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## Did Harry Reid apologize fast enough?

Probably.

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*"The Asian population is so productive. I don't think you're smarter than anybody else, but you've convinced a lot of us you are."*

*"One problem I've had today is keeping my Wongs straight."*

The next day Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nevada) apologized, "My comments were in extremely poor taste and I apologize. Sometimes I say the wrong thing."

It wasn't the first time the 74-year-old Reid has been forced into damage control after some racially-tinged remarks sparked controversy.

In the 2008 election," Reid described then-Senator Barack Obama as "light-skinned" and lacking a "negro dialect, unless he wanted to have one" and likely to win.

Reid later apologized and said he deeply regretted "using such a poor choice of words."

When will Senator Reid learn to think before he opens his mouth??

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### "We should say to ourselves, not one more"

Elliot Rodger was 22 years old, 5-9, 135 and drove a black BMW given to him by his mother to improve his college status. Born in London, the family moved to LA when he was five. He attended an Encino catholic high school, a Woodland Hills high school and graduated from a Lake Balboa continuation high school. He suffered from being bullied in school. His parents divorced in 1999. He attended a series of colleges before going to Santa Barbara City College.

On Friday May 23, 2014, he left six others dead and 13 injured. Rodger emailed a 137 page manifesto to his therapist, family, and friends before he left to start the carnage. The therapist contacted his mom Li-Chin Rodger, a Malaysian who has worked in the film industry, about the manifesto. After watching 30 seconds of her son's latest YouTube video called "Retribution," she called her ex-husband movie director Peter Rodger and together they rushed to Santa Barbara as news reports emerged about their son's massacre. They were concerned about their son every day. They have since told the world, "We are crying in pain for the victims and their families," the statement reads. "It breaks our heart on a level we didn't think possible. The feeling of knowing that it was our son's actions that caused the tragedy can only be described as Hell on earth."

Rodger was diagnosed as a high functioning with Asperger syndrome. He saw numerous therapists during his childhood. His parents were hopeful that therapy and medication could resolve their son's inability to make friends and his resulting rage. On April 30th, the police contacted a polite and cooperative Rodgers after his therapist alerted them to bizarre videos he had posted on YouTube.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Rodger stabbed his roommates Cheng Yuan Hong and George Chen, both from San Jose and their friend Weihan Tang of Fremont, to death. His shooting rampage started around 930pm and lasted 10 minutes. After he crashed, Rodger apparently died of a self inflicted gunshot. Three guns and more than 41 loaded 10-round magazines of ammunition were found in the vehicle. The guns had been legally purchased at local stores and were actually registered to Rodger. Rodger apparently

had never been hospitalized for mental health issues which would have taken away his gun rights.

The former roommate Chris Rugg said that he had a "bad feeling" while living with Rodger and should have taken the "opportunity to help" his troubled roommate. "I felt that this was someone who needed help and he had put himself in a position where he couldn't help himself and that puts it on the community to help those who can't help each other," Rugg, a UCSB film major junior. "I had my opportunity living with him when I knew things were up that I could have called in and it was my opportunity to help and I didn't." Rugg moved out of the apartment he shared with Rodger and another male student last June because he was "getting really uncomfortable living there." Looking back at Rodger's deadly rampage, Rugg said he saw all of the warning signs that something wasn't right. Even still, "I just didn't want to put myself out there when it mattered," he regrets.

Rodger's current roommates Hong and Chen knew about Rodger's firearms because they could hear the gun trigger clicking. Rodger also bragged to others about pulling the trigger. The roommates overheard telephone conversations from Rodger's bedroom that got "angrier and louder." A police report taken wherein Rodger's roommate admitted to taking Rodger's candles shows that relationships in the apartment had already soured. Rodgers and his roommates were assigned to the apartment based on a worksheet match. One roommate already had plans to move out.

It is the entire community's responsibility to learn from this tragedy:

Bullying – Victims must be taught how to positively respond to bullying, bullies needs to have consequences and bystanders must feel empower and responsible to step in.

Social interaction – Everyone, even the mentally ill needs to be treated with respect.

Mental health – Rodger was in therapy. Family, friends and bystanders must intervene when the  
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## Santa Barbara deadly rampage

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the opportunity presents - whether it is to reach out to the ill person or to the family, or to call the police. When the person is acquiring weapons, everyone needs to be on heightened awareness. When the person communicates extreme ideas - in person, over the internet, in writing - share your concern with someone.

Gun control - Rodgers bought his weapons lawfully and locally. Whenever a mental ill person accumulates weapons - from stores, by mail order, at gun shows - a bystander should report these observations to someone.

"I realized that if I am not surprised that this is something he would have done then why did I not say anything?" Rugg said. "For situations like this, it's a community's responsibility to help these people before something like this happens," he said. "And in Elliot's case I guess we failed, but if we take from this and move forward, hopefully we can identify these people before anything happens in the future."

Richard Martinez who lost his son Chris, 20, spoke out: "Our family has a message for every family out there. You don't think it will happen to your child, until it does," "His death has left our family lost and broken." "Chris died because of craven, irresponsible politicians and the NRA. They talk about gun rights. What about Chris' right to live? When will this insanity stop? When will enough people say Stop this madness." "We should say to ourselves, not one more."



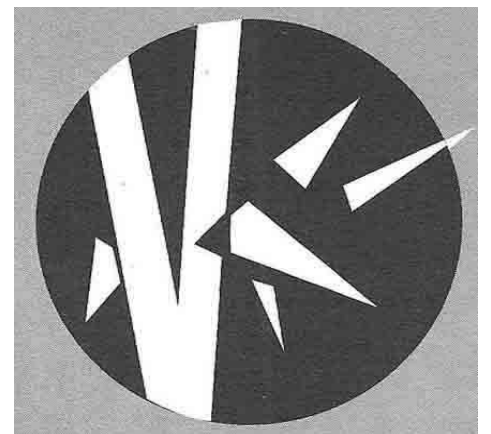
## Jeffrey Uyeda, APSEA President Emeritus, Named Executive Partner at FI\$CAL

7-31-2014 SACRAMENTO - Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today announced the following appointment.

Jeffrey Uyeda, 58, of Sacramento, has been appointed executive partner at the Financial Information System for California. Uyeda has served as assistant chief of the California Department of Technology, Office of Technology Services since 2012. He served as deputy director of administration at the California Highway Patrol from 2010 to 2012 and was manager of multiple awards programs at the California Department of General Services from 2009 to 2010. Uyeda was business development executive for IBM's state and local government practice from 2004 to 2009, strategic account director at Oracle Consulting from 2003 to 2004 and director of business development at IBM from 1999 to 2003. He served in several positions at the California Secretary of State's Office from 1995 to 1999, including assistant secretary of state and chief of the Management Services Division. He was chief of accounting and financial services at the California Department of General Services from 1991 to 1995,



chief of the Audit and Rate Development Section at the California Department of Corrections from 1990 to 1991 and assistant budget officer at the California Department of General Services from 1988 to 1990. Uyeda is a member of the California Asian Pacific State Employees Association.





## APSEA: Joint Legislative Hearing: Examining the State's Commitment to EEO and Diversity in the State Civil Service

The California Legislature (Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security and Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committees) held a joint informational hearing to review EEO and diversity in California State workforce on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Asian Pacific State Employees Association (APSEA) worked with the Coalition of state employee advocacy organizations including the:

- Association of California State Employees with Disabilities (ACSDED)
- CAFÉ de California-Chicano Latino State Employees Association (CAFÉ)
- Black Advocates in State Service (BASS)
- Lorenzo Patino Council of Sacramento (LULAC)

### Coalition Testimony:

The Coalition testified before the Little Hoover Commission last November about the critical need for leadership and strategic planning for the State's human resources and EEO programs. The Coalition's testimony at the Little Hoover Commission and the legislative hearing included the following points:

- Statutory mandates and policy direction are needed if equal employment opportunity is to be achieved at all levels of government.
- An effective EEO program is critical to the State's ability to provide quality service to California's increasingly diverse, multi-cultural and multi-lingual population, and to lower costs by resolving discrimination complaints at the lowest possible level.

