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The Quran says: Those who spend their wealth [in Allah's way] by night and by day, secretly and publicly - they will have their reward with their Lord. And no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve. 2:274

SACRAMENTO PASTOR OUTRAGES COMMUNITY

Hours after the Orlando shooting, still on June 12th, Pastor Roger Jimenez asked his congregation at Verity Baptist Church in Sacramento: "Are you sad that 50 pedophiles were killed today? No... I think that's great. I think that helps society. I think Orlando, Florida's a little safer tonight. ... It is unnatural for a man to be attracted to another man. ... The tragedy is that more of them didn't die. The tragedy is I'm kind of upset he didn't finish the job."

Since that sermon, thousands have since gathered at the church to protest Jimenez's inciteful words against LGBTQs and to show a community united against the hatred espoused by the pastor. The owners of the Northgate Business Park where the church is located has asked the church to move, offering to terminate their lease without penalty. The property management company said they cannot tolerate "tenants who advocate hatred and the taking of innocent lives."

In a subsequent interview with KXTV and posted on the church website, Pastor Jimenez said that his words were taken out of context, he was not advocating for killing gays, but since "homosexuality is a sin and abomination before God which God punishes with the death penalty" the Orlando shootings were inevitable. Jimenez said that homosexuals are going to hell anyway, so there is no reason to mourn their deaths now.

BE PROACTIVE

Be vigilant and report circumstances to the authorities when you hear others espouse
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We are Orlando

The death of 49 and wounding of 53 patrons at the Orlando Pulse nightclub on June 12th forces us to reflect again about terrorism, preparing for active shooter situations, confronting discrimination and fundraising to help the immediate short term needs of grieving families. It was only last December, that we were reporting the same outcome, but that time in San Bernardino.

Omar Mateen, 29, was originally observed in the club, alone, scowling and giving unsettling looks to other customers, but then left. He returned armed with a SIG Sauer semiautomatic firearm, a handgun and hundreds rounds of ammunition. Mateen stood at the entrance and started firing at the LGBTQ and Latino patrons. Mateen had expressed hatred towards homosexuals. Law enforcement is still investigating how he amassed his weapons.

A collective of American Muslim leaders and groups have united to raise funds for the families of the victims in Orlando. All fundraising proceeds will help with the grieving families. No amount of money will bring back their loved ones, but the funds will hopefully lessen their burden in some way. Your donation will not only support the victims and their families, but also show our resolve against homophobia, foster understanding, oppose unfair anti-Muslim backlash, build community partnerships, and promote unity.

Donations can be forwarded to:

1. Donate through the Council of American Islamic Relations CAIR-Florida's secured online site (www.launchgood.com/project/muslims_united_for_victims_of_pulse_shooting). 100% of these tax deductible donations go to the OneOrlando Fund set up by Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer.

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violent hatred towards individuals and groups and you see indications that those persons may be arming themselves. Do not assume that someone else will alert the authorities. Make it your business to forward your information so that others can follow up appropriately.

Recently Governor Brown signed six new gun laws which take effect next year:

1. Gun owners will be required to give up gun magazines holding more than 10 rounds.
2. Two bills close the bullet button loophole - Now, semi-automatic weapons with bullet buttons, which allows a shooter to quickly reload, will be illegal.
3. Background checks will be required for those purchasing ammunition.
4. "Straw purchasing" will be restricted, i.e. buying a gun legally with the intent of giving or selling it to someone else.
5. Filing a false report about a gun being lost or stolen will be a misdemeanor and the purchaser cannot buy another gun for 10 years

Brown vetoed five other bills including a one gun per month purchase limit and expanding the use of restraining orders to take guns from people deemed dangerous. Gun control will be addressed again in the November ballot measure, "Safety for All" being promoted by Lt. Governor Newsom.

The new gun laws have drawn protest by pro-gun advocates in Sacramento: On Saturday June 25 a protest "We Will Not Comply"; at the Neo-Nazi demonstration on Sunday June 26 at the State Capitol, 10 people were injured including five who were stabbed; on Saturday July 2nd, there was a protest at Sacramento's Cesar Chavez Plaza

ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE

How to survive a shooting event. In this order:

RUN - Have an escape route and plan in mind. Leave your belongings behind. Keep your hands visible so that first responders can see that you are not armed.

HIDE - Hide in an area out of the shooter's view and behind solid doors and furniture. Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors. Silence your cell phone.

FIGHT - Fight back only when your life is in imminent danger. Attempt to incapacitate the shooter. Act aggressively and throw items (anything, even paper is distracting) at the shooter.

CALL 9-1-1 when it is SAFE to do so.

Learn from Orlando: Mateen killed about 15 who were hiding in the Pulse bathrooms, firing through the toilet stall walls and doors and under the partitions. By entering the bathrooms, he turning his active shooter carnage into a hostage situation which police handle differently, less aggressively. Mateen walked without interruption between the women's and men's bathrooms, shooting people in his path. From the bathrooms, he made his 9-1-1 call, talked with television stations and had contact with crisis negotiators. It was through the bathroom exterior wall that the police finally broke through with an armored vehicle. Mateen was killed in the adjacent hallway.

