

# Comments

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## Fight against domestic violence

The September 13th tragic death of three Asian children in West Sacramento shocked the entire region. The choking deaths of 11 year old Kelvin, 9 year old Julie and 7 month old Lucas allegedly by their own father Robert Hodges was a shock to family and neighbors alike. In addition to three counts of first degree murder, Hodges, 32, is also being charged with the attempted murder of his wife and the children's mother Mai Sheng Hodges. The murder of the older children was charged "by means of laying in wait" and Hodges was also charged with special circumstances - multiple murders - which

makes him eligible for the death penalty. The incident was initially reported to the police as a domestic violence assault, but became a triple homicide after Mai Hodges upon arriving home from work discovered her children's bodies inside the apartment. A GoFundMe campaign has raised more than \$31,000 for her expenses within the first week.

What could have been happened differently? Could family, neighbors, or Mai Hodges' co-workers at a local casino detected and interrupted this domestic violence? Could the school age children share worries with school personnel? Was Robert Hodges' mental health condition obvious? Did anyone take their heads out of their cellphones long enough to see, listen, care, and perhaps figure out that there was a serious problem brewing in the Hodges household. Is anyone bold enough to step in, ask "Is anything wrong at home?" and get involved? These tragedies, like suicides, usually do not happen without some detectable clue. As caring people, we all need to reach help and offer help to those around us.

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## Davis imam outrages community

Davis Islamic Center's (ICD) Imam Ammar Shahin on July 21st shocked the Muslim and other communities. Shahin's emotional sermon called to God to "liberate the Al-Aqsa Mosque from the filth of the Jews" and "annihilate them down to the very last one. Do not spare any of them." The sermon came on the heels of a violent attack at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, a holy site for Jews and Muslims in East Jerusalem where three Arab gunmen killed two Israeli police officers guarding the mosque entrance.

Several community demonstrations denounced the sermon over the following weeks after the transcript was released and its accuracy and interpretation was debated. The imam apologized, "The last thing I would do is intentionally hurt anyone - Muslim, Jewish or otherwise. I do understand now how words were hurtful and I'm sorry." The imam had also explained that he was caught up in his emotions and said things that he did not intend to include in the sermon. The ICD board issued its statement in July: "The ICD will always stand against anti-Semitism similarly to how the Jewish community has always stood against Islamophobia in our close-knit community. We have a zero tolerance for anti-Semitism or any other form of bigotry.

Some in the Davis community says that the apologies are no longer enough and they

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don't feel safe. On September 12th, a citizen group asked the Davis City Council to formally denounce the imam's sermon and the anti-Semitic motivation behind it.

While America is great for its First Amendment freedom to speak our minds, we expect our public leaders to role model positivity and inclusiveness. The problem is both that the imam said those hurtful words, but that he even had those sentiments inside himself and lacked sufficient self control to keep those thoughts inside. Imam Shahin failed as a leader and has caused a lot of hurt all around.

## Asian Pacific community joins fight against travel bans

The US Supreme Court has avoided the issue by cancelling its October 10th arguments over whether Trump's (first) revised travel ban was legal. Two federal appeals court have blocked central parts of the ban. One court said the ban violated the Constitution because it discriminated based on religion. The other court said the travel ban exceeded the president's statutory authority to control immigration. Others say the issue is moot because that ban expired and Trump has now issued his Muslim Ban version 3.0.

In June, the US Supreme Court temporarily reinstated the ban imposed by Trump's second executive order, excluding people without a credible claim of a bona fide relationship with someone or some entity in the US. The federal court in Hawaii tried to exclude refugees in the resettlement process with domestic agency assurances from Trump's second ban, but the US Supreme blocked this decision. Some courts have extended the definition of "bona fide relationship" to include grandparents and other relatives which the US Supreme Court has allowed to stand.

In February, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) joined the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality (Korematsu Center, established by the children of litigants in the Japanese WWII incarceration cases), civil rights organizations, and national and New York bar associations of color, in filing an amicus brief in Darweesh and State of New

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## STOP the fence at Tule Lake - Outcry needed

The Tule Lake Committee is asking everyone to ACT to help save the historic Tule Lake concentration camp and segregation center site from further destruction. The Tule Lake concentration camp is located in Modoc County in Northern California, and is recognized as the most infamous segregation center where Japanese Americans who protested the mass incarceration were punished for speaking out. Of the ten concentration camps, Tule Lake War Relocation Center was the prison camp - it has the most guard towers and security.

Modoc County recently sent out notices requesting public "COMMENT" on the airport fence they sought to construct over the past decade, to close off the airport that occupies two-thirds of the concentration camp site. In July 2014, the Tule Lake Committee filed a lawsuit seeking Modoc County's compliance with environmental laws, and for the past three years, was engaged in discussions about the airport with Modoc County, including settling the lawsuit. However, Modoc County's recent Notices of Public Scoping and requests for comment, indicate the County has unilaterally abandoned settlement discussions and begun planning to build the fence.

It is critically important that community members and organizations respond now to Modoc County's request for comments about this destructive fence proposal for the Tulelake airport. The deadline for comments, by letter or email, ends in less than a month, on **October 10, 2017** at 5 PM. The public notices are posted at: [www.co.modoc.ca.us/departments/airports](http://www.co.modoc.ca.us/departments/airports)

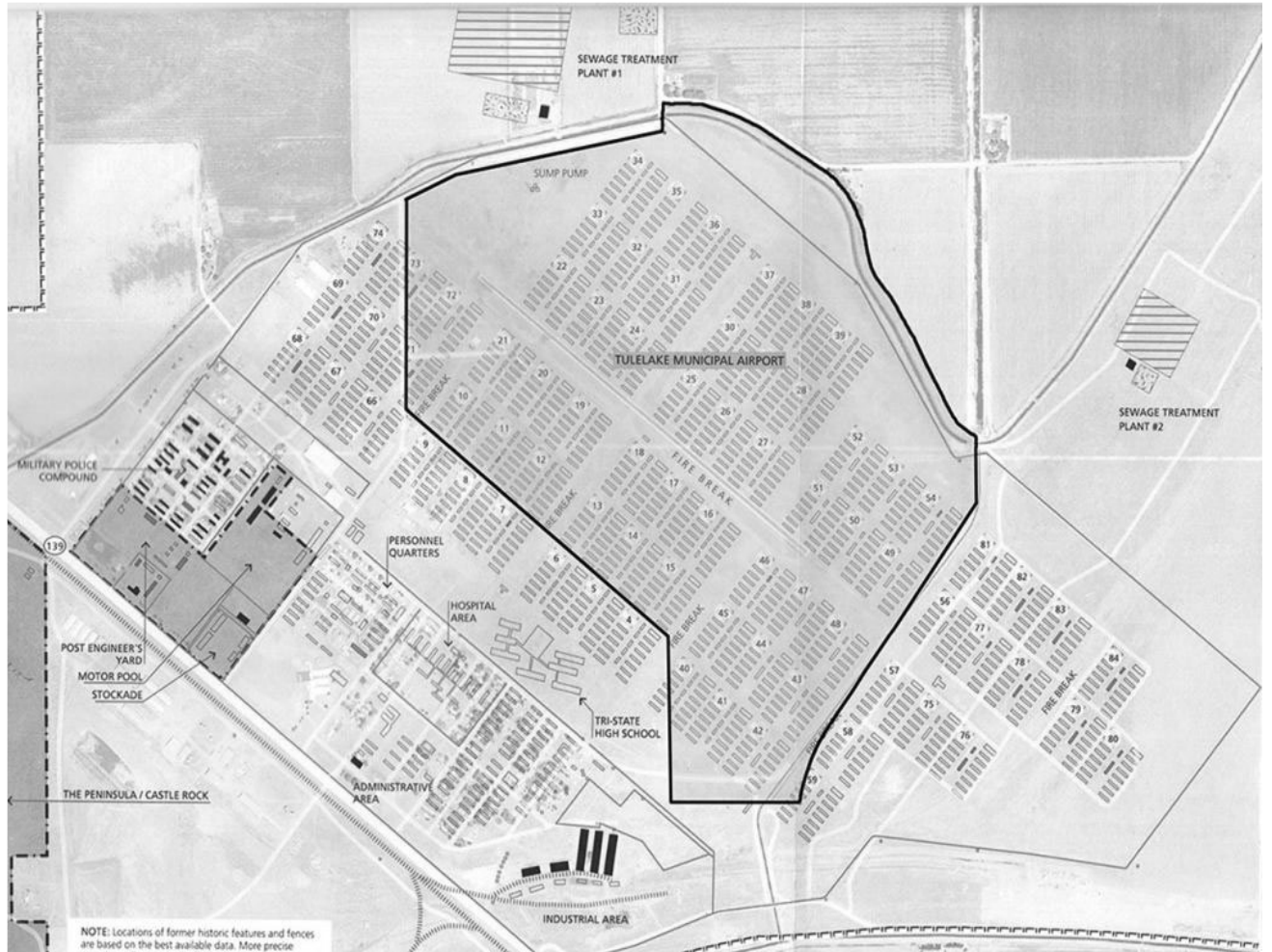
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THE ISSUES:

Modoc County approved a 5-year \$3.5 million airport development plan that includes a massive, 3-mile long, barbed-wire topped 8-foot high fence. Having an airport, even a small and primitive airport, operating in the middle of this concentration camp site, is inappropriate and demeans the memory of more than 24,000 people who were incarcerated in Tule Lake. The proposed fence closes off remembrance of this civil and human rights tragedy, and it will destroy the integrity of this unique historic site. The fence will eliminate opportunities for Japanese Americans and others to visit, reflect and mourn. This exclusion will be a permanent legacy of Modoc County's and the FAA's failure



to comprehend the traumatic injustice created by the racism, fed by wartime greed and hysteria and failed political leadership that led to the mass incarceration.

The Tule Lake site has not yet been comprehensively surveyed to document surface and subsurface historic WWII resources. Consequently, it is a priority to identify structures and artifacts before more damage to the site takes place. In July 2014, the Tule Lake Committee sought legally-mandated environmental review of the entire airport area, which occupies 2/3rds of the former Tule Lake site. However, instead of conducting careful examination of the entire area WITHIN the fence project, including subsurface review, the County and the FAA have argued their environmental responsibility is confined to surveying only a narrow strip of land where the 3-mile long fence would directly lie.

Although the issue of safety from wildlife strikes is the rationale for a massive airport fence, in the history of the airport's operation, there were no reported complaints of wildlife or wildlife strikes. In fact, the greatest threat to airport safety at the Tulelake airport is caused by birds. The FAA reports that 97% of aviation encounters nationally are caused by birds, a problem that is heightened by the location of the Tulelake airport. The recently commissioned wildlife hazard study noted the problem: "Since the airport is located between two national wildlife refuges and is virtually surrounded by irrigated agricultural lands all which attract birds, a wide variety of bird species forage and cross the airport. The irrigation ditches and canals which border the airport on three sides attract water fowl and flocking birds. Without installing sophisticated bird mitigation measures or implementing on-airport management techniques, there is little to be done to reduce the potential bird strike hazard."

A fence will do nothing to protect crop dusting planes from collisions with birds. The County's announcement also stated that the airport is a pathway for mule deer. Modoc County's wildlife hazard survey did not make such a finding. It did, however, show that one deer was spotted at the airport, plus 53 rabbits, dogs and squirrels. The far greater danger identified in the Tulelake Airport survey was 3,172 individual birds and flocks of birds on or near the runway.

In the past year, the Tule Lake Committee participated in talks with Modoc County, the FAA, other state and federal agencies and local representatives, hoping to promote understanding of the historic site's significance, urging it be protected, not destroyed. Seeking a long-term solution to the problem of preserving an irreplaceable historic site, we raised the issue of moving the Tulelake airport to a less sensitive nearby location. It was clear to all interested parties that a small airport can be moved. It is not possible to move a historic site.

Modoc County and the FAA need to see more passion from the Japanese American community. While the few dozen responses that have trickled thus far are much appreciated, it is a pretty tepid response in comparison to the local homesteaders. Nativist homesteaders in the Tulelake basin are supporting their friend and neighbor, Nick Macy, who runs a crop dusting service, the only business using the Tulelake airport. Macy doesn't want to deal with the inconvenience of moving the airport, arguing his family's "legacy" business has the right to remain at the present location. In other words, his family's self-interest should prevail over preserving a civil rights site that has significance for an entire nation.



## ACC SENIOR SERVICES

### Japanese Cultural Classes at ACC: Keeping Traditions Alive

*"I like it because classical dance, the art of it, has been gone from Sacramento for many years... I like that part of my culture. It's beautiful and graceful and tells a story; it's a form of expression. I like wearing the yukata and going back to my roots. It's a really neat class."*

*-Nancy, a student in Nihon Buyo (Japanese classical dance)*

Nihon Buyo is a Japanese performing art featuring the elements of Japanese traditional culture such as beauty, wabi (taste for simple and quiet), space, and shape. Student Nancy says that Nihon Buyo is rare to find. She says that the class "brings back good memories for me of the Issei and Nisei performing on cultural shows."

Nihon Buyo is one of the Japanese cultural class offerings at ACC. Ikebana, Japanese flower arranging, is another. Chieko Hirai-Brim has been a licensed Ikebana instructor for 20 years. Twice a month, she teaches essential principles and techniques of Ikenobo Ikebana. Students create one unique arrangement in each class.

Our largest Japanese culture class is Kimekomi doll-making. On the third Saturday of the month, instructor Masanori (Isako) Wasano comes from the Bay Area to teach. Isako started making Kimekomi dolls in the 1960s. She passed all levels of instruction was promoted to the top level of instructors in 2005. She now holds a position among the top ten instructor's level in Japan and the United States.

Student Frances has been making Kimekomi dolls at ACC for over a decade. She says, "We feel like we are doing something meaningful. I wanted to make heirloom dolls for my grandchildren-- but they don't want them! I continue to make dolls and go to class for the fellowship. The teacher is from Japan and is very knowledgeable... The class is growing; we have new people all the time. We have young people. It's a great thing because we know doll-making will continue. It's just really lovely."

Nora Bachus-Dressler has been teaching Japanese Conversation at ACC for eleven years. Originally, staff asked her to take over a Japanese culture class whose instructor was leaving. Nora says, "in that class they sang songs and read stories. I can't sing. The only thing I know is language (she has a degree and background in language), so I said I would teach Japanese until they find somebody else."

While Nora teaches some things like grammar from some of the same language books used at local colleges, her students want to learn "everyday talk." The focus of the class is conversation. "I give tips on how to use the words. My class is not 'read the book, follow me.' Sometimes students bring recipes, stories, and proverbs to discuss." Students need to come with a basic understanding of Japanese and are placed into either the Intermediate I or II classes. "I didn't even dream of teaching at ACC," says Nora, "but, once I started, the students asked me to stay. I've had many students for years. One student, Heidi has been with me since the beginning!" Another thing to know about Nora is that she volunteers as an ACC Rides driver assistant,

partnering with her husband, George, who is a volunteer driver. She shares her culinary talents with ACC, too. Nora likes to do cooking demonstrations of traditional, home-style Japanese cooking, the kind of comfort food that you can't find in restaurants. Most recently, she shared her recipe and techniques for Niku-jaga, a Japanese beef stew. In another class, she demonstrated how to make home-made dashi. Along with Hugh Namekawa, who teaches "Sushi making for lazy people," Nora is keeping Japanese culinary traditions thriving at ACC.

Finally, our loudest Japanese culture class is Taiko (Japanese drumming). Loretta Lew teaches singing, ukulele, keyboard, and "taiko for fun." A child music prodigy, Loretta is also a performing member of Sacramento Taiko Dan and the ACC Pocket Pickers, sings, plays many instruments, does tap dance and is learning flamenco! In the taiko class, students learn different songs. They also learn how to make their own bachi (drumsticks). In addition to her ongoing taiko class, Loretta sometimes teaches "taiko for all" in the summer for grandparents/parents/children.

High-school student Alexa says, "I like taking taiko because I am experiencing another culture through their music. It's a great workout for body and mind. Loretta is a fantastic teacher. If you need help, she's patient and will go over the beats with you again. I also like watching her perform with Sacramento Taiko Dan. She's so inspiring!"

For more information on these and other classes at ACC, visit our website [www.accsv.org](http://www.accsv.org) or call (916) 393-9026.



