence at the expense of the city's dramatic makeover.

Little Manila's unwavering resolve is rooted in organized labor (1939 FALA asparagus strike by 6,000 workers; 1948 Local 7 asparagus strike by 4,000 workers; 1959 Stockton AWOC affiliation; 1965 Delano grape strike; and 1967 founding of the UFW), civil rights (naturalization advocacy by the Committee for the Protection of Filipino Rights; and landownership advocacy by the Filipino Inter Community Council of the Western States), and valuable military service to the United States in the Philippines.

Little Manila's next generation of Filipina/o Americans have taken that spirit of resolve to a new level by coming of age, spurred by higher education opportunities their parents did not have, and spared the colonial mentality imbued upon their parents. Little Manila offspring and their ancestors are proactively engaged in a determined campaign to save Little Manila. They are acutely aware that historic designations are important but not sufficient. The stark realization is that organizing, educating, and vigilance are needed as well to ensure those

historic preservation protections are honored.

The community's success in building the nation's first mixed use Filipino Center in 1972, getting the Stockton City Council to declare Little Manila an historic site in 2000, founding of the Little Manila Foundation in early 2000 (formal establishment in 2005), being designated by the National Trust For Historic Preservation as one of the 11 most endangered historic places in 2003, and now Mabalon's book, are major accomplishments to preserve the history and continue efforts to save the only three buildings left in Little Manila: the Emerald Restaurant, Rizal Social Club, and Mariposa Hotel.

Mabalon's poignant inscription in my book is, "In memory of the ancestors!" Seniors as old as 102 years were at the book launch where 400 people bought 300 books helping the Little Manila Foundation <http://www.littlemanila.org/>. Though she may beg to differ, I am willing to bet Manong ancestors like her grandfather, Pablo Mabalon, and father, Ernesto Mabalon, feel Mabalon, an Associate Professor at California State University San Francisco, should be added to the list of true *bayanihans* (heroes) of Stockton's Little Manila. Mabuhay Dawn Bohulano Mabalon. Long live Little Manila.

Will Tule Lake Camp be preserved & its story told?

By Andy Noguchi, Florin JACL

Though many people now know the story of the U.S. government locking up 120,000 innocent Americans of Japanese ancestry in its WWII concentration camps, far fewer know the story of Tule Lake's unique history imprisoning 12,000 "No - No" resisters. To make sure this important camp is preserved and story told, concerned advocates attended the National Park Service (NPS) Tule Lake workshop on September 17th at the Sierra II Center in Sacramento, one of several workshops on the west coast.

THE BASICS

A. Who are the "No - No" Tule Lake Resisters? After locking up innocent people, some believe the government later tried to cover up this injustice by issuing a so-called "loyalty questionnaire" to detainees 17 years and older in 1943. 12,000 resisted in answering two questions about "loyalty" and military service. Fed up after the government mistreatment of Japanese Americans, in protest, or desiring to keep families together with Issei (immigrant) parents, many refused to answer, qualified their responses, or answered "No - No". Thus began the term "No - Nos".

The government segregated them in Tule Lake in the fall of 1943 and later placed them under martial law. The 12,000 "No-Nos" joined 6,000 "Yes-Yes" people who didn't want to be moved to other WWII camps, making Tule Lake the largest camp with over 18,000 prisoners.

Under government coercion, misinformation, or to keep families together, 5,589 renounced their citizenship the end of 1944 with 1,327 repatriating to Japan after the war. Civil rights attorney Wayne Collins proved illegal government duress to successfully return citizenship to most and return people from Japan.

B. How Does this WWII History Impact Us Today?: The U.S. government knew from its own pre-War intelligence reports that Japanese Americans were loyal, yet it cruelly covered this up. The label of "disloyal" and "trouble-maker" unjustly demonized the "No-No" Tule Lake resisters. This action also divided Japanese Americans, causing the ostracism

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Legal updates

FLASHERS ARRESTED

Wenyi Xu, 30, of Folsom and Nicholas Bowen, 61, of Grizzly Flats were arrested the morning of July 11th in Davis for indecent exposure. Xu took all her clothing off and flashed youth in a public park while Bowen filmed her. Xu and Bowen are co-workers in state government. Criminal charges have been filed in Yolo County.