#oscarssowwhite

This year's Oscar host Chris Rock was so fixated on the black-centric controversy that this year nominee slate was all white, that he overstepped and fell flat on his face in the eyes of the API community. But that overkill reflects the broader problem with Hollywood's lack of diversity affecting all people of color. His skit with three tuxedo's Asian American kids brought on stage as the "dedicated, accurate" accounting team that tallied Oscar votes was his idea of a gag, but really mock APIs as ethnic stereotypes. That presentations was compounded with yet another insult "If anybody's upset about that joke, just tweet about it on your phone, which was also made by these kids." These two consecutive insults added up to over the top disrespect. Rock's black-centric piece also rubbed more salt into the wound because it shows how non-black minorities are portrayed, or ignored, or even more invisible to and disrespected by Hollywood and the movie world.

Over half of all TV or streamed projects from September 2014 to August 2015 and the 2014 films did not have even one speaking or named Asian or Asian American character. The same study found that fewer, 22 percent, did not include such roles for black characters.

The #oscarssowwhite protest has been an opportunity to spotlighted the gap between black artists who have made some inroads on screen and the lagging progress and growing gap of opportunity for other minorities, including APIs, Latinos and Native Americans.

Dear Editor:

This was sent to me on social media I thought it was something Currents might print. It was signed by "Active King" and is responding to the Dylaan Roof shooting spree at the Bible study class in the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC, June 17, 2015.

First step to solving a problem is admitting there is one. To all my followers, we live in a crazy world and there is no denying that. If what has happened in South Carolina doesn't make you feel some type of way, I must ask where your soul is? This crap makes me so frustrated and I pray that the families of the loved ones lost have enough strength to continue on. There is only one race in the world and that is the human race; we allow our brothers and sisters to get treated like animals and have the nerve to justify what is going on. Racism is real. Police brutality is real. Corruption is legal in America. We as a whole allow this shit to be swept under the rug and I can't stand to see this crap. No matter what you believe in, what you stand for, or what you love, this ain't right. I'm glad to say that here in Sacramento we don't have to deal with racism as heavily as people in the south do. We are a diverse City/State and I couldn't imagine living anywhere else. I guess all I'm asking here is for someone to take 1 minute of their time and say a prayer for the ones lost and their families... The only way to justify what is going on in this world is Evil. Pure Evil. God Bless everyone and remember to always seize the day because tomorrow is never promised. As cliché as it sounds, you never know what is in store. Tell your family you love them. Forgive whoever. And keep pushing forward. Everything else will fall in place.

Tai chi helps conquer fear of falling

Research is showing that seniors who fear falling may decide to do less, avoid social activities, become more isolated and then do even less and that avoidance causes them to grow frail and weak and more likely to fall. It is a vicious cycle according to geriatrician Susan Friedman of the University of Rochester Medical Center.

The slow and meditative exercise of tai chi, with its disciplined focus on balance, may help lessen the apprehension. Arizona's Healthy Aging program started tai chi classes in January in four counties with the most reported senior falls. Their tai chi program starts with a slow, deliberate walk, followed by exercises which combine multiple gentle movements and are repeated over and over again so that everyone masters the move.

Exercise is one of the best ways to prevent falls because exercise and physical activity can moderately reduce the fear of falling. Tai chi was more effective than other exercise but the benefits fade over time.

Cognitive behavior techniques have been developed encourage discussion, help identify the fear of falling and find ways to think differently about it. Counseling tools are used to determine how fearful a senior may be - from being worried to phobic - and identifying the best way to allay the person's concerns. Boston University's Roybal Center developed a course "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls" which includes taking an inventory of potential fall risks at home and other frequented environments, talking about the fear of falling, minimizing the risks, learning how to get up after a fall and exercises for improving balance. Often seniors do not appreciate how many activities they have unconsciously shunned as a result of their fear of falling.

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



Lend a Hand—Volunteer for ACC Rides



For more than a decade, ACC Rides has been helping seniors remain independent by providing rides to programs at ACC and other community centers, grocery stores, medical appointments, and more. A handful of staff and over 100 volunteers transport seniors in 9 zip codes in Sacramento County and the Delta towns of Courtland, Locke, Hood-Franklin and Walnut Grove. Staff and volunteers speak many different languages—Spanish, Japanese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Tagalog, Hmong, and more.

A family caregiver whose mother is an ACC Rides client says:

ACC Rides provides a very invaluable service to the community. My mother would not be as healthy, happy, and spirited as she is now if ACC Rides is not available to provide transportation to her doctor appointments and to attend day program. As a caregiver, I don't know what I would do to keep my sanity. I get the break I needed knowing my mom is in good hands with great drivers who are kind, helpful, and very attentive to her needs.

We couldn't provide 4,000 rides a month without our volunteer drivers and driver assistants. Many drivers are golf buddies. We have husband-wife teams, female BFFs, male BFFs, former co-workers, siblings, cousins, and new friends who volunteer together. Dedicated volunteers and community support are the cornerstones that make it possible for ACC Rides to be a reliable, cost effective, and culturally responsive transportation service that is elder friendly. Interested in volunteering? Contact the ACC Volunteer Manager, Khonnie Lattasima at klattasima@accsv.org or (916) 394-6399 or Transportation Volunteer Coordinator, Dave Lin at dlin@accsv.org or (916) 393-9026.