### Coalition Concerns:

- People of color and disabled employees continue to be underrepresented in the workforce, particularly in Career Executive policy-making positions.
- As of March 31, 2014, only 29% of Career Executives were people of color while they represent 58% of the population.
- Career executive appointments for men of color have been **decreasing** for the last decade, despite increasing diversity.
- People of color are concentrated in custodial and office support jobs.
- The California Model Employer Initiative mandated in 2002 to address underrepresentation of people with disabilities is still not fully implemented.
- Legislation (AB 124) passed in 2006 created a framework with 18 statutory requirements to effectively implement the State's EEO program is ignored.
- The Administration must recognize the importance and prioritize its efforts to communicate with bilingual communities.

### Coalition recommendations:

To address the lack of accountability and non-compliance by state government:

1. Require all Agency and state departments to include AB 124 compliance steps in their Strategic Plans, and require the Bureau of State Audits to conduct audits of departments for compliance with state and federal EEO mandates.
2. Assign the Government Operations Agency Secretary the responsibility for statewide EEO accountability and compliance. Annually by March 1, require the Agency Secretary to report to the Legislature on EEO compliance.

3. Require the Bureau of State Audits to audit status of the mandated workforce discrimination system.

The Coalition asserted that it is time to embrace diversity and bilingualism in California's civil service workforce. The Legislature must ensure Equal Employment Opportunity at all levels of government and appropriate the resources necessary for effective implementation of those mandates. This requires stronger management and oversight of the State's EEO program to ensure diversity throughout the workforce in our lifetime and to begin a legacy of quality customer service to all of California's public.

As previously reported in Currents, the Coalition has been meeting quarterly with the Governor's Cabinet Secretaries and Department Directors regarding these issues. For the rest of the 13 legislative recommendations or if you have questions, please contact Dean Lan, [dlan0000@gmail.com](mailto:dlan0000@gmail.com).

## Sacramento panel focuses on human factors of innovation



By Paul Danczyk, Director, Executive Education, USC Sol Price – Sacramento Campus Co-Chair, Navigating Leadership 2014

The USC Price School of Public Policy in Sacramento hosted a panel discussion June 24 on "Human Systems and Technology: Leadership and Innovation in Today's Technological World" in partnership with the Asian Pacific State Employees Association (APSEA).

In his opening remarks, Paul Danczyk, USC Price's director of executive education in Sacramento, explained how this session adds to the leadership conversation that is becoming the national blueprint in transforming public organizations.

Moderated by Rebekah Christensen, APSEA board member and founder of Ora, Inc., the panel included: Shell Culp, chief information officer of Stewards of Change Institute; Robert Schmidt, agency chief information officer of the California Department of Food and Agriculture; James Waterman, enterprise region manager at Google, Inc.; and Jeff Uyeda, chief deputy director of the California Office of Technology.

Among the panel's notable insights, Culp discussed "confoundations" that can hinder the incorporation of technological practices in

## APSEA Announces 2014-15 Statewide/ Sacramento Chapter Board of Directors

The Asian Pacific State Employees Association (APSEA) is pleased to announce the organization's 2014-15 Statewide/Sacramento Chapter Board of Directors:

President: Linda Ng  
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governance settings. Culp also noted how innovation takes time, reminding the audience that movements start with a single person and others will join.

Schmidt suggested that innovation has two components – customer needs and technology – and that innovation can start with small successes. He identified a number of innovative apps that CDFA created to assist with things such as identifying insect pests and cattle brands, and finding public weigh stations for trucks.

Waterman encouraged participants to look at challenges through today's technologies and also encouraged them to take action by testing and applying new systems. And to facilitate discussion and reflection, Uyeda spoke about the continuous need for face-to-face interactions and to find ways that spark creativity and curiosity — sometimes independent of smart phones, tablets and computers.

Nearly 80 senior public executives, managers, and students attended the event. The program was the second installment of a three-part "Conversations in Leadership" series that will lead up to the November 13 symposium in Sacramento. For more information on this event series, visit [www.apsea.org](http://www.apsea.org)

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## ACC Senior Services (ACC)



### Bridge to Healthy Families Program Continues to Help Caregiving Families

By Soojin Yoo, MSW, Care Coordinator

It is often said that the caregivers are the unsung heroes of today's long term care system for older adults. They take on this daunting task, usually with very little knowledge and experience, and do their best to be there and give back to their loved ones. Many caregivers find their experience to be meaningful and fulfilling, but the sad part is that caregivers often forget to pay attention to their own wellbeing, because they are focusing all of their time and energy on the care they provide.

The Bridge to Healthy Families program (BHF), which started at ACC in 2009 as a dementia care network, has been one of the leading resources for the caregiving families. BHF provides various types of support services, including care assessments and consultations, information and referral for services, educational workshops, support groups, and much more.

Recently, BHF's community nurse, Judie Higashi, retired and ACC hired Soojin Yoo, MSW, as a Care Coordinator for the program. Soojin, a South Korea native, received her Master of Social Work degrees from Seoul National University in 1998 and University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2004 with a focus on family welfare. She originally joined ACC in 2012 and worked with the TEAM and CHANGES programs. Soojin envisions the BHF program to be a go-to resource for all the inquiries and services needs that caregivers will have throughout their journey.

Any adult caring for an individual of any age with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder with brain dysfunction or any adult caring for an older adult (60 and over) requiring assistance with two or more activities of daily living (eating, dressing, bathing, walking, toileting, and transferring) is eligible for the services. ACC plans to make a special effort to make BHF program more accessible to caregiving families with limited English proficiency by providing in-language support. The Care Coordinator will meet the families to conduct assessments and develop care plans. Follow up will be provided to make sure the family members access the necessary resources.

This program is partially supported by a grant from the Area 4 Agency on Aging. Services are free with donations gladly accepted. For detailed information on the program, contact Soojin Yoo at (916) 393-9026 ext. 336 or at syoo@accsv.org.



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### Are There Fraudulent Charges on Your Phone Bills?

By Susan Sarinas, Program Manager

According to an article that appeared in the Sacramento Bee on July 2, 2014, Anne Flaherty, of *The Associated Press*, wrote that T-Mobile was "the target of a federal investigation and lawsuit" and it was alleged that they "bilked potentially hundreds of millions of dollars from its customers in fraudulent charges." The article went on to say that T-Mobile allegedly "billed consumers for subscriptions to premium text services such as \$10-per month horoscopes or updates on celebrity gossip that were never authorized by the account holder."

The practice of putting unauthorized charges on a person's residential or mobile telephone is also known as "cramming." If you think this is a rare occurrence, you are sadly mistaken. Just last year, AT&T was involved in a Third Party Billing Settlement which affected all AT&T landline telephone customers who were billed for Third Party Charges between January 1, 2005, and January 14, 2013.

Every month we see at least one or two clients with charges on their bills that they do not recognize. We have seen charges for horoscopes, music downloads, and email discount coupons. Just last month, a client brought her cell phone bill to be reviewed. She was paying for her phone and the phones of her two granddaughters. I discovered a monthly charge of \$9.99 on one granddaughter's phone for a Travel Pack, which included Roadside Assistance and Navigator. Unfortunately, that granddaughter was legally blind, unable to drive, and had absolutely no need for the Travel Pack on her phone. If I hadn't asked the client about the charge, she would have just kept paying it every month. She assumed the bill was correct. Over the course of a year, this client would have paid over \$119 for a service that her granddaughter was not using!