CHINESE COMPANIES QUESTIONED

Investors are finding that US-listed Chinese companies, especially those created through reverse mergers, don't have functioning business activity generating anything close to reported revenue, in other words, a scam. Investigators have found factories in China idle or largely unproductive. A reverse merger is created through the purchase and reuse of the dormant shell of an American company which is already listed on the NASDAQ exchange. This practice allows easy entry to US capital markets without regulatory scrutiny like an initial public offering (IPO). In some cases, this hermit crab occupation of an existing shell company is being used to hide accounting irregularities.

Price Waterhouse Coopers reported that one-fourth of the 159 Chinese reverse mergers created from 2007 through the first quarter of 2010 have been sued in securities class actions. In April 2012 the Financial Fraud Law Report reported that US exchanges had delisted or suspended 30 Chinese companies. Prevailing in securities class action is nearly impossible and to date no foreign judgment has ever been enforced by a Chinese court.

Since equity markets in mainland China are largely closed to foreign investors, reverse merger companies looked like an ideal way to invest in the China growth boom. The fraud is not only happening with companies created through reverse mergers. In Hong Kong, 110 Chinese companies who went public since 2010 have stock which has fallen an average of 15.8 percent (compare, non Chinese IPOs have gained 6.5 percent). 53 Chinese companies who went through US exchange IPO process in 2010, 2011 and 2012 have on average dropped in value 38 percent from their offering prices (compare, 9.9 percent gain for other IPOs.) Chinese companies have had auditors quit and are being accused of overstating the value of their assets and misrepresenting the use of IPO proceeds.

The frenzy of Chinese offerings has slowed and those IPOs who went public have raised less than their target amounts and are trading below their offering prices. These corporate governance issues and bad press is blamed for the slow down. In the meanwhile jilted investors are exploring other avenues to sue fraudulent entities, including targeting US-based directors or US investment bankers who structured these reverse mergers.

SACRAMENTO BROTHEL RAIDED

Neighbors saw men arriving at the house in expensive cars usually staying only 20 minutes over the lunch hour and in some of the homes lights were on 24 hours a day. Law enforcement arrested four men on June 13th for pimping young women out of homes in Sacramento and San Mateo counties. They are accused of running prostitution out of four south Sacramento addresses – 3 homes and a Florin Road day spa – and one San Mateo home. Xiu Juan Bai, 43, Ken Wong, 58, and Yoon Chin, 55, all of Sacramento County and Zhi Liu, 49, of San Mateo County were arrested.

The arrests came after a five month joint investigation of the California Department of Justice, Sacramento Police and FBI. The prostitution ring brought women from Boston and New York to Northern California and the women were rotated

between the various locations on an organized schedule.

GAY MARRIAGE UPHELD

The US Supreme Court issued two decisions on June 26th which promote civil rights for the gay community. In the California Proposition 8 decision, the court found that the appellants had no standing (no authority) to appeal the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal decision which upheld the initial trial court declaration that Prop. 8 was unconstitutional. It was a 5-4 vote by the US Supreme Court. The court's decision is based on the legal technicality that only Governor Brown and Attorney General Harris have the standing to defend Prop. 8 and had declined to do so. The court said nothing about the merits of California's gay marriage ban and those in about three dozen other states. The four justices who voted against the decision wanted the court to settle the constitutional question of gay marriage.

The second decision invalidated the federal Defense of Marriage Act which prevented married gay couples from receiving federal benefits – tax, health, retirement – generally available to married heterosexual couples. This was also a 5-4 vote.

MUSLIM CLERK WINS HIJAB FIGHT AGAINST ABERCROMBIE AND FITCH

A federal judge ruled September 9th that the Abercrombie and Fitch clothing chain violated federal anti-employment discrimination guidelines when it fired a Muslim employee in 2010 for not removing her religious headscarf, or hijab, for work.

Abercrombie asserted that as part of its business plan and commercial free speech, its sales-floor personnel were "models" who promoted the "look" and the company's grooming and appearance guidelines were needed to give customers an "in-store experience" of the look.

Umme-Hani Khan wore her headscarf when she interviewed at Abercrombie's store in San Mateo, California. Khan said she accepted the "look policy," which included a no headgear provision, and in October 2009 started her job mainly in the stockroom, but regularly restocking inventory on the sales floor.

Her local supervisors permitted Khan to wear headscarves, as long as they matched company colors, and never complained about Khan's performance. About four months into Khan's employment, a district manager noticed Khan's hijab and said that she had to stop wearing it at work.