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Please contact Susan Sarinas at (916) 393-9026 ext. 339 or team@accsv.org for more information.

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Aging with Dignity - Plan Proactively to Ease the Transition for You and Your Loved Ones

Presenter: Donna Shioya, Estate Planning Attorney

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This seminar will address the legal options available to you while you still have capacity, as well as what happens to those who have already lost capacity and have failed to plan.

To register, please contact Alexandra Hodge at (916)503-0321 or ahodge@accsv.org.



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Fire First, Ask Later

Sherry Chen was accused of stealing government property (a felony), handcuffed by six FBI agents, and publicly led past her coworkers at the National Weather Service (an arm of the Department of Commerce) in Wilmington, Ohio. At the federal courthouse in Dayton, she was told she faced a maximum of 25 years in prison and \$1 million in fines for economic espionage.

She was suspended without pay, and her family in China scrambled for money for her legal defense. Friends and colleagues were afraid to visit, television trucks were parked outside her home, and her life turned into a nightmare.

Born in Beijing, Ms. Chen earned advanced degrees in hydrology, married an electronics specialist, and moved to the US to pursue a degree in water resources and climatology at the University of Nebraska. She became an American citizen in 1997. After working for the State of Missouri for 11 years, she took the weather service job in Ohio, where she developed a flood predictive model based on rainfall and water level data, and how dams and locks respond to water flow along the Ohio River Basin. She, along with other NOAA/National Weather Service members, received the Larry R. Johnson Special Award from the National Weather Association in recognition of extraordinary accomplishments contributing to operational meteorology.

In concert with traditional values, Ms. Chen visited her parents in Beijing regularly, as they were close to 90 years old. During her 2012 trip, a nephew asked her to reach out to a former hydrology classmate as a personal favor in hopes to help the nephew's father-in-law settle a dispute. At the end of the 15-minute chat, Mr. Jiao, now an official, mentioned he was in the process of funding repairs to aging reservoir systems and asked how such projects were funded in the United States. As a young student, she was acquainted with water project financing, but was not versed in the current process.

Ms. Chen sought assistance from a colleague, Deborah H. Lee, chief of the water management division at the Army Corps of Engineers at the time. Per court documents, emails from Ms. Lee directed Ms. Chen to the Corps' website and stated Ms. Chen's former classmate could contact her (Ms. Lee) directly if there were further questions. Apparently, Ms. Lee subsequently reported the correspondence to security staff at the Department of Commerce in writing, concerned that "an effort is being made to collect a comprehensive collection of US Army Corps of Engineers water control manuals on behalf of a foreign interest." Yet, there was no evidence that Ms. Chen gave any proprietary information to anyone.

A year later, two Commerce Department special agents interrogated Ms. Chen for seven hours. The US government alleged Ms. Chen accessed the National Inventory of Dams database without proper authority and allegedly lied to federal investigators. The database is used by her and others in her office during their normal course of work and in fielding public and private inquiries. The alleged falsehoods were never substantiated. She was formally charged in October 2014 at the Dayton federal courthouse.

In March 2015, after two and a half years of surveillance and a week before her scheduled trial, prosecutors dropped all charges without explanation. A New York Times article reported that prosecutors hunted for evidence of espionage, failed, and settled on lesser charges that were eventually dropped.

When those charges were dropped, the Commerce Department gave Ms. Chen a termination notice. Her attorney, Peter Zeidenberg said that for the government to drop charges as an espionage matter, but then to pursue Ms. Chen's termination of



employment was, in his words, "not appropriate."

A November 2015 letter signed by 42 members of Congress requested Attorney General Loretta Lynch to open an investigation into whether race or ethnicity played a part in this and similar cases, and asked why there appears to be a pattern and practice of minorities being singled out for arrest and indictment by federal officials.

Ms. Chen has filed a complaint against the Commerce Department. She is fighting to get back her job, her life, and her dignity.

Highlighted in a May 2016 60-Minutes program, at least four Chinese American scientists have been charged by the federal government in espionage-related cases only to have all charges dropped, with no explanation and no apology.

The Sherry Chen Legal Defense Fund has been created and managed by Dr. Hermann Liu of the San Francisco Bay Area, who serves on the board of directors for the National Council of Chinese Americans. More information may be accessed on the Internet at: www.sherrychendefensefund.com

Iu-Mien Banquet - October 8!

The Iu-Mien Community Services annual Honoring Our Journey banquet will be a truly special event this year, celebrating 40 years of Iu-Mien resettlement in the United States. The celebration will feature a speech from the well-known and respected community leader Mr. Kao Chiam Saechao, one of the first Iu-Mien to be resettled in the United States. Other highlights will be traditional performances including dances and instrumental and vocal music, along with a sumptuous feast. The public is welcome to join us for this important occasion. The banquet will be Saturday, October 8, 5pm at Asian Pearl Restaurant, 6821 Stockton Blvd Suite 165, Sacramento, corner of Stockton Blvd and 65th Street. For more information, please call Iu-Mien Community Services at (916) 383-3083.