What can you do to protect yourself from unauthorized "Third Party Charges?" The most important thing you can do is to check your phone bill every month for any charges that are out of the ordinary. If you are not sure what charges should or should not be on your bill, you can make an appointment to have your phone bill reviewed at ACC Senior Services Center. We can check to see that there are no unusual charges. We may also be able help you save money on your phone bills.

The Telecommunications Education and Assistance in Multiple-Languages (TEAM) program provides free education and assistance with telephone services to seniors and anyone with limited English proficiency. The program is funded by the California Public Utilities Commission. For more information, please contact Susan Sarinas at (916) 393-9026 ext. 339, team@accsv.org or visit the Utilities Assistance page on the ACC website, www.accsv.org.

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### Walk to End Alzheimer's

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## My Sister's House Hosts Book Read and Panel Discussion on Sex Trafficking

"But for many, love is their unmet need." So begins *Runaway Girl: Escaping Life on the Streets* by attorney, advocate and sex trafficking survivor Carisa Phelps. *Runaway Girl* is Phelps' memoir. In it, Phelps describes how at a young age she became ensnared in and eventually escaped sex trafficking at the hands of a brutal pimp in California. Unfortunately, her experiences are not uncommon for young women in America.

*Runaway Girl* is the book selection for the first Human Trafficking Community Book Read and a panel-led discussion hosted by My Sister's House Friends Committee. The panel-led discussion will be at Barnes & Noble at Arden Fair Mall (1725 Arden Way, Sacramento) on Thursday, September 4th at 6:30 p.m.

My Sister's House is a local domestic violence agency focused on Asian and Pacific Islander women and children impacted by domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault in the Central Valley. My Sister's House has been a leading partner of Sacramento's regional anti-human trafficking program since 2009.

In addition to providing the venue for the discussion, Barnes & Noble will contribute a portion of in-store purchases made from August 29th through September 4th, and online purchases made from August 29th through September 9th, to My Sister's House. Purchases must be accompanied by either a My Sister's Cafe coffee mug or a special bookmark created for the Book Read (both to be available at the store during this promotional period) in order to be credited towards My Sister's House.

Copies of *Runaway Girl* may also be purchased for \$15 each at My Sister's House events or by contacting [info@my-sisters-house.org](mailto:info@my-sisters-house.org).

My Sister's House is organizing the Human Trafficking Community Book Read and panel-led discussion to increase public awareness of the issue. Human trafficking is modern day slavery. It can involve forced labor or sexual exploitation, adults or minors, U.S. citizens or foreign born persons of any ethnicity. It occurs in every state in the United States. It is happening here in Sacramento.

For more information about the Human Trafficking Book Read and panel-led discussion, contact My Sister's House by calling (916) 930-0626 or by e-mailing [info@my-sisters-house.org](mailto:info@my-sisters-house.org). To schedule a training or presentation about human trafficking, please contact L. "Rico" Ozaki at [ricoomsh@gmail.com](mailto:ricoomsh@gmail.com).

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When to Use Ethnic Slurs: A Guide

## Is it ever acceptable to say "Chinamen"?

By Eric Liu

When is it permissible to say the word "Chinaman"?

Recently Bob Beckel, a pundit and Democratic operative best known for engineering Walter Mondale's 49-state presidential defeat in 1984, got himself in trouble for saying on Fox News that "Chinamen" have become America's greatest threat.

Critics here and abroad jumped on Beckel's casual slur, and many found his un-apologetic apology unsatisfying. I was among them. But I had to think about it a beat longer. You see, I'm the author of a new book about being Chinese American in this tension-filled age of China and America. It's called *A Chinaman's Chance*.

The Beckel flap prompted me to spell out my intuition and instinct about when the use of the word "Chinaman" could be okay. Which now leads me to offer the four following rules of engagement for words that may be construed as ethnic slurs:

Rule 1: Am I a member of the group that the word is sometimes used to slur? If yes, go to #2. If no, go to #3.

Rule 2: Am I aware that the word has a derogatory use? If yes, go to #3. If no, go to #4.

Rule 3: Am I mocking a slur by reappropriating it? If yes, as one recent and provocative entry in the six-word "Race Card Project" put it, "I can say it; you can't." If no, go to #4.

Rule 4: Am I speaking with intent to praise or to damn the group that the word targets? If to praise, I am out of touch even if I'm not malicious, and I'm possibly still a racist. If to damn, then I am probably both malicious and racist—and will certainly be taken to be.

To put these rules into practice, consider the use of "Chinaman" in the title of my book. The phrase originated in the 1850s when Chinese immigrant laborers were given the most dangerous and thankless tasks in building America's railroads and mining its mountains, such that their chances of survival were often slim to none. It entered into the lexicon like "Indian giver" or "Welshing on a promise"—colorful ways to couple undesirable behavior and undesirable ethnicity.

It's been a long time since the phrase was in common usage. But I myself am what used to be called a "Chinaman" (Rule 1). I am aware that it's been used a slur (Rule 2). And I am indeed mocking the slur by reappropriating it and using it about myself (Rule 3).

More precisely, I am using it with irony and paying homage to my immigrant father's ironic sense

of humor. Chao-hua Liu was a sponge for American idiom and slang when he came here in the late 1950s. Somewhere along the way he learned this phrase, realized it was to be used against him and his kind, and decided to defang it by applying it to trivial everyday situations: "The Yankees have a Chinaman's chance of coming back in the ninth inning," he'd say when I was a kid. Or if it was almost closing time at Shop-Rite, "You have a Chinaman's chance of getting there on time!" He taught me how wit can neuter malice—how new Americans can repurpose the language, taking control of words meant to control.

I recently was told another such story about Wing Luke, the first Asian American elected to the Seattle City Council (or to any office in the entire Northwest) in 1962. When he was running, a white politico told him he didn't have a Chinaman's chance of winning the election. Luke replied, without missing a beat, "On the contrary—I am the only one with a Chinaman's chance." That's how you upend a racist.

In a similar vein, consider that the ABC network recently greenlit a sitcom for 2015 called *Fresh Off the Boat*, based on the irreverent memoir of celebrity restaurateur, chef, and television personality Eddie Huang. As Huang was aware when he wrote his book, "fresh off the boat" or "FOB" has long been used by native-born Americans to insult new immigrants who seem crudely unassimilated. But among some Asian Americans, it's also used sarcastically, even playfully.

So Huang now reclaims "FOB" to make light of the way it has been used. That nuance may be lost on some who will watch the sitcom. But this is how race talk evolves. And as Ta-Nehisi Coates has written perceptively about "nigger," the fact that some people will miss the nuance of how a community reclaims a word about itself is no justification for barring the community from using the word.

Still, even by the standards of such reappropriation, I know that "a Chinaman's chance" today can still discomfit. One interviewer told me she felt sheepish saying the name of the book to me. But context matters. So does intention. Speaking with intent to exclude is fundamentally different from speaking with intent to include or to claim inclusion. Most of all, power matters. Slurring down at people with less power than you is reprehensible in a way that slurring sideways or up isn't.

In this light, Beckel's manifestly hostile use of the phrase was clearly wrong. He meant to damn, using a most outmoded and mean-spirited word to achieve its original demeaning purpose—and, worse, blurring lines between the Chinese of China and Chinese Americans, as if we were one indistinguishably hostile mass.