Khan was fired on February 22, 2010 and filed her lawsuit with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on March 1, 2010.

U.S. District Court Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers wrote that while Abercrombie requires employees to "represent the brand," it cannot demand they be a "living advertisement," and as part of her judgment ordered the retailer to revise its policies to prevent discrimination.

Source: Washington Post, September 10, 2013

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caregiver, one of the greatest challenges is taking care of yourself. Michelle Nevins, Executive Director, Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center, will provide practical tips for increasing self-care and reducing personal stress. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Nov 15 Fri **Asian Pacific Community Counseling 36th Annual Dragon Reception**. 530-9pm at A&A Tasty Restaurant (6601 Florin Rd, Sac). Honoring Assemblyman Roger Dickinson, Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. Sponsorships available. Info: Aiona Kaufusi 916/379-5919 akaufusi@apccounseling.org, Thanh Nguyen 916/379-5923 tnguyen@apccounseling.org

Nov 19 Tue **ACC Senior Services "Tips for Choosing Cell Phone Service."** 1030-1130am at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). Learn what questions to ask when choosing a service, what you should know before you sign a contract, and how to cut your cell phone costs. Bring a recent phone (cell or residential) bill for a free review. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Dec 7 Sat **PACT "Honoring Birth/First Parent Stories"**. 9am-1pm in Oakland. Every adopted person has at least two sets of parents and maybe more. Discussion with psychotherapist Susan Dusza Guerra Leksander and one woman show *The Ice Cream Gene* by Susan Ito, a teacher and author.

Info: PACT, An Adoption Alliance, 510/243-9460, www.pactadopt.org, info@pactadopt.org.

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of "No-Nos" that still impacts today's succeeding generations and weakens the community.

C. What Are Important Lessons for Americans Today? Critically important for today, this "loyalty questionnaire" sets the precedent for labeling unpopular minorities as "disloyal". As we've seen with the 9/11 backlash against Muslim, Arab, South Asian, and Sikh American communities, other people are now under suspicion and labeled by some as "disloyal" and "potential terrorists," as were WWII era Japanese Americans.

D. Learn more about efforts to preserve and help tell the Tule Lake story. Check the Tule Lake Committee website at: <http://www.tulelake.org/>

E. Stop the Destructive Tule Lake Airport Fence / Sign the Petition: Those seeking to preserve Tule Lake are also asking for support to fight a proposed 3 miles long fence being built across this historic site. For further information, please see www.facebook.com/StopTheFence. To sign the petition supported by over 25,000 people, please go to: <http://www.change.org/TuleLake>.



Korean woodblock by Dr. Luke Kim

Calendar

Sept 28 Sat **Parkview Presbyterian Church Breakfast Brunch.** 8-11am at Parkview Presbyterian Church (727 T St Sac). Donation \$12/person, 5-10 year olds-\$6, 4-under-free. Info: 916/443-4464

Sept 29 Sun **Capital Region Community Coalition-CAIR-SV's 12th Annual Voters Education Forum.** 1-5pm at CSUS (6000 J St, Sac-University Union).

Oct 1 Tue **National Bullying Prevention and Awareness Month Youth Rally-Stand Up Speak Out.** 3-6pm at West Steps of State Capitol. Sponsored by Sacramento Regional Coalition for Tolerance, OCA and Senator pro temp Darrell Steinberg. Info: ocasacramento.org

Oct 2 Wed ACC Senior Services "Breast Health Awareness." 1-2pm at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr Sac). Learn risk factors for breast cancer; importance of early detection; eligibility requirements for free screenings and treatment. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 X330, classes@accsv.org

Oct 3 Thu ACC Senior Services "Understanding the True Nature of Long Term Care." 3-430pm at ACC Senior Services (7311 Greenhaven Dr Sac). Topics: Continuum of care, financial impact of long term care, role of Medicare/MediCal, funding options, essential components of a long term care policy. Presenter: Michael Hettenback. Free. To register: Lucy Mendoza 916/394-6399 X121, lmendoza@accsv.org

Oct 4 Fri Documentary "Linsanity-The Jeremy Lin Story" opens nationwide in 11 cities. Bring Linsanity to your town by setting up a Tugg screening. Info: www.linsanitythemovie.com