Sacramento is home to some 14,000 Iu-Mien, one of the largest Iu-Mien communities in the world outside of Southeast Asia and China. Like the more well-known Hmong, the Iu-Mien came to the United States because of their involvement in the Vietnam War. Their difficult adjustment to life in the United States has been eased by Iu-Mien Community Services (IMCS), a grassroots nonprofit agency founded in 1994 by community leaders. More information about IMCS can be found at www.unitediumien.org or by calling us at (916) 383-3083.

17th Annual Iu-Mien Student Conference Provides Inspiration

The seventeenth annual Iu-Mien Student Conference inspired 172 area high school and middle school students to envision a bright future and offered guidance and encouragement for achieving it. Students attending came from the Sacramento City Unified School District and Elk Grove Unified School District. Held March 12th in the ballroom of the CSUS Student Union, the conference was organized and conducted by 68 community volunteers, half of whom were alumni of previous conferences. Three previous IMSC scholarship recipients offered a panel discussion sharing their experiences with conference participants, and ten scholarships were awarded to this year's participants. The conference accomplished its three-fold mission, to: (1) empower Iu-Mien youth to pursue higher education and/or explore career opportunities, (2) educate them on the importance of preserving ethnic culture, and (3) inspire them to become community leaders.

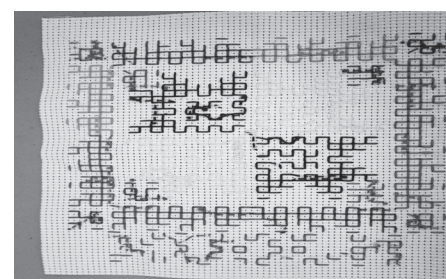
Iu-Mien Community Services, which annually organizes this important conference, is presently planning for its 18th annual conference and soliciting volunteers. If you are interested in supporting the conference or volunteering, please contact the agency at (916) 383-3083.



Iu-Mien embroidery class passes on skills

A grant to Iu-Mien Community Services (IMCS) from the Alliance for California Traditional Arts' Living Cultures Grants Program is enabling 29 young Iu-Mien women and others to learn Iu-Mien embroidery, an important traditional skill. Embroidery patterns, quite often symbolic designs, were used for various purposes, such as showing which clan the wearer belonged to. Articles of heavily embroidered dress clothing were regarded as family heirlooms and worn only on the most special of occasions such as the Lunar New Year. In recent years, the embroidery patterns have been adapted for more contemporary use such as women's purses and men's ties.

The class is taught by a skilled embroiderer who learned the art as a child and, while living in refugee camps in Thailand, crafted articles to market as a means of helping support her family. Our instructor is also our experienced language program coordinator. The class is free and open to anyone who is interested in learning Iu-Mien embroidery. It meets Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 at the offices of Iu-Mien Community Services, 5625 Stockton Blvd., inside the Stockton Blvd. Partnership suite of offices.



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El Dorado Hills teens out of control

At the February 25th C.K. McClatchy High girls basketball playoff game at Oak Ridge High, the Oak Ridge crowd jeered and used racial slurs towards the visiting team. At least half of the McClatchy student body is of Asian descent.

The Oak Ridge crowd yelled “Soy sauce”, “Little eyes”, “You’re ugly,” “You guys are ugly, “You guys are trash. Go back to your horrible homes” and “Go back to Fiji” at the McClatchy team and boosters.

A McClatchy father present at the game, Glen Kumamoto, said that the Oak Ridge staff did nothing to stop their fans’ racial taunts. McClatchy lost the playoff game.

One McClatchy cheerleader said that they played at every school in the district and never experienced such racism before. She told her mom and cried.

The El Dorado Union High School District released a statement saying the district is aware of the inappropriate behavior and derogatory comments that came from the Oak Ridge student section. “It is our expectation that respect be given to all during our athletic events and apologize that this was not the case on this particular evening. We are disappointed and saddened by this situation and are working to address the inappropriate behavior.

The Oak Ridge High School student leadership sent a letter of apology to the McClatchy basketball team saying that they will work to better educate their peers. “Additionally, we would like to apologize for any derogatory comments that came from various students seated within the student section. These actions of a few are disappointing and not a true reflection of our student body.”

The same at USC

In September 2015 the USC student body president Rini Sampath, an Indian American, who posted the following on Facebook:

Last night, as I was walking back from my friend’s apartment, a student screamed out at me through the window of his fraternity house, “You Indian piece of shit!” before hurling his drink at my friends and me. Once his fraternity brothers realized it was me, they began to apologize. This stung even more. Today, as I try to unpack these events, I couldn’t quite figure out why their after-the-fact apologies deepened the wound. But one of my friends explained it to me the best this morning: “Because now you know, the first thing they see you as is subhuman.” And that’s the first thing some students on our campus see when they look at anyone who looks like me.

This was the same fraternity that kicked out a peer of mine from their tailgate after calling him a “fag.” That’s sickening.