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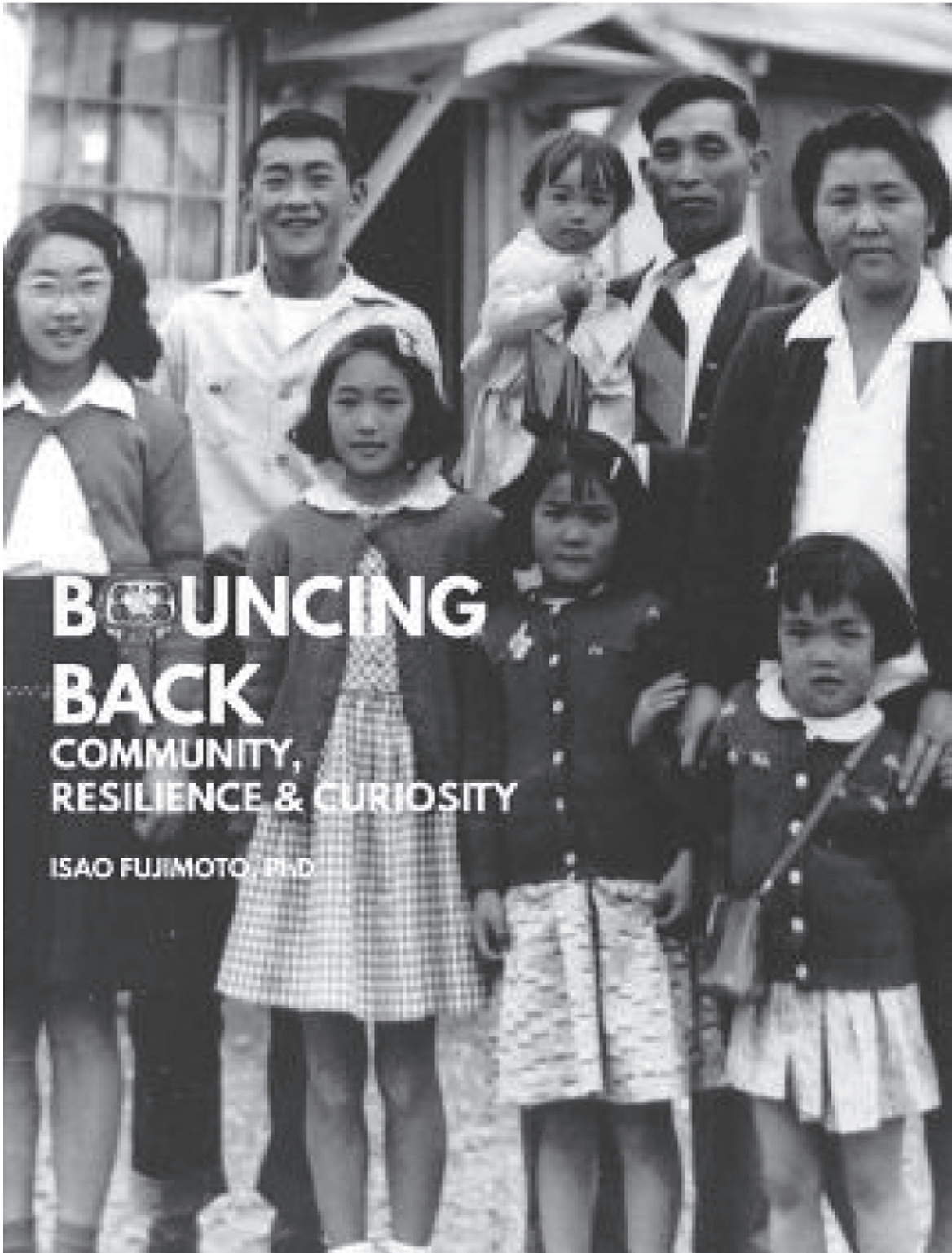
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## Bouncing Back: Community, Resilience & Curiosity

Professor Isao Fujimoto finishes his memoir!

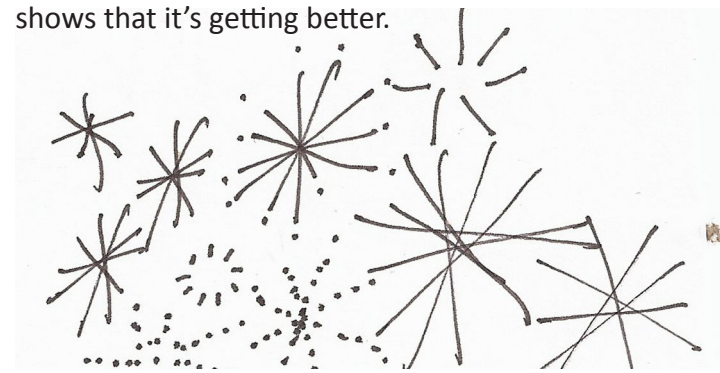
"If one needs hope in a period of collective anxiety," says Christopher Breiseth, Director of the Frances Perkins Center in NY, "I advise reading a remarkable memoir by rural sociologist and community organizer, Isao Fujimoto. *Bouncing Back: Community, Resilience, and Curiosity* is not only the journey of a very special human being. It is the story of turning despair into hope."

Fujimoto's story begins with his father's emigration from a small fishing village in Japan to the Yakima Indian Reservation in Washington. The close-knit Japanese immigrant farming community there is forcibly removed and incarcerated by the U.S. Government during WWII. With his father sent to a different detention camp, Fujimoto, at age 8, writes letters for his mother to help reunite their family. After the war, the family starts over in Northern California and, eventually, begins growing strawberries.

The eldest of 13 children, Fujimoto becomes the first in his family to attend college. His classes at UC Berkeley are often larger than his hometown. Fujimoto's curiosity leads him to explore every building on the UCB campus and join in a wide variety of activities, from judo to leading a student delegation to Indonesia.

In 2010, at the age of 76, Fujimoto receives his Ph.D. from Cornell University fifty years after he began his studies there. His dissertation is based on his decades-long work with marginalized, multi-ethnic immigrant communities in California's Central Valley and around the world. An innovative and beloved faculty member at UC Davis for more than 50 years, Fujimoto – now 83 – reflects on the practices of perseverance, community, and gratitude he learned from his parents.

At his September 22nd book reading at the Avid Reader bookstore in Davis, Fujimoto told a standing room only crowd that he does not regret any aspect of his life. He adheres to Buddhist wisdom: Wake up every morning grateful that you are alive. Go to asleep every night thankful for the day that you had. With respect to Trump, Fujimoto says: Stick together. Support those Republicans and others who are standing up against him. Watch the polls because the growing anti-Trump sentiments shows that it's getting better.



So if you're white, you better step back because you can learn from our background of hard work, values and culture. We have nothing to prove, it is just natural and our nature. That is why we need to recruit more people of color.

Sue Kudo

## Letters to the editor

**AB 60 LICENSES** - I just read an article about regarding AB 60 licenses which you were kind enough to publish in your current issue of *Currents*. The article in question "AB60 California driver licenses are pretty safe" is attributed to the Drive California Coalition, but it unfortunately includes some incorrect information that we would like to be corrected.

The article states the following: "AB60 licenses are not marked differently from other California driver licenses" when in reality, those licenses are marked in the front with the sentence "Federal Limits Apply" which essentially means that an AB 60 license is not accepted as an identification card when boarding a commercial flight, or entering a federal facility. The same article advises people not to enter use the AB60 license to enter federal facilities or pass through TSA screening which is totally correct.

I contacted Drive California Coalition, they were unaware of the article but assured me that they are aware of the marking in the license and they always include that information in their material so I'm thinking it might have been a typo and I am asking if you can possibly

correct the information as soon as possible.