A final example: the "Redskins" NFL franchise owned by Daniel Snyder. Snyder isn't a member of the group (Rule 1). He is most certainly aware that the name is a slur (Rule 2). He is using it in earnest, not as winking reappropriation (Rule 3). He and his defenders can't plausibly claim to be praising Native Americans (Rule 4).

All of which leads to a possible Rule 5: If I am intending neither to praise nor to damn, am I simply dug in and too prideful to change?

If so, I'm headed for the dustbin of American history. With what we can call a very slim chance of rehabilitation.

Source: The Atlantic July 21, 2014

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## 2014 CACS Frank Fat Founder's Award Honoree and Hall Of Fame Inductee Maeley Tom & Jimmie Yee

By Jim T. Chong

The Chinese American Council of Sacramento proudly acknowledges **Maeley L. Tom** and **Jimmy Yee** as this year's Gold Mountain Celebration Honorees.

**Congratulations to Maeley Tom** for receiving the 2014 Frank Fat Founder's Award. This prestigious annual award is presented to an individual who has been a monumental influence as a leader in the API community.

Ms. Tom currently serves on the California State Personnel Board. She spent 20 years in the California State Legislature holding the unique distinction of serving in executive ranking staff positions of both houses, Chief Administrative Officer of the California State Assembly and subsequently as the Chief of Staff to the Senate President Pro Tem.

Ms. Tom has played a major role in helping the API community unite as one voice when there was a lack of political presence in California. Ms. Tom participated in the 1988 convention where for the first time in history, US presidential candidates addressed Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) issues in a national public forum. She has also provided API representation to the campaigns of Clinton/Gore as well as Governor Jerry Brown and was selected by President Ronald Reagan to serve on his Advisory Committee on Women's Business Ownership. She was appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve as a US delegate to the United Nations Women's World Conference Platform Committee in New York in 1995. She served on Governor Gray Davis' California Advisory Task Force on Diversity and was appointed as the first Asian American to serve on the California State Personnel Board in its 64 years history.

The 2014 CACS Hall Of Fame Inductee is **Sacramento County Supervisor Jimmie Yee**,

currently serving his 2<sup>nd</sup> term. He has been a major influence in the API community demonstrating his hard work and sense of integrity. Many of the landmark buildings in Sacramento can be attributed to Mr. Yee's architectural firm he started in 1966, including the Sacramento Convention Center, Capitol Bank, Riverview Plaza and Sutter General Hospital, to name a few.

In 1992, Mr. Yee was elected to three 4-year terms on the Sacramento City Council representing Council District Four. In 1999, he was unanimously selected to serve as Acting Mayor to fulfill the remainder term of the late Mayor Serna in 2000. Over the years, Mr. Yee has been active with many organizations and causes throughout the Sacramento community. He organized the first Asian bone marrow drive in the United States in 1989, resulting in more than 2,500 people registering. He is a life member of the Chinese American Council of Sacramento.

**We are excited to celebrate Maeley Tom's and Supervisor Jimmie Yee's lifetime accomplishments.**

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## On undocumented minors

By Betty Cao, Chinese for Affirmative Action

*"The history of Chinese immigrants relates to the children at the Mexico border. They come here because they want better lives for themselves and their families. They didn't have any other choice*

*but to leave due to war, violence, and hard times. It is another reminder that we really need immigration reform and to be compassionate to our new undocumented immigrants."*

Un Un Che, a community leader I know through the CAA Parent Advocates program, shared these thoughts with me last Thursday during an outing to the Angel Island Immigration Station. Located just a short ferry ride from the San Francisco pier, this state park was once the site of a federal immigration detention and processing center. From 1910 to 1940, Angel Island detained hundreds of thousands of immigrants--and the vast majority of them were from China.

Un Un and I were there as part of our efforts to educate and organize limited-English proficient parents of San Francisco public school students to become empowered and engaged advocates. Parents in the program participate in a host of activities, where they learn about education, immigrant rights, and leadership skills.

More than thirty of us went to Angel Island to connect with the history of Asian immigration right here in the Bay Area. We saw rooms where young immigrant children were subjected to harsh and unreasonable interrogations. We learned how Asian immigrants endured humiliating health inspections. And we read poems inscribed on the walls expressing the frustration and anger of those detained over 100 years ago.

It was a powerful experience for the parent advocates, many of whom brought their children. Carol Zhang, a recent immigrant herself, said, "Both my son and I know more history, and he can also pass this on to generations after us. Before, I didn't think immigrant rights related to me, but now I feel like I have to explore and step out of my comfort zone to learn about our history and how it affects current issues."

For me, visiting Angel Island brought to mind what many of us have been reading in the news right now about unaccompanied immigrant children at the U.S. and Mexico border. Today's Central American immigrants are being detained in inhumane conditions and they are being trapped by harsh questioning and intimidation tactics. It really hits home seeing how our government and society are harshly overreacting to newcomers today just as they did a century ago.

The trip to Angel Island and the close examination of Asian immigration history helped me and the parent leaders better understand why we must continue fighting for the humane treatment of all immigrants. In my work with immigrant parents, I see how all people, regardless of their country of origin, basically just want better lives for their children and themselves.

For those of who want to help with the unaccompanied minors at the border, Chinese for Affirmative Action is collecting signatures petitioning Senator Feinstein to safeguard protections for vulnerable immigrant children. You can add your name at [www.caasf.org](http://www.caasf.org).

## APIs underutilize DACA

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) process is not just for Mexican and Latino youth. The program announced on June 15, 2012 provides temporary relief from deportation and an opportunity to obtain work authorization to certain eligible undocumented individuals who came to the United States as children. With DACA status, individuals can potentially obtain a social security number, apply for a driver's license, apply for scholarships and access additional opportunities in the workforce.

According to a 2012 report released by the US Dept. of Homeland Security, South Korea, the Philippines, and India are included among the top 15 countries of origin for potential DACA applicants. As of January 2012, there were 310,000 unauthorized immigrants living in the United States from the Philippines, 260,000 from India, 230,000 from Korea, 210,000 from China and 160,000 from Vietnam. Still, the DACA enrollment rates of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) are disproportionately low; there are an estimated 108,024 potential DACA beneficiaries from Asia, many who have not applied yet.

It is believed that undocumented APIs are fearful about applying for DACA or community stigma discourages them from seeking these benefits. DACA remains a good legal option for young individuals who immigrated to the United States with no legal status. The DACA initial request and renewal processes require:

Applicants will be responsible for all USCIS application filing fees (\$465.00).

Eligibility Criteria for Deferred Action:

- Arrived in the United States before your 16th birthday
- Be under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012
- Have continuously resided in the United States for 5 years before June 15, 2012 and at the time of application to USCIS
- Entered without inspection before June 15, 2012 or your lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012
- Currently be in school, have graduated high school, or obtained a general education development certificate (G.E.D.), or be an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States
- Have not been convicted of a felony offense, a significant misdemeanor offense, multiple misdemeanor offenses, or otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety
- Pass a background check

IDENTIFICATION needed: passport, birth certificate (translated if not in English), Consular ID, school identification documents

PROOF OF ENTRY UNDER 16: Visa, I-94, and corresponding entry stamp, passport used at entry, other documents supporting your date of entry, immunization records, elementary school records/awards, church records

SCHOOL/MILITARY records: middle school/high school/college diploma, military records

CONTINUOUS RESIDENCY (showing continuously residency from June 15, 2007- present) proof: bank statements, middle school/high school/

college transcripts, medical records, gym membership logs, retail membership logs (Best Buy, Game Stop, Ralphs, etc.), bills with your name on it, church records, correspondence, internet documentation

CRIMINAL RECORD: Do not go to the courthouse/police department if you suspect you have a criminal record/warrant; consult an immigration attorney or have someone go and get the records for you. These documents may include court records, arrest reports, LIVE scan results

Your DACA renewal application needs: You can submit DACA renewal application between 150 to 120 days before your DACA and EAD expiration date. These documents are useful: Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card, DACA Approval Notice, If you've had any contact with law enforcement bring: certified court docket, arrest record, ticket copies, etc., If you have left the country since receiving DACA on Advance Parole (AP) bring: copy of AP approval, travel documents.