I’m still in a state of shock. There’s an indescribable hollowness in me, but I’m going public with this because this can’t continue. Some people don’t believe racism like this can happen on our campus. Some people continue to doubt the need for safe spaces and the need for expanded cultural resource centers or the need for gender neutral bathrooms or the need for diversity in our curriculum or the need for diversity in our professors or the need for diversity in dialogue. And to those who continue to believe we’re just playing the “race” card, I ask you this — what’s there to win here? A

sense of respect? A sense of humanity? A sense of love and compassion for others regardless of how they look like?

This isn’t an isolated incident. It happens everywhere. Last week, individuals in a pick-up truck yelled racial slurs at Mizzou’s Student Body President, Payton Head. Who knows what will happen to someone who looks like me today?

“You Indian piece of shit” is the type of language attackers have used before brutally murdering someone. Just look at Inderjit Singh Mukker. “You Indian piece of shit” are words used to humiliate someone for who they are. “You Indian piece of shit” continues to ring so loudly in my ears I still can’t shake it from me.

Whether racism or sexism or homophobia or transphobia happens on the internet, or behind closed doors, or in a small group setting, or as “just a joke,” it’s not okay. It’s never okay.

I was surrounded by nearly ten of my friends when this happened last night. I’m glad I was, because I don’t know what I would have done if I was alone. They consoled me by telling me, “Whatever you do the next morning will be the right thing.”

Well, I really don’t know what to do. For now, this is my public plea. I don’t know if what I have written here is enough, because there aren’t enough words in the world to summarize the experiences of people who look like me and what they go through every, single day.

We lost a football game last night, SC. [Stanford won.] But I think there’s something bigger, much bigger that we’re losing here. And we have to get it back.

New books

A VILLAGE IN THE FIELDS: Patty Enrado’s *A Village in the Fields* is a historical novel in which a retired Filipino farm worker looks back on his long and costly struggle for civil rights. Enrado, UCD ‘85, has already seen her book used in a SFSU Filipina/o American Literature, Art and Culture class and she says it is slated to be taught at UCD and UCLA Asian American Studies. Published by Eastwind Books of Berkeley last September, the book’s debut is also coincided with the September 8, 2015 50th Anniversary of the Delano Grape Strike.

Few people know that Filipino American farm workers and their labor leader Larry Itliong, a Filipino American, initiated the Delano Grape Strike. Enrado’s book sheds light on this little-known but important and explosive period in America’s farm labor history. “I wanted to examine and share the Filipino American farm worker’s life in America through the eyes of my protagonist Fausto Empleo,” Enrado explained. “While the novel is about immigration, farm labor, and unions, at its heart is the exploration of the tenacity and the unrelenting hope of the human spirit.”

Enrado’s historical novel has garnered literary and community praise: “Multilayered, empathetic, and touching account of a workingman’s life.”—Kirkus Reviews “A poignant tale of family, identity, and politics . . . You will remember these characters and their courage in the face of injustice long after the last page.”—Lily King, author of *Euphoria 2* “A heart-achingly beautiful journey through the history of the manongs.”—Marissa Aroy, Emmy Award-winning director of *The Delano*

Manongs: Forgotten Heroes of the United Farm Workers

“Beautifully written, heartfelt, and emotionally powerful, a moving and inspirational story of work, struggle, and family that takes its place beside classics of the genre.”—Dan Chaon, author of *Await Your Reply*

“A compelling historical novel that celebrates the Filipino American experience. . . .

Enrado is proudly carrying on the spirit of Carlos Bulosan.”—Kent Wong, Director, UCLA Labor Center

“A vibrantly drawn portrait of an often-forgotten aspect of American history.”—Robyn Magalit Rodriguez, Associate Professor, Asian American Studies, UC Davis

Enrado lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband and two children. Her website is www.pattyenrado.com and email is info@pattyenrado.com.

NOT FORGOTTEN: Kenneth Bae, a Korean American missionary, was sentenced to 15 years of hard labor on charges of trying to overthrow the North Korean government. In his memoir, he recalled being visited in a Pyongyang hospital by an unexpected White House visitor several months after his sentencing. The five minute meeting in 2013 was with an envoy of President Obama and a doctor to check on Bae’s health. A photo was taken of Bae at the hospital, presumably to show Bae’s family that he was okay; his family never saw the photo. One year later US Director of National Intelligence James Clapper visited Pyongyang and Bae was released.

Bae’s two year confinement in North Korea is the longest known detainment of a US citizen in that country since the Korean War. Two other US citizens remain detained. Otto Warmbier, a college student, received a 15 year sentence for “hostile acts” against North Korea. Warmbier had admitting to stealing a propaganda poster from his hotel. Kim Dong-chul is detained for “committing hideous hostile acts and espionage” against the government. The State Department has not confirmed Kim’s case, but North Korea claims it has and Kim has appeared in a CNN interview.

Pyongyang has more frequently detained foreigners while tensions between that country and the West have increased along with a rise in tourism and humanitarian aid brings foreigners into the country.

Between 1994 and 2014, 15 US citizens were detained by North Korea, including tourists, journalists or missionaries. Some of them were released and returned to the US only with the intervention of high level US representatives including Clapper and former presidents Carter and Clinton.