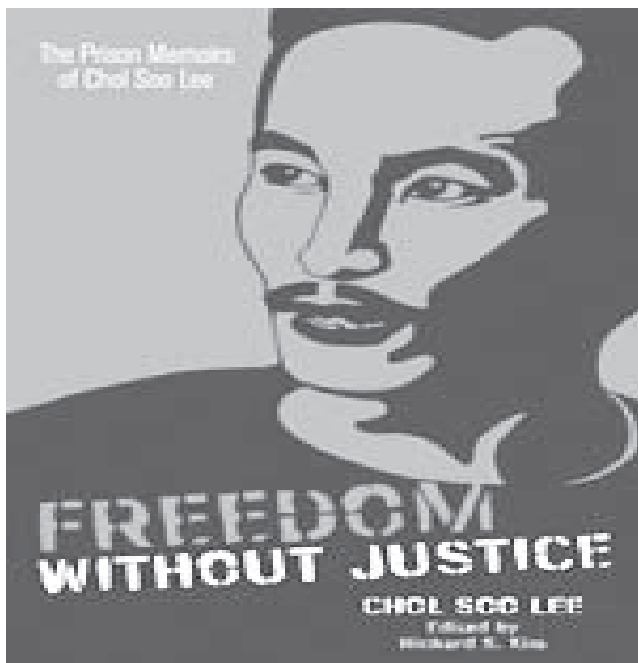
Please let me know if you will be able to correct the information or if you have any questions.

Armando Botello, Deputy Director, DMV Office of Public Affairs/Media Relations.

**DEAR CURRENTS EDITOR**- I'm writing to let you know that I work in an all white environment. Everybody is basically white. As an Asian American 3rd generation and a minority I never realized that I've been taken advantage of, given special projects because most don't want to do them and complain. Some projects are a product of procrastination. So they pawn it off to yours truly.

I know friends in other public and private sectors who are also minority (not necessarily Asian) and feel the same. Most white people want to push their authority just to prove something and anything.

The news is it's no longer going to be a white world. Someday we'll have a rainbow of people that will change this world no matter what gender, gay, straight, Muslim, Asian, Latino, Black. And the whiteness will be all washed out. Obama proved that he was one of the first.



## Obamacare repeal 2.0 fails

Kudos to Washington leaders who crossed the line and saved the Affordable Care Act

In July the effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act did not go to a vote because “No” votes announced by Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Susan Collins (R-Maine), John McCain (R-Arizona) showed the writing on the wall to the Senate leadership that the repeal legislation was going to fail.

In September, the Cassidy-Graham plan to redistribute health care money through block grants to states and moving resources from blue states to red states similarly skidded to a halt when “No” vote were announced by Senators Susan Collins (R-Maine), John McCain (R-Arizona), Rand Paul (R-Kentucky), and Ted Cruz (R-Texas—he thought the Cassidy-Graham bill left too much Obamacare intact) showed that passage even under the 50-vote rule was impossible.

Thank you for your service to the American people who need affordable health care!



## Freedom without Justice: The Prison Memoirs of Chol Soo Lee

By Chol Soo Lee  
Edited by UCD Professor Richard S. Kim

Freedom without Justice is the compelling story of Chol Soo Lee’s wrongful imprisonment and his years of survival in prison, while political activists fought to win his freedom. His saga took place against a backdrop of great historical change in Asian American communities following the passage of the 1965 Immigration Act. In 1973, less than a decade after he immigrated to the United States from Korea at the age of twelve, Lee is convicted of murder and given a life sentence. Four years later, his case became a nationwide rallying point for an extraordinary pan-Asian American movement during the late 1970s and early 1980s, bringing together people from a broad spectrum of social backgrounds for a common political cause. This diverse grassroots activism organized a six-year “Free Chol Soo Lee!” campaign that led to his release from San Quentin’s Death Row in 1983.

While the case inspired newspaper headlines, TV specials, and even a Hollywood movie, until now the full story has never been told in Chol Soo Lee’s own voice. Freedom without Justice reveals the race and class dimensions of US correctional institutions from the perspective of convicts who fiercely refuse to be victims. As a chronicle of the life of a youth at risk, during a time when Asian American inmates were scarce, and Korean Americans even scarcer, Lee’s memoir draws readers into a variety of worlds—war-torn Korea, the streets of San Francisco, the criminal justice system, prison gang politics, and death row.

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## San Francisco installs Comfort Women memorial

On September 22nd, San Francisco unveiled a "comfort women" memorial statue by artist Steven Whyte in St. Mary's Square park in Chinatown. San Francisco is the first major city to install a monument honoring the mostly Korean women who were forced into Japanese military-run brothels during World War II.

During World War II, an estimated 200,000 young girls and women from countries including Korea, the Philippines, China, and Indonesia were abducted and forced into sexual slavery and "served" between five to 60 soldiers per day, according to research by professors from Vassar College and Shanghai Normal University. Forty of these WWII sex trafficking survivors are still living today in South Korea; another ten are in the US. Others are slowly disclosing their victimization.

The Comfort Women Justice Coalition (CWJC) spearheaded the project which is a 10 foot statue - "Women's Column of Strength" - depicting three girls - one Chinese, One Korean and one Filipina - standing on top of a pedestal with a grandmother on the ground below them symbolizing their hope for justice. These memorials help people remember these victims who were never acknowledged and are a hidden atrocity of that war.

The memorial inscription reads: "This monument bears witness to the suffering of hundreds of thousands of women and girls euphemistically called 'Comfort Women,' who were sexually enslaved by the Japanese Imperial Armed Forces in thirteen Asian-Pacific countries from 1931 to 1945."

Japanese officials have long pushed back against the creation of such statues, the first of which appeared outside the Japanese Embassy in Seoul in 2011. One lawsuit seeking the removal of a comfort women statue in Glendale California went all the way to the US Supreme Court, but in March the court declined to hear the case and the statue remains in place. In January, Japan withdrew its ambassador from Seoul in protest over the installation of a memorial in the South Korean city of Busan.

Justice has proven elusive. A 1993 statement by then-Chief Cabinet Secretary Yohei Kono acknowledged imperial Japan's use of sex slaves after a government study into the issue and offered "sincere apologies and remorse" to those affected. In 2015, Japan and South Korea "finally and irreversibly" reached an agreement under which Japan pledged to contribute \$8.3 million to a fund for then 46 surviving South Korean victims. The agreement has been criticized by activist groups, which said they had not been consulted enough and it did not go far enough in acknowledging what the Japanese government's responsibility.



## API support DACA

On September 5th, President Trump directed US Homeland Security and US Citizenship and Immigration Services to phase out Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and suggested that Congress pass its replacement within the next six months. The API community joined others in demanding continuing protection for the roughly 800,000 young immigrants who were brought to the US as children and know the US as their only home. Under this 2012 program initiated by President Obama, individuals were granted a temporary reprieve from deportation and work authorization if they met age and residence requirements, and completed a certain level of education and military service. Obama set up this program after he was unable to get immigration reform legislation passed by Congress. These DACA beneficiaries positively contribute to society and our communities will suffer greatly economically and psychologically without a DACA replacement program.

Though the president promises to treat DACA recipients with "great heart" he certainly could have addressed the future of DACA by

supporting legislation rather than pulling the plug on a program which has provided the so-called "Dreamers" some chance at having a hopeful future.

US Citizenship and Immigration Services has announced:

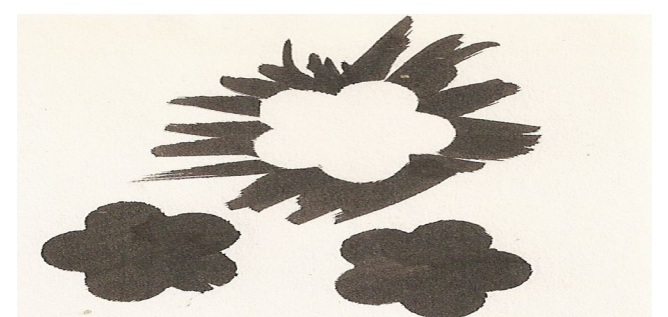
Initial DACA applications filed by September 5, 2017 will be processed.

If your DACA status expired between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018, you must file a renewal requests before October 5, 2017.

All currently effective DACA benefits and work authorizations (EADs) will be valid until they expire or are otherwise revoked or terminated.

If your DACA expired on or before September 4, 2017 and you did not file a renewal request on or before September 5, 2017, DACA is no longer available to you.

If you have a current and valid DACA status and have lost your EAD, you can request a replacement EAD.



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## Asian Pacific fight against travel bans

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York v. Trump, in the US District Court for the Eastern District of New York. The Darweesh case challenged Trump's first travel ban - Executive Order 13969 - arguing that it violated the First, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the US Constitution, the Immigration and Nationality Act, the UN Convention Against Torture and the Administrative Procedure Act.