## CAIR renounces Foley's assassination

On August 20, 2014, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, condemned what it called the "gruesome and barbaric" killing of American journalist James Foley by the terrorist group Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), also known as the Islamic State.

ISIS released a video of the killing Tuesday. That same video showed a second man identified as American journalist Steven Sotloff and warned that he would be the next hostage killed.

CAIR-Sacramento Valley's Executive Director Basim Elkarra stated on local radio station KFBK: "Muslim scholars from north, east, south, west, you name it, have been condemning this group since its inception. Muslims, historically, treated prisoners with respect and allowed them to go back to their loved ones." (KFBK News Radio, 8/20/14)

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.

## Current Faces, Recent Passings

James Shigeta, Japanese American actor, 81, died in LA. Bridge to the Sun (1961), Flower Drum Song (1961).

Kenji Morishige served as a social worker in San Joaquin County for 30 years.

Coach Mike Makoto Nishio taught, coached and was athletic director at CK McClatchy High School for 32 years.



## News from everywhere

### Glendale Comfort Women monument stays:

In August a federal judge dismissed a lawsuit suing the city of Glendale to remove the monument honoring “comfort women” used by Japan’s military during World War II. Glendale resident Michiko Shiota Gingery and the conservative pro-Japan group Global Alliance for Historical Truth sued to have the statue – a Korean girl seated next to an empty chair – removed because they claim that the city overstepped its bounds by engaging in an international debate. Judge Percy Anderson found no merit in their assertion that they were being injured because they did not feel comfortable visiting the park after the statue’s installation.

### Japan’s apology stands

In June a five member panel appointed by the Japanese Parliament confirmed the validity of the study which led Japan to apologize in 1993 for forcing women into wartime prostitution. The panel reviewed about 250 documents used for the government study for evidence that South Korea pressured Japan for the apology. The panel found that the documents and hearings were enough evidence to support the apology. Historians believe between 20,000 to 200,000 Asian women, many of them Koreans, were forced to provide sex to Japan’s front-line soldiers. In 1995 Japan provided through a private fund 2 million yen (\$20,000) each to about 280 women in the Philippines, Taiwan and South Korea and funded nursing homes and medical aid for Indonesian and former Dutch sex slaves. The compensation was criticized for not being official government compensation.

### Race in UT admissions upheld

A three judge panel of the US Court of Appeals in July upheld the University of Texas at Austin’s consideration of race as one of many factors in admissions. “We are persuaded that to deny UT Austin its limited use of race in its search for holistic diversity would hobble the richness of the educational experience in contradiction of the plain teachings of Bakker and Grutter,” Judge Patrick E. Higginbotham wrote. UT’s Top Ten Percent Plan guarantees the top graduates of every high school in the state admission and since many Texas high schools are largely segregated, many black and Latino students are admitted under that plan. The remaining 19 percent are admitted through a holistic review which considers academic records, individual achievements and experiences. It was UT’s evaluation of these admissions which was challenged, even though this process accounts for only 12 percent of black students and 16 percent of Hispanic students in the entering class.

### The Brain Trust

A digital consulting firm The Brain Trust has formed with the focus to grow and empower Asian Pacific Islander groups online. The firm wants to help API community activists enhance their community organizing skills with digital strategy savvy in order to build political power on the ground and online. This past summer, the firm held its first AAPI Digital Leadership Weekend in Washington DC. The founders are Rohan Grover, Olivia Chow, Vincent Paolo Villano and Deepa Kunapuli.

### Border crisis mirror domestic WWII prisoner camps

World War II Japanese American internment camps were really prisons. How much different are the detention facilities housing the refugee-seeking Central American children and families? “Too often, the United States violates its principles in response

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to the vocal racism and xenophobia of some and the silence of too many who watch it happen,” says Carl Takei, staff attorney with the ACLU’s National Prison Project.

### HBO forgets first rule of brownface

Despite protests, HBO is moving ahead with Australian comedian Chris Lilley, 39, playing the role of a troubled 14 year old boy from the Kingdom of Tonga named Jonah. “Jonah from Tonga” features Lilley, a white man, in brownface as a Tongan boy with behavioral problems who also perpetuates stereotypes.

### Cambodian verdicts

Three and a half decades after the genocidal rule of Cambodia’s Khmer Rouge ended, a UN-backed war crimes tribunal in August sentenced two top leaders of the former regime to life in prison on war crime charges. The verdicts were announced against Kieu Samphan, the regime’s 83 year old former head of state, and Nuon Chea, its 88 year old chief ideologue. They are the only two surviving leaders left to stand trial. The tribunal’s chief judge Nil Nonn said both men were guilty of “extermination encompassing murder, political persecution and other inhumane acts comprising forced transfer, enforced disappearance and attacks against human dignity.” Both had denied wrongdoing. The Extraordinary Chambers in the

Court of Cambodia began operations in 2006 and spent more than \$200 million. Prison director Kaing Guek Eav was sentenced to life imprisonment in 2011. Former Foreign Minister Ieng Sary died in 2013 and his wife Social Affairs Minister Ieng Thirith was deemed unfit to stand trial due to dementia. The top regime leader Pol Pot died in 1998.

### Oakland’s Asian Health Services gets \$1million gift

Dr. Rolland Lowe and Kathryn Lowe have donated \$1 million to Asian Health Services which will fund a new clinic in Oakland’s Chinatown. A dedication ceremony was held in August at 835 Webster St, Oakland. The Lowes have been previously honored by Asian Health Services (2013) and the Asian Law Caucus (014). Mrs. Lowe is an active civil rights leader serving on the boards of Chinese for Affirmative Action and Square and Circle. She has also sat on board of the Chinese Hospital Auxiliary. Dr. Lowe’s medical practice in SF Chinatown served low income immigrants and he is well known for never turning away a patient for lack of funds or insurance.



Protesters in India rally against the killing of Sikhs and government cover-up. (Ensaaf photo)

## Sacramento Sikhs Reach Out Forum on 1984 Sikh Genocide in India

By Andy Noguchi

The 1984 slaughter of thousands of Sikhs in India horrified the Sacramento crowd of 75, including many elected officials, 15 other Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) representatives supporting the Sikh community, and other leaders at the July 16th forum held in Sacramento. The American Sikh Political Action Committee (ASPAC), with Amar Shergill and Darshan Mundy, sponsored this eye-opening event “Remembering the 1984 anti-Sikh Pogroms” for its 30th anniversary approaching this November.

As background, Sikhs (pronounced siks) are the 5th largest world religion and concentrated in the Punjab State of India where they make up about 2% of the country’s population. Men are often distinguished by beards and turbans, a sign of their religious devotion.

There are 23 million Sikhs worldwide including 500,000 in the US, stated the forum. “99% of those wearing turbans in the U.S. are Sikhs,” explained a speaker. The Sikh American community, facing unfair backlash after 9/11, have been key pillars of civil and human rights efforts in recent years.

Sikhs in India have a long history of pushing for equality, democracy, freedom, and autonomy as shown in their Anandpur Resolution of 1973. Some Sikhs have advocated for full independence.