Bae was arrested in late 2012 after authorities at a North Korea border crossing with China discovered materials preaching against the North Korean government on his computer hard drive. Bae admitted this. In his memoir, Bae recounts a private meeting with his North Korean prosecutor before trial in April 2013 during which the prosecutor urged Bae to make a full confession so that the US government would free him. The prosecutor told him that what happened during the trial does not matter, but what comes after the trial and how the US government responds is important.

After his trial and conviction, Bae was sent to a labor camp where he was watched closely by three uniformed guards as he planted soybeans. Bae says that while serving his sentence, he had no access to information other than North Korean propaganda, the treatment was humane but spartan and large fines were imposed.

Human Trafficking shelter to open

My Sister's House is pleased to announce the upcoming opening of its new six bed shelter called "Lotus House," made possible by a grant in partnership with WEAVE. Although My Sister's House has provided shelter to survivors of trafficking over the years, this new funding allows My Sister's House to expand its services to provide a shelter specific for victims of trafficking. My Sister's House hope is to offer a safe space for victims of human trafficking found in illicit massage businesses and residential brothels. According to Nilda Valmores, My Sister's House Executive Director, "The workers at those sites unfortunately are often Chinese victims of human trafficking. My Sister's House is excited about the opportunity to provide shelter and change and save their lives."

Valmores noted that the California Office of Emergency Services awarded ten projects throughout California with funds to operate a shelter for trafficked victims for two years. WEAVE invited My Sister's House to be partners in the grant, prepared the grant application, and will be administering this grant. Valmores stated, "My Sister's House is grateful for this partnership which allows My Sister's House to focus on what it does best -- serving victims that are Asian/Pacific Islander." Valmores added, "In our emergency safe haven and our transitional house, we have been able to shelter individual victims of human trafficking, but largely they were victims of domestic servitude. In several ways this will be a new experience for us."

For almost ten years, My Sister's House has addressed the issue of human trafficking in a number of different ways, including public awareness and community education. My Sister's House provides trainings, presentations, and technical assistance to aid in victim identification and raising awareness. In addition to community outreach, we also conduct direct outreach and have offered our services to many women impacted by human trafficking. Those

Recent NK Defection

Thirteen North Korean restaurant workers defected to South Korea in April. The group - one male manager and twelve female employees - arrived together in South Korea. North Korea operates 130 restaurants in 12 countries, a revenue source of about \$10 million for Pyongyang. The defectors worked in a restaurant outside of North Korea, but it is unknown from which country they came from. North Koreans allowed to work overseas are usually regarded among the most loyal. Group defections of this size and by non related persons is unusual.

Human rights organizations believe that North Korea has about 50,000 North Koreans based outside the country who are expected to send most of their income back to the government. Observers believe that North Korea's need for money for its nuclear weapons program and new UN trade sanctions may have increased the government pressure on overseas workers to send remittances to the government. South Korea has asked its citizens to boycott the North Korean restaurants to help stem the revenue flow to North Korea.

Since Kim Jong Un took power at the end of 2011 and tightened border controls, defections have fallen to 1,276 in 2015 from 3,000 in 2009. South Korea offers citizenship to all North Koreans who legitimately claim it. Applicants are, however, extensively interviewed to identify potential spies.



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services include legal assistance, counseling, employment assistance, and housing.

Earlier this year, My Sister's House partnered with Crossings TV and Opening Doors to create a short film addressing the issue of human trafficking in the Sacramento region. "Human Trafficking: All Around Us" aired on Crossings TV in January, and My Sister's House also hosted a film screening and discussion. In April, the film was updated with closed captioning and My Sister's House hosted a second film screening and discussion that included our friends from the deaf and hard of hearing community. Since then, the film has been translated to Tagalog and plans are in motion to also have a Spanish version of the film.

In February, My Sister's House hosted its 8th Annual Human Trafficking conference that had over 300 attendees, which was a 50% increase in attendance from the previous year. Next year's human trafficking conference is scheduled for January 31, 2017.

Obamacare

In June, Governor Brown signed SB10, legislation making California the first state to ask federal officials to allow undocumented immigrants purchase insurance through California's health insurance exchange. Currently these immigrants cannot purchase coverage under the Affordable Care Act. The coverage proposed to be sold to this group would not have state or federal subsidies.

Over the last few years, new laws have allowed undocumented persons to apply for professional licenses (e.g. to practice law or medicine) and to get California drivers' licenses. In May, under new legislation, 170,000 undocumented immigrants under the age of 19 have been allowed to sign up for Medi-Cal.

Opponents argue that these laws encourage illegal immigration and take resources away from legal residents. Under SB10, it is believed that 390,000 immigrants who earn too much to qualify for Medi-Cal, would be allowed to purchase unsubsidized health insurance. A UC Berkeley analysis found that many as 1.5 million of the 2.67 million undocumented immigrants in California will likely remain uninsured by 2019. If so, this group will make up roughly half of the state's uninsured.

A USC Dornslife/LA Times poll last year found that close to half of the state voters believed undocumented immigrants should be eligible to receive free or low-cost health insurance through Medi-Cal or similar program while approximately 47 percent oppose such policies.