In March, AALDEF with the Korematsu Center and other organizations filed an amicus brief in State of Hawaii and Ismail Elshikh v. Trump et al. This lawsuit argues that EO 13780 violates the First and Fifth Amendments, the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Religious Freedom and Restoration Act and the Administrative Procedure Act. The State of Hawaii asserts that the travel ban disrupts the University of Hawaii's recruitment of students and faculty, damages tourism and prevents Hawaii residents from reuniting with relatives from the banned countries.

### Trump's Muslim Ban 3.0

On September 24th, President Trump announced new travel restrictions on certain foreigners from Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen. For most people from these countries, travel will be broadly suspended; some may opt for enhanced screening and vetting. No currently validly issued green cards, visa, or travel documents will be revoked. This executive order is written to never expire, but could be lifted for those countries which comply with specific vetting (screening) requirements.

Trump's first travel ban by executive order issued in January 27, 2017 was stymied by legal challenges which hindered implementation. Executive Order 13969 sought to ban entry by immigrants and refugees from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen for 120 days. He later revised the first travel ban to exempt Iraq (EO 13780) on March 6, 2017.

Trump's second travel ban issued on March 6th targeted foreign nationals from six Muslim-majority countries (Iran, Syria, Libya, Somalia, Yemen and Sudan) from entering the US unless they have a "bona fide" relationship with a person or entity in the country. This executive order expired September 24th, but those with a bona fide exception can still apply for visas until October 18th

Some parts of Muslim Ban 3.0 go into effect September 24th, other parts are effective October 24th. The Asian Law Caucus and CAIR California issued this community advisory re "Who Will Be Impacted?":

#### Travel Restriction for Nationals of Eight Countries - Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen

General limitations: The new Muslim Ban only applies to individuals who are i) outside of the US on the day the new Muslim Ban goes into effect, ii) who do not have a valid visa on the day the new Muslim Ban goes into effect, and iii) who have not obtained a waiver under Section 3(c).

The new Muslim Ban does not apply to:

- Lawful permanent residents (green card holders);
- Individuals admitted or paroled into the US on or after the effective date of the new Muslim Ban;
- Those with a document other than a visa that allows them to travel to the US, if the document is dated on or after the effective date of the new Muslim Ban;
- Dual-nationals traveling on a passport from a non-designated country;
- Individuals granted asylum;
- Refugees already admitted to the US; or
- Individuals granted withholding of removal, advance parole, or protection under the Convention against Torture

Until October 18, 2017, Citizens of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen are exempt from the new Muslim Ban if they have a "bona fide relationship" with a US person or entity, meaning: A close family member living in the U.S.; An offer of employment in the US; and/or An admission to study in the US.

#### Previously-impacted countries - restrictions effective immediately:

Iran - Effective immediately, immigrant and nonimmigrant entry are suspended for Iranian nationals except for those with a bona fide relationship to a US person or entity OR for those with F, J, or M visas. Those with F, J, or M visas will most likely be subject to "enhanced screening and vetting requirements.". The bona fide relationship exemption ends October 18, 2017.

Libya - Effective immediately, immigrants and nonimmigrants on business (B-1), tourist (B-2), business/tourist (B-1/B-2) visas are suspended except those with a bona fide relationship to the US. The bona fide relationship exemption ends October 18, 2017.

Somalia - Effective immediately, immigrant visas are suspended for Somali nationals, except for those with a bona fide relationship to a US person or entity. Non-immigrant visas are permitted, subjected to heightened screening. The bona fide relationship exemption ends October 18, 2017.

Syria - Effective immediately, immigrant and nonimmigrant entry is suspended for Syrian nationals, except for those with a bona fide relationship to a US person or entity. The bona fide relationship exemption ends October 18, 2017.

Sudan - Sudan was removed from the list of restricted countries in the new Muslim Ban. Sudanese visa holders who were impacted by earlier Muslim Bans should now be able to reapply for visa. The bona fide relationship exemption ends October 18, 2017.

Yemen - Effective immediately, all immigrant visas and nonimmigrant business (B-1), tourist (B-2), and business/tourist (B-1/B-2) visas are suspended, unless the visa holder has a bona fide relationship to a US person or entity. The bona fide relationship exemption ends October 18, 2017.

Newly Impacted Countries -

Chad - Effective October 18, 2017, all immigrant visas and with nonimmigrant business (B-1), tourist (B-2), and business/tourist (B-1/B-2) visas are suspended from entering the US.

North Korea - Effective October 18, 2017, all immigrant and nonimmigrant visa holders are suspended from entering the US.

Venezuela - Effective October 18, 2017, the entry of officials of government agencies of Venezuela involved in screening and vetting procedures and their immediate family members, as nonimmigrants on business (B-1), tourist (B-2), and business/tourist (B-1/B-2) visas, is suspended. Additionally, nationals of Venezuela who are visa holders are subject to additional measures. Per Section 3(b)(v) of the new Muslim Ban, certain Venezuelans traveling on diplomatic visas are not affected by the new Muslim Ban.

#### Refugee Program

-No changes were made in Muslim Ban 3.0's order that impact refugees.

-There continues to be a 120-day halt of the entire refugee program.

-Refugees with a bona fide relationship to a US person or entity are exempt from the ban.

-Currently, a formal assurance from a refugee resettlement agency is insufficient on its own to establish a bona fide relationship. This matter is under appeal.

-The number of refugees to be admitted to the US for fiscal year 2017 is reduced to 50,000.

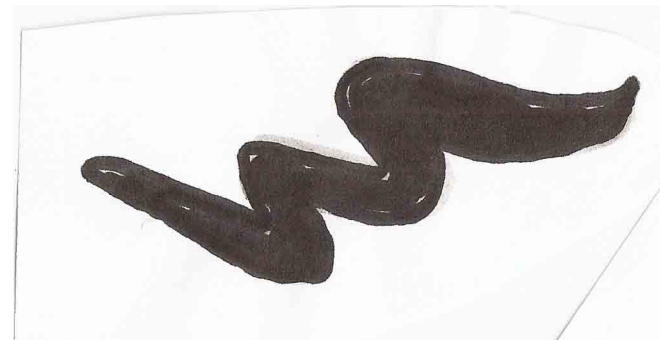
#### How to Get Legal Help?

You can contact our organizations if:

You or someone you know is impacted by this executive order and would like legal advice or assistance;

Your community would like to request a "Know Your Rights" presentation.

Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus:  
415.848.7711 or [elicav@advancingjustice-alc.org](mailto:elicav@advancingjustice-alc.org)  
CAIR SF Bay Area: 408.986.9874 or <https://ca.cair.com/sfba/travel/>



## Arkansas pilgrimage being planned

On April 16, 2018, the WWII Japanese American Internment Museum in McGehee Arkansas is hosting a party for the 5th anniversary of its opening. Local planning for a pilgrimage is underway. The plan may include flying to Little Rock, staying in a hotel, visiting the Butler museum, and organizing speakers or a group discussion. McGehee is a two hour drive from Little Rock. If interested, contact Kimiko Marr at [kimiko.marr@gmail.com](mailto:kimiko.marr@gmail.com), [www.facebook.com/groups/1475086432581423](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1475086432581423)



## Documentary: And Then They Came for Us

October 15th, San Francisco

Seventy-five years ago, Executive Order 9066 paved the way to the profound violation of constitutional rights that resulted in the forced incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans. Featuring George Takei and many others who were incarcerated, as well as newly rediscovered photographs of Dorothea Lange, "And Then They Came for Us" brings history into the present, retelling this difficult story and following Japanese American activists as they speak out against the Muslim registry and travel ban. Knowing this history is the first step to ensuring that these injustices are not repeated. "And Then They Came for Us" is a cautionary and inspiring tale for these dark times.

The San Francisco showing on October 15th 330pm at AMC Theater-Van Ness 14 (1000 Van Ness Ave, SF) will be followed with a panel discussion with filmmakers Abby Ginzberg and Ken Schneider, Satsuki Ina, Zahra Billoo and Dale Minami.