Oct 4 – Oct 26 **Kearny Street Workshop Apature 2013.** Multidisciplinary arts festival showcasing APA creative talent. Oct 4 Fri Film by Jennifer Phang-6-9pm at The New Parkway (474 24th St, Oakland). Oct 5 Sat Gallery showt by Michael Namkung 7pm-12am at Arc Studios & Gallery (1246 Folsom St SF). Oct 12 Sat Artists Talk 12noon-3pm at Arc Studios & Gallery. Literary Night (21+) Fri Reading by Jai Arun Ravine 7-10pm at 50 Mason Social House (50 Mason St SF). Oct 19 Sat Comix & Zines Expo featuring Eddie H. Ahn 11am-5pm at Cartoon Art Museum (655 Mission St SF). Oct 20 Sun Performance by Queer Rebels 3-6pm at Bindlestiff Studio (185 6th St SF). Oct 25 Fri Music by Karl Evangelista 8pm-1am at SUB-Mission Gallery (2183 Mission St SF). Oct 26 Sat-Closing party TBA.

Oct 5 Sat **3rd Annual Sacramento Aloha Festival.** 10am-6pm at Cal Expo (1600 Exposition Blvd Sac). Free. Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander entertainment, Educational, health and community awareness exhibits, workshops, arts and crafts, cultural village, vendors, food and beverages. Info: Sarah Fonseca, resources.sacalohafest@gmail.com

Oct 5 Sat **PACT "Race: Is it an ethnic notion?"** 9am-1pm in Oakland. Presentation and discussion by Peter Reineke for transracial and same race adopters. Reinke chairs Head-Royce School's history department and teaches Critical Race Theory. He himself is an African Americans transracial adoptee. \$42 for non PACT members; 15% discount for members. Info: PACT, An Adoption Alliance, 510/243-9460, www.pactadopt.org, info@pactadopt.org.

Oct 7 Mon **Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies Inaugural Celebration.** 6-8pm at UCD School of Law King Hall Courtyard (Davis).

Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 19 Wed **ACC Senior Services Family Caregiver Support Group.** 12-1pm at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 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 (MCI). Free. Info: Judie Higashi, RN, 916/393-9026 x336, jhigashi@accsv.org.

Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12, Jan 9 Thu **ACC Senior Services Free Phone Bill Review Clinic.** 230-430pm at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). Are you paying too much for phone service? Bring a recent phone bill (residential or wireless) to see if we can save you money! Info: Soojin Yoo, 916/393-9026 x338, team2@accsv.org.

Oct 12 Sat **32nd Annual Florin JACL Nikkei Hot Dogs, Cupcakes, and Free Bingo Scholarship/ Youth Fundraiser.** 530pm dinner, 7pm bingo at Buddhist Church of Florin (7235 Pritchard Rd Sac). Raffle, facepainting, pumpkin decorating, "world record" senbei rice cracker contest. \$10/person advance, \$12/person at door, 4-12 year olds-\$6 and 3-under free. Volunteers and donations welcome. Info: www.florinjacl.com

Oct 12 Sat **My Sister's House High Tea.** Info: 916/930-0626, info@my-sisters-house.org

Oct 12 Sat **Third Annual International Festival-Unity in Diversity sponsored by the International House.** Noon to 6pm at Veterans' Memorial Center (204 E. 14th St, Davis). Free. 5pm guest speaker Tererai Trent from Zimbabwe on breaking poverty through dreams and education. Ethnic entertainment, food booths, arts and crafts, guest lecturers, children's activities. Info: www.internationalhousedavis.org, Elisabeth Sherwin 530/753-5007.

Oct 16 Wed 4th "The Firstness of the First Amendment" lecture by Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science (Yale Law School) **Akhil Amar.** A lecture of the Annual Central Valley Foundation/James B. McClatchy Lecture on the First Amendment. 4pm at UCD School of Law, King Hall Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom (Davis). Info: Gia Hellwig, gkhellwig@ucdavis.edu, 530/754-5335.

Oct 18 Fri **Nonprofit Tax Compliance Workshop** sponsored by State Controller John Chiang, Calif. Assn of Nonprofits and Nonprofit Resource Center. Free. 830am at Sacramento City Hall Council Chambers (915 I St Sac). Speakers from the Franchise Tax Board and Board of Equalization.

Oct 19 Sat **Lit Crawl – San Francisco – Reading.** Time TBD at Root Division (3175 17th St, SF). Free live readings at various community spaces. Info: Hyphen magazine.