The ruling Indian government strongly repressed this movement often resulting in tragedy. This included the June, 1984 military attack ordered by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi against the holy Sikh Golden Temple killing an estimated 3,000 people; the October assassination of Gandhi by her two Sikh bodyguards; and the November massacre of thousands of innocent Sikhs including over 3,000 in the capital of New Delhi.

Local veterinarian Gupreet Singh told the forum of his experiences when he was a 15 year old in New Delhi. He saw mobs chasing and attacking Sikhs in the park. Some people were saved only due to compassionate Hindu neighbors hiding them.

Elk Grove Unified School Board member and a Sikh, Bobbi Singh Allen, shared that on a 1988 family trip to India the police were still ominously looking for her outspoken Sikh father. She said that “our government apologized to the Native Americans and Japanese Americans, so must the Indian government.”

In 2010, the Sikh religious leaders labeled the mass murder of these innocent men, women, and children as “genocide carried out to eliminate Sikhs from the country.”

The Indian Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) finally concluded in a 2012 report that the ruling Congress party and the New Delhi police had organized and backed the 1984 massacre. “Of 32 members of the Congress Party identified (in the attacks), no case against them was ever brought,” stated forum speaker Bachittar Singh of Ensaaf, a human rights group seeking justice for the victims.

Several community groups attended the event, including the Chinese American Council of Sacramento (CACCS) represented by leaders Honey Lum, Joyce Eng and Alex Eng. Joyce Eng commented that unknown to her and other Americans at the time, these atrocities were “perpetrated by elected officials and law enforcement agents. This is a horrific crime and should not be tolerated by anybody.”

Many public officials came to the forum to show their support. They included California State Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones, State Assemblyman Roger Dickinson, Sacramento County D.A. elect Ann Marie Schubert, Assembly Member Mariko Yamada, and others.

Yamada has been an especially strong backer of the Sikh community stating that “the first step towards reconciliation is acknowledging the facts.” The assemblywoman also sponsored the successful 2012 California Workplace Religious Freedom Act to help prevent discrimination against Sikh, Muslim, and Jewish religious dress.

Amar Shergill wrote that community friends need to understand “the significant role that the events of 1984 continue to play in the lives of local Sikhs. Many families in our region were personally affected by the genocide and its aftermath.” He shared at the forum, that there is currently a “growing right wing fundamentalist culture in India putting Sikhs and other minorities at risk.”

Basim El-Karra, Executive Director of the Council on American Islamic Relations – Sacramento Valley (CAIR-SV) echoed these concerns. He told how in 2002 Indian mobs massacred 1,000 innocent Muslims under similar circumstances in Gujarat State, then under Chief Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership. Today, Modi is the Prime Minister of

India.

Marielle Tsukamoto, President of the Florin Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and a young prisoner in the WWII concentration camps for Japanese Americans agreed on defending human rights. She said that she had learned something important at the forum and that Americans have “an obligation to look beyond our borders”.

The American Sikh Political Action Committee continues to educate others through a public solidarity letter as the 30th anniversary of this human rights tragedy approaches in November. For more information, please see: [www.facebook.com/AmericanSikhPAC](http://www.facebook.com/AmericanSikhPAC) For information on the human rights group Ensaaf, please see: <http://www.ensaaf.org/>

Andy Noguchi is the Civil Rights Co-Chair of the local Florin Japanese American Citizens League (Florin JACL) and writes from Sacramento. He may be contacted at [FlorinJACL@hotmail.com](mailto:FlorinJACL@hotmail.com)

## Current Faces, New Places

**Maxine Hong Kingston** received the 2013 National Medal of Arts at a recent White House ceremony. This Stockton native is known for her books *The Woman Warrior* and *China Men*.

**SMUD Board Members Genevieve Shiroma (Ward 4), Rob Kerth (Ward 5), Dave Tamayo (Ward 6), and Bill Slaton (Ward 7)** were appointed in August by the SMUD Board of Directors because there were no opposing candidates and therefore not need for a November election.

**PacRimStreetFest volunteers needed.** The 23rd Annual Pacific Rim Street Festival 2015 is already actively planning. The committee is recruiting art & crafts, food vendors, entertainers, sponsorship venues & volunteers to make another successful event ready for May 2015. People are also needed to serve on the steering committee. We need your help, your creative ideas, suggestions, man-power & commitment. Most of all we need your heart, body and soul. The committee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. It takes a year to plan such an event far in advance. Info: [www.pacificrimfest.com](http://www.pacificrimfest.com), Laurie Hensley 916/451-6200

**Fort Hood Colonel Viet Xuan Luong** in August became the first Vietnamese American to be made a general – a brigadier general - in US history. Luong’s family evacuated Vietnam during the fall of Saigon in 1975

**2014 Thong Hy Huynh Awards** recognize significant contributions in addressing, improving and resolving civil and human rights issues in Davis. On May these honors were bestowed on: Lifetime Achievement: Cathy Speck, Excellence in Community Involvement: Rev. Bill Habicht, Davis Community Church; Civil Rights Advocacy: Bill Calhoun; Public Servant of the Year: Police Chief Landy Black

**Davis New Star Chinese School** has for 33 years offered beginning to advanced level Chinese language training to school age children. Fridays 7pm at Davis High School. Register: [www.davischineseschool.org](http://www.davischineseschool.org), [dcs@davischineseschool.org](mailto:dcs@davischineseschool.org)



## 2014 SEA Games USA at Gibson Ranch Park

Hmong American Culture Academy of Arts LLC (HACAA) hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> annual SEA Games USA Sports Tournament on July 12-13 at Gibson Ranch Park in Elverta. This largest Asian tournament in Northern California featured soccer, volleyball, rattan ball, flag football, Kato, Top Spin (Tuj Lub), and French Iron Ball games, as well as the first Mrs. Southeast Asian Pageant. HACAA strives to build a healthy society through bridging and connecting Hmong and other Asian ethnicities and sponsoring sports, education, social and cultural events in the Hmong language. HACAA also serves as a resource center to promote self knowledge, self sufficiency, productive and contributing citizens. More information about HACAA is at [www.seagamesusa.com](http://www.seagamesusa.com) or PO Box 232223, Sacramento 95823, 916/427-1250, 916/743-7894.

## Sakura Gakuen Japanese Language School

For over one hundred years Sakura Gakuen has provided Japanese language classes with an emphasis on Japanese culture, customs and traditions. No prior knowledge of Japanese is necessary. Tuition is reasonable and scaled for families with several students. Scholarships are available.

Adult School – Held on Monday evenings and designed for busy people. Teachers are native speakers. Courses are available for travelers for quick conversation skills, reading and writing classes, test preparation for SAT II, AP Test or Japanese Language Proficiency and refresher classes. No mandatory homework!

Saturday School is for 6 to 18 year olds. This school is parent driven and develops a sense of community mirroring that found in Japan. This school sponsors potlucks, cultural events, and field trips. Classes will have 5 to 15 students. High school language credit may be available.

Classes are held at 2401 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento (Buddhist Church of Sacramento).