The documentary is available to available for sale to organizations, high schools and public libraries for \$50, community colleges \$125, colleges and universities \$195 and for personal use \$20. More information is at [www.thentheycamedoc.com](http://www.thentheycamedoc.com)

The Sacramento showing, sponsored by the Asian Bar Association of Sacramento Law Foundation, on September 23rd at the Crest Theater featured a panel discussion with Abby Ginzberg, Justice Cruz Reynoso, Mia Yamamoto, Basim Elkarra, and was moderated by Pamela Wu.



## How the US government and the Constitution have failed to protect ethnic minorities

Chinese Exclusion Act of 1888 - halted immigration of Chinese laborers to the US (repealed by the Magnuson Act in 1943)

Gentleman's Agreement of 1907 - an informal agreement between US and Japan whereby US would not restrict Japanese immigration and Japan would not allow further emigration to the US. (ended by the Immigration Act of 1924)

Mexican Repatriation 1929-1939 forced as many as one million people of Mexican descent to leave the US and return to Mexico. Sixty percent of them were US citizens.

2002 National Security Entry-Exit Registration System (NSEERS) required registration of foreign nationals from certain countries to check in with

the government before entering and leaving, and required certain foreigners living in the US to regularly report to immigration. The program applied to non-citizen nonresident visitors from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria, then grew to include 25 countries, all Muslim majority countries except North Korea. The domestic registration applied only to men over the age of 16; the entry/exit program applied to both sexes. The domestic registration program lasted 15 months; the entry/exit program was suspended in 2011. In November 2016, Trump was exploring the establishment of a Muslim registry and a database for Syrian refugees. Unfortunately the NSEERS structure still exists today and could be easily reactivated.

## Ask Brown to sign SB31

On September 22nd, SB 31 was presented for the governor's signature. Called the "California Religious Freedom Act" the bill prohibits state and local agencies and public employees from providing or disclosing to the federal government personal information about a person's religious beliefs, practices and affiliations when the federal government's motivation is to compile a database of persons based on religious belief, practice, affiliations, national origin or ethnicity for law enforcement or immigration purposes.

## Current Faces

Davis New Star Chinese School for K-9 student offers Mandarin language training, cultural events and field trips. Tuition \$130/semester. Info: [www.newstardavisca.org](http://www.newstardavisca.org), [nscsdavis1@gmail.com](mailto:nscsdavis1@gmail.com)

Davis Chinese School meets Friday at Davis High School. Registration is ongoing year-round. Contact [dcs@davischineseschool.org](mailto:dcs@davischineseschool.org) or Jay Chen 530/291-0644

David Hosley of Davis was honored by Asian American Journalist Assn for producing "Arnold Knows Me: The Tommy Kono Story." The documentary depicts the Olympic hero from Sacramento at the peak of his weight lifting career in Helsinki, Melbourne and Rome.

Nancy P. Lee was nominated by her peers to be one of the Sacramento Business Journal's "Best of the Bar" attorney honorees.

## Pilgrimage to Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony

October 7

The Nichi Bei Foundation presents a Japanese American community pilgrimage to the historic site of the first large settlement of Japanese in America on Saturday, October 7th, with program from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the former Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony site in Placerville. For this inaugural biennial Wakamatsu Pilgrimage, the Nichi Bei Foundation is organizing buses throughout Northern California, departing from San Francisco's Japantown, San Jose's Japantown, and J-Sei in Emeryville, which will be joined by a bus organized by the Riverside Tanoshimi Kai in Sacramento.

The special program will be generally limited to those arriving in the Nichi Bei Foundation buses. It is recommended for persons who can walk unassisted for at least one mile.

Located in present-day Placerville, the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony was the first large settlement of Japanese in America (22 farmers and craftspersons). A national and state historic landmark, the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony was established June 8, 1869. It is also the birthplace of first Japanese American, and the grave site of the first Japanese woman buried in the US, Okei Ito.

This year's pilgrimage is a rare opportunity to learn about the storied history of this colony led by John Schnell and former samurai from Aizu-Wakamatsu, present-day Fukushima Prefecture, Japan. Participants can also trace their own roots through family history consultations led by volunteers from the California Genealogical Society.

### Program highlights:

- Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony tours and exhibits, including the Okei Ito grave site and Graner House.
- Gene Gibson, great-great grandson of Kuninosuke Masumizu, a former Wakamatsu Colony settler.
- Talk on the Japanese immigrant experience by San Francisco State University Asian American Studies Professor Christen Sasaki, Ph.D.
- Free Family History Consultations with volunteers from the California Genealogical Society.
- Preview of Wakamatsu Colony Farm renovation and WakaFest150.
- Blessing by Rev. Ronald Kobata, Buddhist Church of San Francisco.
- Taiko performance by Placer Ume Taiko.
- Bento lunch included in bus package fees (except for Riverside Tanoshimi Kai bus).
- Wakamatsu Colony-related books for sale.
- Craft activity.

SPECIAL BUS PACKAGES — First come, first served

The Nichi Bei Foundation will be launching buses from three Bay Area locations — including San Francisco and San Jose Japantowns, as well as the East Bay — while



collaborating with a group departing from Sacramento. Bus package fees include charter bus fee, bento lunch and water, Wakamatsu site tours and program including family history consultations. The packages are first come, first served.

- **SAN FRANCISCO PACKAGE** (Limit: 90 persons): Bus loads at 8:15 a.m. \$70 per person; \$60 Nichi Bei members/subscribers. Departs 8:45 a.m. from Japantown Peace Plaza, Post at Buchanan streets
- **EAST BAY PACKAGE** (Limit: 45 persons): Bus loads at 8:45 a.m. \$70 per person; \$60 Nichi Bei members/subscribers. Departs 9:15 a.m. from J-Sei, 1285 66th St., Emeryville, Calif.
- **SAN JOSE PACKAGE** (Limit: 50 persons): Bus loads 8 a.m. \$70 per person; \$60 Nichi Bei Foundation members/subscribers. Departs 8:30 a.m. from San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 N 5th St., San Jose's Japantown

### WANT TO JOIN US FROM SACRAMENTO?

A Riverside Tanoshimi Kai bus will depart at 8:45 a.m. (check-in 8 a.m.) on October 7 from the Sacramento Betsuin Buddhist Church. \$25 General / \$20 for Riverside Tanoshimi Kai members. Bring your own lunch and folding chair. RSVP/Info: Helen Sakaishi at [hsakaishi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hsakaishi@sbcglobal.net) or call 916/600-9291.

Replaces Nikkei Angel Island Pilgrimage this year

The Wakamatsu Pilgrimage replaces a previously planned fourth Nikkei Angel Island Pilgrimage, which this year conflicts with the annual Fleet Week. The Nikkei Angel Island Pilgrimage was launched by the Nichi Bei Foundation in partnership with other organizations in 2014, bringing more than 1,300 people to the former Immigration Station over three years, including more than 650 in 2014 in perhaps the largest such pilgrimage.

"We're proud to have worked in partnership with other organizations to present such meaningful pilgrimages to the Angel

Island Immigration Station the past three years, reconnecting the Japanese American community to our nearly lost legacy on the island while recognizing those who helped to rediscover its history," said Kenji G. Taguma, Nichi Bei Foundation president. "Due to complications with an unusually early Fleet Week this year, we felt compelled to change directions, but we're proud to seamlessly present a pilgrimage to the historic Wakamatsu Colony site — connecting Japanese American communities throughout Northern California — while continuing to offer family history research consultations through our partners from the California Genealogical Society."

This inaugural biennial Wakamatsu Pilgrimage is presented by the Nichi Bei Foundation in partnership with the American River Conservancy and the California Genealogical Society. It is supported by the Riverside Tanoshimi Kai at the Sacramento Betsuin Buddhist Church, J-Sei, San Francisco State University Asian American Studies, San Francisco chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League and San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin. The Wakamatsu Pilgrimage is sponsored by the California Civil Liberties Public Education Fund, a program of the California State Library.

To order bus packages from the Bay Area, visit: [www.nichibei.org/wakamatsu-pilgrimage](http://www.nichibei.org/wakamatsu-pilgrimage). For questions, e-mail: [programs@nichibefoundation.org](mailto:programs@nichibefoundation.org) or call 415/673-1009.