Trafficking Global Hot Spots

The US State Department named Myanmar (Burma), Iran, North Korea and Syria as the top world human trafficking offenders. The State Department reviewed the practices of 188 countries. Being identified could trigger US sanctions previously approved by Congress for the countries worst on trafficking.

How to spot trafficking: Not free to leave, come and go; provides commercial sex acts; has a pimp/manager; is paid very little or only through tips; works long or unusual hours with no breaks; has unusual restrictions at work; has debt that cannot be paid off; was recruited through false promises; has high security measures on windows, barbed wire, security cameras; fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, nervous, paranoid; fearful of police; avoids eye contact; lacks health care; is malnourished; shows signs of physical or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, torture; has few or no personal possessions; has no control of money or identification documents; is not allowed to speak for themselves; "just visiting;" won't identify where s/he lives; has no knowledge of his/her whereabouts; has no sense of time; is inconsistencies in his/her story.

Human trafficking is the second most profitable criminal enterprise after the illegal drug trade. Everyone has the potential to discover a human trafficking situation. While some victims may be kept behind locked doors, others are in plain view. Coercion used by traffickers may be threats of physical harm, deportation, harm to the victim's family. The resulting fear overcomes the victim's ability to accept help or even react to someone's effort to reach out.

Honda family story

When I became a grandfather, it was amazing to watch my daughter and son-in-law go through all the same things I did - the sleepless nights and first steps, the tantrums and the smiles. The birth of each grandchild gave me fresh perspective on what it means to love. In February of last year, my granddaughter Malisa gave her parents and me permission to publicly share the story of her transition, and how we have moved forward as a family by following Malisa's lead and supporting her right to express who she is.

Watching Malisa blossom into the thoughtful and loving little girl she is made me realize how important the acceptance and support of our families is, and how too many trans kids aren't fortunate enough to have the kind of parents, siblings, and other family members Malisa has. By sharing our story as a family, I hope that we can increase public understanding of transgender people, so that kids like Malisa can feel safe in our communities and live without facing discrimination or bullying.

All our children deserve to live in a world without being singled out for things that make them "different" - be it gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, or disability. Each of us has a responsibility to be a part of the change that makes our society more accepting, more tolerant, and more loving. The more we acknowledge and celebrate the unique qualities of every child, the more possible we make it for them to succeed and be happy - something I think all parents want. In that spirit, I hope each of you with the privilege to be a father, stepfather, grandfather, or role model had wonderful day with your families and is inspired to love all the things that make the kids in your life special. Happy Father's Day.

In solidarity, Mike Honda
Mike Honda represents San Jose in Congress

US Supreme Court Rulings

Expanded DACA blocked

On June 23rd the US Supreme Court upheld a lower court's injunction halting the implementation of Obama's expanded DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) and DAPA (Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents) programs. This ruling keeps thousands of APIs in immigration limbo. The Court's 4-4 decision in *U.S. v. Texas* upheld the ruling of a lower federal court in Texas and the Fifth US Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans which blocked the expansion of the DACA (expanding the eligible age group) and DAPA (offering relief to parents of US citizens) programs after Texas and 25 other Republican-leaning states sued the Obama administration claiming that Obama had overstepped his executive power. The new programs, announced by President Obama in November 2014, would have protected more than 5 million immigrants from deportation while providing work authorization to them for renewable 3 year periods. Texas sued on the basis that the expanded program would entitle undocumented immigrants to drivers' licenses and the \$24 fee was insufficient to cover the processing expense. The expanded program would have protected from deportation a much larger group of immigrants brought to the US as kids, and their parents. Approximately 400,000 APIs would have benefitted from these programs.

The original 2012 DACA program is still available, is not affected by this decision and still provides hope to undocumented Americans. The original 2012 DACA program provided undocumented person who could prove that they came to the US before their 16th birthday, was under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012, continuously lived in the US since June 15, 2007, currently in high school or graduated or honorably discharged from the US Armed Forces and never been convicted of a felony or significant misdemeanor an opportunity to work and avoid deportation for two years. DACA provided work permits to 819,512 undocumented youth; 539,008 have applied to renew their status. A 2015 survey shows that 76 percent of DACA recipients have a job with an average wage of \$17 per hour. Those DACA students in college had household incomes below \$30,000 and were the first in their families to go to college. President Obama renewed the original program for another two years, but the next president could decide to let it expire. It is believed that in San Francisco alone, there are 13,000 undocumented API immigrant and 30,000 naturalization-eligible Chinese immigrants who could have benefitted from the expanded programs.

The Supreme Court's decision returns the case to Judge Andrew Hanen, who issued the injunction, to decide the case on the merits (DMV fees). When he strikes it down for probably the same reasons cited in his injunction ruling, the Fifth Circuit will review it again and the case will recycle back to the Supreme Court. By then the Supreme Court will likely have its ninth Justice. There are an estimated 11 million undocumented persons in the US.

U of Texas affirmative action okay

In *Fisher v. University of Texas*, the US Supreme Court issued on June 23rd its decision by a 4-3 vote to uphold University of Texas admissions policy to create a diverse student body, allowing university officials to

consider race among many factors in making holistic admission decisions. This decision is a rollback to the conservative drive abolish all affirmative action. In essence, this decision allows universities to thoughtfully pursue race conscious admissions programs in order to create diverse, dynamic student populations to enrich classroom discussion, student networks, and overall educational experiences.