For more information, visit [www.sakuragakuen.org](http://www.sakuragakuen.org) or call 916/542-0557

## Calendar

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Sept 26-Oct 5 **Kearny Street Workshop APature '14** – KSW's 13th annual art festival. Venues in Oakland and SF (Arc Gallery, Cartoon Art Museum, SUB-Mission, The Garage, The New Parkway Theater). Info: [apature@kearnystreet.org](mailto:apature@kearnystreet.org)

Sept 27 Sat **Alzheimer Assn Sacramento Walk to End Alzheimer.** 8am registration, 930am walk at south steps of State Capitol (11th X N Sts, Sac). 2 mile walk. Info: Jason Glassner 650/962-1902, [jglassner@alz.org](mailto:jglassner@alz.org)

Sept 27 Sat **Parkview Presbyterian Church Breakfast Buffet.** 8-11am at 727 T St, Sac. \$14 donation, 5-10 yrs-\$6, under 4-free. Info: 916/443-4464

Sept 27 Sat **APAPA 13th Annual Voters Education and Candidates Forum.** Co-sponsor Capital Region Community Coalition. 1-5pm at CSUS University Union (6000 J St, Sac). Free. Info: 916/928-9988, [info@apapa.org](mailto:info@apapa.org)

Sept 30 Tue **KQED's "An Evening with Martin Yan and Jacques Pepin."** 630-9pm Under the Dome at Westfield San Francisco Centre (865 Market St, SF). Yan will preview his new series Martin Yan's Taste of Vietnam (begins Sept 13 10am KQED9). \$75/person, \$65/KQED members. Tickets: 415/392-4400.

Oct 3 Fri **CACS Gold Mountain Celebration Dinner.** 530pm at Happy Garden Restaurant (5731 Stockton Blvd, Sac). \$60/CACS member, \$65/nonmember. Honoring Maeley Tom with Frank Fat Founders Award. Inducting Jimmy Yee into CACS' Hall of Fame. Info: Honey Lum 916/261-2118, [hxlum@comcast.net](mailto:hxlum@comcast.net), Joyce Eng 916/995-1186 [jeng916@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeng916@sbcglobal.net).

Oct 4 Sat **Sacramento Aloha Festival at Cal Expo.** 10am-6pm at Cal Expo (Sac). Free. Parking \$10. Educational exhibits, workshops, speakers, presentatins, health and community awareness exhibits, cultural village, Keiki Korner (arts and crafts, educational information), vendors, entertainment. Donations for River City Food Bank accepted. Bring your own chair. Info: Sarah Kaulalena Fonseca 916/502-6319, [resources.sacalohafest@gmail.com](mailto:resources.sacalohafest@gmail.com)

Oct 4 Sat **My Sister's House High Tea.** Info: [info@my-sisters-house.org](mailto:info@my-sisters-house.org)

Oct 4 Sat **Iu-Mien Community Service Annual Iu-Mien Banquet "Honoring Our Journey: Celebrating In-Mien Success."** 5pm networking, 630pm dinner at AA Tasty Restaurant (6601 Florin Rd, Sac). Info: 916/705-5314, [nssaechao@unitediumien.org](mailto:nssaechao@unitediumien.org), [www.unitediumien.org](http://www.unitediumien.org)

Oct 8 Wed **PACT Webinar: What to Expect at the Hospital in Domestic Adoption.** 930-11am. Info: [www.pactadopt.org](http://www.pactadopt.org)

Oct 9 Thu **Tenth Annual Northern California Premium Sake Fest.** 6-9pm at Sheraton Grand Sacramento (1230 J St, Sac). Signature foods, Sushi chef contest, Taiko Drummers, Sashimi tuna cutting demonstration. Benefits: UC Davis Children's Hospital. \$60/advance, \$70 at door. Info: [judy@nafdc.com](mailto:judy@nafdc.com), [www.nafdc.com](http://www.nafdc.com), 916/373-1111 X120

Oct 9 Thu **ACC Senior Services "Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease."** 3-5pm at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). This is an interactive program where you will learn about important legal and financial issues to consider, how to put plans in place, and how to access legal and financial resources near you. Free. Pre-registration requested. Call: 800/272-3900, [ptardio@alz.org](mailto:ptardio@alz.org)

Oct 17 Fri **ACC Senior Services 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Healthy Aging Workshop & Health Fair.** 10am-2pm at ACC Greenhaven Terrace (1180 Corporate Way, Sac). Free. Info: Megan Lucas, 916/395-0210x421 or [mlucas@accsv.org](mailto:mlucas@accsv.org)

Oct 17 Fri **ACC Senior Services "Heartsaver CPR & AED."** 1-4pm at ACC Senior Services Administration Office (7311 Greenhaven Dr, Ste 187, Sac). This is a hands-on course for adult CPR and AED use with a 2-year American Heart Association (AHA) certification. Minimum: 5 participants. Cost does not include \$15 materials fee to be paid to instructor. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required at least two days prior to class date. \$45. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, [classes@accsw.org](mailto:classes@accsw.org).

Oct 25 Sat **Locke Foundation's Locke Harvest Moon Fundraiser.** Noon-4pm at Jean Harvie Community Auditorium (14273 River Rd, Walnut Grove). \$25/person, \$10/children, includes lunch, free parking. Info: 916/776-1661, [www.locke-foundation.org](http://www.locke-foundation.org).

Oct 25 Sat **My Sister's House's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for a Safe Haven.** William Land Park. Kids' half mile, adult 5K runs. Info: [info@m-sisters-house.org](mailto:info@m-sisters-house.org)

Oct 30 Thu **ACC Senior Services "Preventing Unwanted Sales Calls."** 230-330pm at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). In this workshop you will learn about the National Do Not Call Registry and the rules that may reduce the number of sales calls you receive. Find out how to register and how to file a complaint. You will also learn why you may still get calls and what calls are not covered by the Registry. In addition, you will find out about telephone fraud and why you should never say "Yes" to salespeople on the phone. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, [classes@accsv.org](mailto:classes@accsv.org).

Oct 31-Nov 2 **Sikh Parade and Festival.** Sikh Temple Tierra Buena, Yuba City. The festival commemorates the Guru Gaddee inauguration holiday of Sikhism's holy scripture, Siri Guru Granth Sahib, as the everlasting guru of the Sikhs. Worship, fireworks, raising of Nishan Sahib (Sikh flag), open house tour, parade, gatka sword dancing, bazaar, food booths.

Nov 6 Thu **ACC Senior Services "Money Smarts."** 10-11am at Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). Learn how to avoid financial fraud and scams and protect yourself financially. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, [classes@accsv.org](mailto:classes@accsv.org).

Nov 7 Fri **ACC Senior Services 27th Annual Craft and Bake Sale.** 9am-4pm at ACC Greenhaven Terrace (1180 Corporate Way, Sac). Come shop for beautifully crafted items and delicious goodies! There will be baked goods, unique crafts, plants, food, and raffle prizes. Raffle tickets may be purchased at any ACC location. Info: 916/394-6399x143 or [volunteer@accsv.org](mailto:volunteer@accsv.org).

Nov 12 Wed **PACT Webinar "Transracial Adoption: Should We Consider It? Are We Prepared?"** 930-11am. Info: [www.pactadopt.org](http://www.pactadopt.org)

Nov 13 Thu **APSEA 2014 Navigating Leadership Symposium – Integration and Innovation in Government.** 8am-530pm. The culminating event will showcase programs from leading voices in our state's economy. Info: [www.apsea.org](http://www.apsea.org)

Nov 15 Sat **CAPITAL Meeting.** 830am breakfast, 9am meeting at Sacramento Sheriff's Central Station (7000 65th St, Sac).

Nov 20 Thu **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 a free legal document which gives your medical decisions a voice when you may not have the ability to express them. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330

November 27-30 **Hmong New Year Festival.** Cal Expo (1600 Exposition Blvd, Sac). 8am-4pm. Info: [info@sacramento-hmong-new-year.com](mailto:info@sacramento-hmong-new-year.com), PO Box 232118, Sacramento 95823 916/821-2448

Dec 10 Wed **PACT Webinar: "Attachment – Preparing for a Baby through Adoption."** Info: [www.pactadopt.org](http://www.pactadopt.org).