### Davis Mosque vandal gets probation

The judge did not order Lauren Kirk-Coehlo to serve any more jail time for her hate crime vandalism of the Islamic Center of Davis. Instead Yolo County Judge Daniel Maguire placed the defendant on five year probation with intense supervision and therapy. Prosecutors requested a state prison term for her January 22nd vandalism on bicycles, windows and the laying of bacon on the mosque door handles. She paid \$7,612 in restitution and is required to perform 120 hours of community service

### JACL speaks out against Charlottesville, Seattle violence

*Charlottesville Virginia: Saturday August 12. White Nationalist Rally turned violent between white nationalists and counterprotesters over the city's decision to remove a Robert E. Lee statue. A 32-year-old woman died when an Ohio car plowed into the crowd; two state police officers on patrol died when their helicopter crashed. Thirty-four others were injured. President Trump was criticized widely for blaming the violence on the both sides of the clash.*

*Seattle Washington: Sunday August 13. Seattle police kept peaceful protesters away from a Patriot Prayer rally "in support of freedom and free speech." The counter protesters carried signs opposing hate and the KKK. A few skirmishes broke out and a few arrests were made, but otherwise the rallies were peaceful.*

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) joins with the overwhelming majority of Americans who denounce the racism, bigotry, and violence that resulted in three deaths this weekend in Charlottesville, Virginia. This is not the first overt act of terrorism against a minority community this year, but the first to result in death. The unbridled white supremacist ideology espoused at the rallies in Charlottesville and Seattle must not be accepted as free expression of opinion, but repudiated as an incitement to commit hate crimes against minority communities and individuals. Hate speech leads to hate crimes.

We take this opportunity to call attention to actions less violent in nature, but equally steeped in racist and bigoted ideology and equally devastating in effect upon minority communities. The Trump administration has systematically dismantled the very instruments our government has in place to protect minorities from discrimination.

The Justice Department's rollback in the use of consent decrees to enforce civil rights laws leaves minority communities more vulnerable to discrimination from the very local government agencies that are intended to provide protection. The administration has indicated its intention to roll back the gains that affirmative action has brought to higher education. The unconstitutional travel ban is a focused effort to discriminate against people solely because of their religion.

The JACL has a long history of standing against racism and bigotry throughout our 88 years. These are not new expressions of hatred, but rather another mark in the long indelible stain upon our nation's history of discrimination against minority people and their communities.

The Japanese American Citizens League is a national organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry. The leaders and members of the JACL also work to promote cultural, educational and social values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community.

### Calendar

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Nov 1 Wed **ACC Senior Services "Essential Estate Planning Checklist."** 1-2pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). In this free legal workshop, you will learn about the basic estate planning documents that you need so your family members may avoid the expense and hassle of dealing with probate court after you pass away. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Nov 3 Fri **ACC Senior Services "Social Security Presentation."** 1-2pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). This presentation will be about Social Security Retirement benefits. Specifically, we will discuss eligibility rules such as what it means to receive benefits before, during, or after normal retirement age and eligibility requirements to receive spouse's, divorced spouse's, or widow's benefits. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Nov 4 Sat **My Sister's House: Run for A Safe Haven.** 5K run/walk. 9am at William Land Park (Sac). Info: my-sisters-house.org

Nov 5 Sun **Sacramento Chinese Culture Foundation: 2nd California Capitol Region East & West Health Fair.** 11am-4pm at Calif. Northstate University College of Medicine Event Center (9650 West Taron Dr, Elk Grove). Free. Speakers, vendors, kids activities. Info: www.sccfsac.org

Nov 7 Tue **ACC Senior Services "Dementia Conversations."** 2-3:30pm (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). This workshop will offer tips on how to have honest and caring conversations with family members about common difficult conversations: 1. Going to the doctor; 2. Deciding when to stop driving; 3. Making legal and financial plans. Free. To register: call the Alzheimer's Association at 800/272-3900 or e-mail lvilleda@alz.org.

Nov 10 Fri **ACC Senior Services Craft and Bake Sale.** 9am-3pm (ACC Greenhaven Terrace, 1180 Corporate Way, Sac). Info: 916/394-6399 x130, www.accsv.org.

Nov 11 Sat **City of Sacramento - Neighborhood Services Division: 7th Annual Veterans Day Parade.** 11am at Capitol Mall (between Third and Ninth Sts, Sac.) Info: Yvonne Riedlinger yriedlinger@cityofsacramento.org.

Nov 16 Thu **American Leadership Forum Annual Exemplary Leader Dinner.** 5:30-9pm at Sacramento Memorial Auditorium (1515 J St. Sac). Honoring: Basim Elkarra/CAIR Executive Director - Class XIV; Lial Jones/Crocker Art Museum Executive Director - Class VI; Patrick Mulvaney/Mulvaney's B & L Owner - Class XIII. Info: karen@alf-mvc.org

Nov 16 Thu **ACC Senior Services "Internet Safety: A Computer User's Guide to Privacy and Security."** 2:30-3:30pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). Learn some simple steps to help you avoid becoming a victim. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Nov 18 Sat **CAPITAL Meeting.** 8:30-11am at Sacramento Sheriff Central Station (7600 65th St, Sac.) Info: Sonney Chong sonney.chong@att.net

Nov 30 Thu **Pilipino National Day Assn's "Filipino Fork"** a celebration of local Filipino Cuisine and Culture. Info: pnda.sac@gmail.com



Dec 2 Sat **Sacramento Senator Lions Club: Dandelion Arts and Crafts Show.** 9am-3pm at Sacramento Buddhist Church (2401 Riverside Blvd, Sac). Free. Info: www.sacramentosenatorlions.org, senatorlionsevents@gmail.com

Dec 5 Tue **ACC Senior Services "Victims Rights and Services."** 11am-12pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). Did you know that victims of crime have 17 rights in the California Constitution? Join the Victims of Crime Resource Center team to learn about these rights and how to enforce them. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Dec 7 Thu **ACC Senior Services "The Upside of Downsizing."** 11am-12pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). Choosing what to keep and what to leave behind when downsizing to a smaller living space is only part of the equation in this life-changing transition. Whether you are 36 or 86 years old, there are things that we can do to help make our transitions easier. \$3 pre-paid/\$5 drop-in. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Dec 12 Tue **ACC Senior Services "Identity Theft."** 2:30-3:30pm ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). Join us for a FREE workshop to learn how to protect your personal information and avoid being a victim of this crime. You will also learn how to identify ID theft and take timely action to clear up the problems and minimize the damage. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Dec 15 Fri **ACC Senior Services "Estate Planning for Grandchildren."** 1-2pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). Learn more about the various ways that you can incorporate your grandchildren into your estate plan. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

### Manzanar at Dusk fundraising

The Manzanar at Dusk committee sponsors an annual event that takes place after the Manzanar remembrance ceremony during the annual pilgrimage. Manzanar at Dusk is a youth-led program to help teach new generations of people about the injustices of the incarceration camps. Currently, the committee is raising money for a three-day retreat where we will be receiving intensive hands-on training about Manzanar in order to make the Manzanar at Dusk program more effective. For more information, check their website at [www.generosity.com/education-fundraising/keeping-japanese-amer-incarceration-stories-alive](http://www.generosity.com/education-fundraising/keeping-japanese-amer-incarceration-stories-alive)

## Calendar

Ongoing - **Unity Center exhibit at the California Museum.** An interactive multimedia exhibit highlighting leaders in California's civil rights history. Admission \$9/adults, \$7.50/students, \$6.50/youth, children under 5 free. Museum hours Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun Noon-5pm. 1020 O St, Sac. Inf: www.californiamuseum.org

Sept 30 Sat **Iu-Mien Community Services (IMCS) Annual Banquet.** 6-9pm at Asian Pearl Restaurant (6821 Stockton Blvd, Sac.) Info: Stacy Saechat stacymsh@gmail.com

Sept 30 Sat **Parkview Presbyterian Church Breakfast Buffet 2017.** 8-11am at 727 T St, Sac. \$15/donation, \$6/children 6-10. Info: 916/443-4464

Sept 30 Sat **"Fred Korematsu Speaks Up"** - children book authors Laura Atkins and Stan Yogi tell of Fred Korematsu's fight for justice. 1030am-noon at Stephens Davis Branch Library (315 E. 14th St, Davis). Free. Book sales/signing. Sponsored by ACLU, Yolo County Library and Friends of Davis Library. Info: www.yolocountylibrary.org

Oct 1 Sun **International House Davis: 7th Annual International Festival- "Unity in Diversity."** Noon-5pm at Central Park (Davis.) Free. Arts and crafts, food, live entertainment, culture booths.