Oct 22 Tue **ACC Senior Services "Medicare 2014-What's New!"** 6-7 pm at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). Find out how the latest changes to Medicare will affect you and your benefits. This workshop will present pertinent information for all Medicare beneficiaries, family members and business professionals. Facilitator: Barbara Walters, HICAP Services of Northern California. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Oct 23 Wed **Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Conference.** 8am-4pm at Folsom Community Center (52 Natoma St Folsom). \$15/person includes lunch. Info: Natalie Medeiros nmedeiros@pd.cityofsacramento.org

Oct 24 Thu **ACC Senior Services "Take Charge of Your Phone Service."** 230-330pm at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). Find out what you should know when choosing phone services. Bring a recent phone bill for a free review. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Oct 26 Sat **My Sister's House's 10th Annual Run for a Safe Haven 2013.** 5k walk/run, ½ mile kids race. 8am at William Land Park (Sac). Before 10/18, adults \$35, under 18-\$30, 12-under \$10, \$300/10 member team. Info: 916/930-0626, www.my-sisters-house.org

Oct 26 Sat **Locke Foundation's Harvest Moon Celebration.** 1130am-4pm at Jean Harvie Center Auditorium (14272 River Road, Walnut Grove). \$20/

adults, \$10/children under 12, ticket includes lunch. A fundraiser to preserve Locke's history and culture. Chinese music, folk dance, martial arts, Taiko drums, Mah Jong tournament, art auction, raffle. Info: www.lockeca.com, Clarence Chu 916/776-1771

Oct 27 Sun **Sahaya Walks.** 2-4pm at First Baptist Church (West Davis.) Half mile walk followed by fun educational activities and games for all ages, music, lemonade and snacks. Info: Koen Van Rompay, koen@sahaya.org, 530/756-9074

Nov 2 Sat **Asian Resources Inc. Crab & Comedy Crab Feast of 2013.** Hot sautéed seasoned crabs, comedy entertainment. Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation (9040 High Tech Ct, Elk Grove). Proceeds go to ARI's Youth Program. \$65/person or \$70 at door. Info: Thyan Pham 916/454-1892, thyan@asianresources.org.

Nov 5 Tue **ACC Senior Services "How to Remain Safe During the Holiday Season."** 11am-12noon at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). This workshop will address the steps the people can take to remain safe during the holiday season and will focus on online shopping, shopping at physical locations, and how to avoid fraudulent scams. Participants will receive information about safe traveling for the traveler and their home. Facilitators: Victims of Crime Resource Center staff, Pacific McGeorge School of Law. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Nov 6 Wed **ACC Senior Services "5 Wishes: California's Advanced Medical Directives."** 1-2pm at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). This workshop discusses your rights and medical decisions. Learn about the free legal document that gives your medical decisions a voice when you may not be able to express them. Presenter: Cori Deck, Community Liaison, VITAS Innovative Hospice Care. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Nov 6 Wed **ACC Senior Services "Compassionate Communication & Challenging Behaviors."** 230-4pm at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). This program will provide strategies on improving overall communication skills in connecting with memory-impaired individuals and helping to prepare caregivers for possible behavioral changes as well as ways to respond should they occur. Presenter: Bonnie Chow, Family Care Associate, Alzheimer's Association. Free. Pre-registration requested. Call: 800/272-3900, ptardio@alz.org.

Nov 8 Fri **ACC Senior Services 26th Annual Craft & Bake Sale.** 9am-4pm at ACC Greenhaven Terrace (1180 Corporate Way, Sac). Baked goodies, unique crafts, plants, food and a raffle! Info: Khonnie Lattasima, 916/394-6399 x143, volunteer@accsv.org.

Nov 10 Sun **Sacramento Chinese Culture Foundation's Asian Performing Arts Festival.** 2-5pm at Crest Theater (1013 K St Sac). Asian ethnic entertainment, fashion show, martial arts demonstration. Info: www.sccfsac.org, Mayue Carlson 916/397-1959

Nov 12 Tue **ACC Senior Services "High Blood Pressure and What It Can Do to You."** 2-3pm at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). This workshop will review what high blood pressure is, what medications are prescribed and what you should know. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Nov 13 Wed **APSEA/USC Final Conversations in Leadership Workshop.** Register at Eventbrite. Free for APSEA members, Non-members \$35. 530-8pm at USC State Capital Center (1800 I St Sac). Info: www.apsea.org

Nov 13 Wed **ACC Senior Services "Challenges as a Family Caregiver."** 1-2pm at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). As a family
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