## Calendar

Thru Sept 30 **“Into the Water” exhibition of art by Yan Yin Choy and Fan Dai.** Mon-Fri 8am-4pm at My Sister’s Café (455 Capitol Mall #110, Sac). Info: [www.my-sisters-house.org](http://www.my-sisters-house.org)

Sept 4 Thu **My Sister’s House Human Trafficking Community Book Read and Panel-Led Discussion.** “Runaway Girl: Escaping Life on the Streets, One Helping Hand at a Time” by Carissa Phelps. 630pm at Barnes and Noble (Arden Fair Mall, 1725 Arden Way, Sac). Info: [info@my-sisters-house.org](mailto:info@my-sisters-house.org)

Sept 4-7 **CAAMFEST San Jose** opens with “Meet the Patels” by filmmaker Geeta Patel. Camera 3 Cinema and other venues. Opening night film/party tickets \$30 CAAM members, \$35/general. Info: [CAAMedia.org](http://CAAMedia.org)

Sept 5 Fri **San Francisco Luckyrice Feast.** 7pm at Bently Reserve (301 Battery St, SF). Center for Asian American Media CAAM fundraising event. VIP event (7pm) \$150/person, GA (8pm) \$88/person. Info: [CAAMedia.org](http://CAAMedia.org)

Sept 6 Sat **CAIR 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet: Rooted in Faith, Growing Through Service.** Keynote: Linda Sarsour, Altaf Husain, Rohina Malik. 5pm social, 6pm dinner at CSUS Ballroom (6000 J St, Sac). \$50/person, \$10/child. RSVP: [sacval@cair.com](mailto:sacval@cair.com), 916/441-6269

Sept 6-7 **Annual Japanese Fall Festival Aki Matsuri.** Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm at Oto’s Marketplace (4990 Freeport Blvd, Sac). “Spin the Wheel” for free prizes, live music, food demonstrations, Japanese food booths, shaved ice, Takoyaki, Nagashi Somen, weekend sale. Parking at the Church of the Masters (1900 Potrero Way, behind Rite Aid).

Thru Sept 7 **El Teatro Espejo presents “Enslaved,”** a play capturing the truth behind human trafficking. Fri-Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm at California Stage (25th+R St, Sac). \$15/general, \$13/seniors, veterans, children. Info: [teatroespejo@hotmail.com](mailto:teatroespejo@hotmail.com)

Sept 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 11 Sat **My Sister’s House Fall Shelter Advocate Training.** 830am-530pm. Info: 916/930-0626.

Sept 10, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 10 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: Soojin Yoo, 916/393-9026 x326, [syoo@accsv.org](mailto:syoo@accsv.org)

Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11 Thu **ACC Senior Services Free Phone & PG&E Bill Review Clinics.** 2:30-4:30pm at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). Are you paying too much for phone service? Is your PG&E bill unusually high? Bring a recent phone bill (residential or wireless) or PG&E bill to see if we can save you money. Info: Susan Sarinas, 916/393-9026 x339, [team@accsv.org](mailto:team@accsv.org)

Sept 13 Sat **My Sister’s House Free Legal Clinic.** Info: [www.my-sisters-house.org](http://www.my-sisters-house.org)

Sept 13 Sat **ACC Nursing Home 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser.** 6-9pm at Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation (SASF, 9040 High Tech Court, Elk Grove). Join us for an Asian buffet, desserts, raffle prizes, and no-host wine bar. \$60 (advance), \$75 (at the door). Info: Kimberly Feng, 916/394-6399 x 141 or [kfeng@accsv.org](mailto:kfeng@accsv.org).

Sept 18 Thu **ACC Senior Services “Getting Your Legal House in Order.”** 7pm at ACC Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). Tom Nakashima along with Deborah Short of Planning for Seniors, LLC, will be hosting an informational get-together for boomers with aging parents. Special

guest speaker: attorney James L. Poland. Light appetizers provided by Eddie Fong. Limited seats available. Free. To register: 530/671-3308. Call by 9/12/14.

Sept 20 Sat **CAPITAL Meeting.** 830am social, 9am meeting at Sac Sheriff Central Station (7000 65<sup>th</sup> St, Sac).

Sept 23 Tue **APSEA 2014 Navigating Leadership Workshop – The Time is Now ... Leadership, Innovation and the Unlimited You.** Speaker: Dept of Rehabilitation Director Joe Xavier: “Leadership is less about seeking the light and more about being the light. True leaders lead from the heart – having both the wisdom and the confidence to model what others fear.” Info: [www.apsea.org](http://www.apsea.org)

Sept 23 Tue **ACC Senior Services Estate Planning Workshop.** 3-4pm at ACC Senior Services Administration Office (7311 Greenhaven Dr, Ste 187, Sac). Not sure what to do with your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)? Consider the potential tax benefits you could reap by gifting RMDs to your favorite charity. Find out more about basic to advanced gift strategies and their tax implications. To register: 916/394-6399 x141, [kfeng@accsv.org](mailto:kfeng@accsv.org).

Sept 24 Wed **My Sister’s House “Yes I Can! Domestic Violence Survivors Conference.”** 830am-2pm at SCUSD Serna Building (5735 47<sup>th</sup> Ave, Sac). Co-sponsors: Weave, Stand Up Placer, Empower Yolo, I Can, Sac City Unified School District, A Community for Peace. Register at 916/930-0626.

Sept 25 Thu **ACC Senior Services “Stalking and Harassment.”** 10-11am at Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). Learn what is stalking, how it differs from harassment, and what can you do to protect yourself. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, [classes@accsv.org](mailto:classes@accsv.org).

Sept 25 Thu **ACC Senior Services “Fall Prevention.”** 130-230pm at ACC Senior Services Administration Office (7311 Greenhaven Dr, Ste 187, Sac). Each year, one in every three adults age 65

and older falls. Falls can cause moderate to severe injuries, such as hip fractures and head injuries. In this workshop, you will learn how you can reduce the risk of falling in your home, improve your balance, increase your awareness of hazards outside of your home, and what to do if you fall. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, [classes@accsv.org](mailto:classes@accsv.org).

Sept 25 Thu **ACC Senior Services “Identity Theft.”** 230-330pm at Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). In this workshop you will 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. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, [classes@accsv.org](mailto:classes@accsv.org).

Sept 26 Fri **ACC Senior Services “Fall Prevention & Home Safety.”** 1-2pm at Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). This workshop will discuss falls and fall prevention and offer input on how to make our homes safer and allow us to age in place. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, [classes@accsv.org](mailto:classes@accsv.org).

Sept 26 Fri **ACC Senior Services “Better Mobility.”** 230-330pm at Senior Services Center (7375 Park City Dr, Sac). This workshop will explain how you can maintain your health and well being. After identifying your needs there will be a demonstration of healthy stretches. It will end with some functional exercise that can improve your daily mobility. Wear comfortable clothing. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, [classes@accsv.org](mailto:classes@accsv.org).

Sept 26 Fri **Hmong Women’s Heritage Assn’s Pathfinder Banquet.** 6pm dinner/program at Happy Gardens Restaurant (5731 Stockton Blvd, Sac). Honoring Judge Paul Lo. Info: Nai Saechao 916/402-4008, [nai@hmongwomenheritage.org](mailto:nai@hmongwomenheritage.org)

Sept 26 Fri **Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation: An Evening with Hiroshima.** 7pm at Crest Theater. \$40-50/seat. Info: [www.thecrest.com/tickets](http://www.thecrest.com/tickets), [www.sasfquest.org](http://www.sasfquest.org)

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