Oct 3 Tue **ACC Senior Services "Knowing When To Get Help."** 3-4pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). This workshop will address signs and indicators that it's time to get help and resources you can tap into. \$3 pre-paid/\$5 drop-in. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Oct 5 Thu **ACC Senior Services "Holiday Safety."** 1-2:30pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). In this workshop, we will discuss fire hazards, decorating mishaps, auto burglaries and much more. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Oct 7 Sat **Ka'onohi Foundation: Sacramento Aloha Festival.** A Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander Festival. 930am opening, 10am-6pm at Cal Expo (Sac.) Free. \$10 parking fee. Info: Mona Foster 916/996-6602 www.sacalohafest.org

Oct 7 Sat **APAPA: 16th Annual Voter Education and Candidates Forum.** 1-4pm at CSUS University Union Ballroom (6000 J St, Sac). Free. RSVP: www.2017votersforum.splasht\_hat.com, 916/928-9988

Oct 7 Sat Florin JACL: Nikkei Dogs, Cupcakes and Free Bingo Night. 530-8pm at Buddhist Church of Florin (7235 Pritchard Road, Sac). Info re tickets, sponsors and donations: https://gallery.mailchimp.com

Oct 7 Sat **Opening Doors: Festival of Flavors.** Sacramento's premier international food event. Local food, wine and craft beer donated for Festival. 6-10pm at Sierra 2 Community Center (2791 24th St, Sac). \$65/person (food and alcohol beverages), \$45/person (food only). Info: 916/492-2591

Oct 7 Sat **Nichi Bei Foundation Community Pilgrimage to Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony in Placerville.** Buses will be leaving from SF Japantown, San Jose's Japantown, J-Sei in Emeryville and Sacramento Betsuin Buddhist

Church. Riverside Tanoshimi Kai. Info: www.nichibei.org/wakamatsu-pilgrimage, programs@nichibeifoundation.org, 415.673-1009

Oct 11 Wed **Chinese film series:** Walking to School. Nov 8 A Time in Quchi. Dec 13 Mark of Youth. Jan 10 Orz Boyz. 6pm in the Blanchard Room of Stephens Branch Library (315 E. 14th St, Davis). Free. Sponsored by Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Taiwan Cinema Toolkit, Chinese Consulate of SF and Friends of the Davis Public Library. Registration required: joan.tuss@yolocounty.org, shuqin.jiao@yolocounty.org

Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13 Wed **ACC Senior Services Family Caregiver Support Group.** 12-1:30pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). The group's purpose is to provide emotional support, encouragement, and affirmation to caregivers of adult family members. Free. Info: Soojin Yoo, 916/393-9026 x326, syoo@accsv.org.

Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14 Thu **ACC Senior Services Parkinson's Support Group.** 12-1:30pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). This support group provides resources, counseling, and support to family caregivers of individuals with Parkinson's. Info: Parkinson's Association, 916/685-4162.

Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14 Thu **ACC Senior Services Phone and PG&E Bill Review Clinic.** 2-4pm ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). Paying too much for phone service? PG&E bill unusually high? Bring your questions and a recent phone (landline or wireless) or PG&E bill and we will explain your charges, identify fraud, or save you money! Free. Drop-ins welcome on a first come, first served basis. Info: 916/393-9026 x 339, team@accsv.org.

Oct 14 Sat **Chinese American Council of Sacramento & CACS Foundation's 30th Anniversary / Gold Mountain Celebration Dinner.** 530-830pm at SASF Community Center (9040 High Tech Ct, Elk Grove.) \$88/person, \$700/table of 8. Info: Brenda Fong bjfong1950@yahoo.com, Karun Yee yee911@aol.com, www.cacsweb.org

Oct 14 Sat **Alzheimer's Association: 2017 Stockton Walk to End Alzheimer's.** 930am at Weber Point (221 N Center St, Stockton.) Info: Cheryl Schrock 209/248-0948, cschrock@alz.org

Oct 14 Sat **TOFA's 17th Annual Scholarship & Fundraiser Luau.** 6-9pm at 4000 Truxel Rd, Sac. \$65/individual, \$500/table. Info: Lucy Oback 916/479-0339, Ofa Mann 916/612-4543, info@tofainc.org

Oct 15 Sun **Davis Phoenix Coalition's UPSTANDER CARNIVAL,** an event to teach kids to stand up to bullying. 2-4pm at Davis Veterans Memorial (E. 14th St, Davis). Free.

Oct 15 Sun **Documentary: "And Then They Came For Us."** 330pm at AMC Theater-Van Ness 14 (1000 Van Ness Ave, SF.) \$15/ticket. Showing will be followed by a panel discussion.

Oct 15 Sun **Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony -Public Tour Day.** 941 Cold Springs Rd, Placerville. Info: ARConservancy.org/wakamatsu

Oct 16 Mon **AAJA Sacramento: 2017 Chefs Showcase.** Featuring Luke Chang (owner of Taiwan Best Mart) and Mora Som (owner of Taste of Angkor.) Enjoy appetizers from local restaurants and sip on wine. 6-730pm at Brazilian Center for Cultural Exchange of Sacramento (2420 N St, Sac). \$50/person, \$25/

AAJA members & students. Info: Sandy Louey, slouey@juno.com. http://aajasacramento.org/aaja-sacramento-announces-2017-chefs-showcase-fundraiser/

Oct 17 Tue **ACC Senior Services "Diabetes 101-Overview of Diabetes and its Management."** 3-4:30pm ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Oct 18 Wed **ACC Senior Services "'No' is a Complete Sentence."** 1-2:30pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). This one-of-a-kind event promises a thought-provoking presentation on financial elder abuse prevention and how and why to say "NO" to family, friends, and solicitors using trained actors presenting scenes depicting common elder abuse situations. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Oct 21 Sat **Kelli's Cookies for Goodness Bakes: Taste of Placer 2017.** Fun filled evening sampling of diverse cuisine and beverages from area's finest establishments. Kelli's Cookies' mission is to mentor, employ and inspire foster youth and at-risk youth in Placer and Sacramento to achieve independence as well as financial and social prosperity. 530-9pm at Roseville Sports Complex (15456 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville). Sponsorships available. (advance), \$50/at door. Info: kelli@kelliscookies.com

Oct 21, 22 **Growing Up Sansei, a Grateful Crane Ensemble Event,** presented by Buddhist Church of San Francisco and San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin. Live reading of "Garage Door Opener" by Soji Kashiwagi. A dialogue with Dr. Satsuki Ina about WWII camp and its effects on generations of Japanese Americans including shame and decluttering of emotional and physical baggage. Yonsei Acapella Singers The Grateful 4 will perform. Oct 21 1-4pm at San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin (640 N. 5th St, SJ). Oct 22 3-6pm at Buddhist Church of San Francisco (1881 Pine St, SF). \$20/person. Tickets: 415/776-3158 or 408/293-9292. Online: brownpapertickets.com

Oct 21 Sat **My Sister's House 10th Anniversary High Tea.** 11am-1pm at Chinese Community Church (5600 Gilgunn Way, Sac). \$35/person by 10/10, \$45/person. Info: www.my-sisters-home.org

Oct 22 Sun **Poston Community Alliance presents "For the Sake of the Children"** and panel discussion. Poston was one of the ten WWII prison camps in which Japanese Americans were incarcerated. 2pm at New People Cinema (1746 Post St, SF). \$10 donation.

Oct 26 Thu **ACC Senior Services "Medicare Annual Enrollment: An Overview and Update of Medicare 2018 Coverage and Options."** 10-11am (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). This workshop provides an overview of the Medicare program including eligibility cost benefits and recent changes. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Oct 27 Fri **UC Berkeley Asian American & Asian Diaspora Studies: Advancing Our Legacy fundraising reception.** 6-830pm at UCB Alumni House. \$10/student, \$100+/person. Info: asianamerican50th@gmail.com

Oct 28 Sat **Locke Foundation Fundraiser.** 6-8pm at Hong Kong Islander Restaurant (5675 Freeport Blvd, Sac). \$55/person, \$500/table. Info: Anita