Justice Kennedy wrote the decision, joined by Ginsburg, Breyer and Sotomayor, that universities are defined by "intangible qualities... which make for greatness. ... Considerable deference is owed to a university in defining those intangible characteristics, like student body diversity, that are central to its identity and educational mission." Justices Alito, Roberts and Thomas dissented. Justice Kagan recused herself because she previously participated in the case. The UT admissions program guaranteed admission to all Texas students who graduate in the top 10% of their high school class. UT filled out the remaining 25% through a program that considers race and other personal attributes as factors. If Justice Scalia were still alive to vote, it is speculated that a resulting 4-4 vote stalemate would have had the same result because the appellate court upheld the UT program.

According to Chinese for Affirmative Action, a SF based civil rights organization, the decision recognizes the reality that race, ethnicity and identity are part of someone's rich narrative experience and the society needs to acknowledge that current public education systems, GPA, SAT scores, and other standard measures of merit are subject to social influences such as wealth, access to resources, race, class, gender, etc. This ruling is the fourth time since the 1970s that the court upheld racial preferences in college admissions.

Government employee unions okay

In March the Supreme Court deadlocked 4-4, thus dismissing a case involving government employee unions. The non-decision left intact a 1977 precedent authorizing the unions to collect mandatory dues from employees they represent, a practice allowed in more than 20 states.

American Samoa citizenship denied

In June, the US Supreme Court denied the appeal of the Samoan Federation of America and five Samoan Americans plaintiffs who asked the US Supreme Court to interpret the 14th Amendment of Constitution to include them too. Unlike children born in all states and other US territories like Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Guam and Northern Mariana Islands, newborns in American Samoa are not automatically US citizens. They are deemed "nationals" who owe allegiance to the US but cannot vote, serve as officers in the military or hold top government posts.

By refusing to review the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruling that it requires an act of Congress, not the courts, to change the American Samoans' status, the 1900 law remains in effect. In 1900 after the US victory over Spain in the Spanish-American War and the seizure of the Philippines, the US also took possession of part of the Samoa Islands which became American Samoa and Congress

decided that Samoan "shall be nationals, but not citizens, of the United States at birth." The US government argued against *Tuaua v. United States* that the issue should be a congressional decision. The American Samoan government is against birthright citizenship fearing it might adversely affect its national culture.

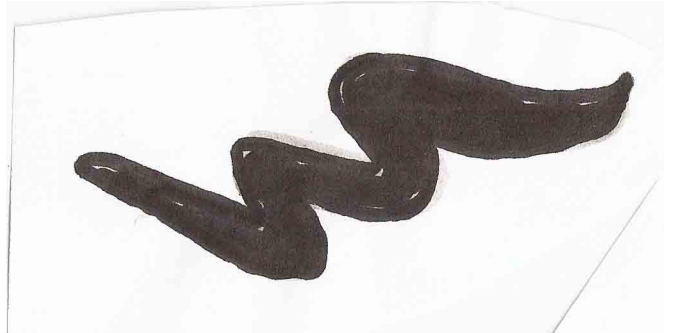
Samoans who move to the mainland can become citizens by going through the naturalization process. California's Samoan community numbers 61,000, more than the 55,000 who still live on the South Pacific island.

The appeal to the US Supreme Court was based on the 14th Amendment which was adopted after the Civil War. The 14th Amendment says "All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States." The 14th Amendment was intended to overturn the Supreme Court's *Dred Scott* decision which denied rights and citizenship for African Americans.

Observers note that the court has granted review of very few new cases since the death of Justice Scalia. The attorney for the plaintiffs say that his clients wanted to vote in the November election.

US Army special waiver for turban

The US Army has issued a special waiver to allow Capt. Simratpal Singh, 28, to "wear a beard, turban and uncut hair in a neat and conservative manner." Singh had been fighting the Defense Department in court before the Army consented to issue his waiver on a permanent basis. The Army further promised to develop uniform standards to allow religious practices of soldiers.



Suicides climb

The US suicide rate has risen sharply over the past fifteen years. A US Center for Disease Control and Prevention report released in April, says that rising drug use-illegal and prescription abuse, uneven economy, economic turnaround, reduced job prospects, foreclosures/ evictions, and other factors have adversely affecting Americans' well-being. The rate rose in 2014 and has been increasing 2% a year after 2006.

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the country and increased in 2014.

More men kill themselves, but women committing suicide is quickly closing the gap. For middle-aged population, 45-64, for white women the rate rose 80% between 1999 and 2014, while that of white men rose 59%.

The suicide rate has increased for every age group except those 75 or older.

The youngest girls, 5-14, the suicide rate tripled. The actual number is small.

Tubman \$20 honors ethnic Americans

The selection of Harriet Tubman recognizes this country's roots and ongoing struggle with the issue of race. Tubman was known for her Underground Railroad, ferrying African American slaves from southern states to the north, later becoming an Union spy and advocate for womens suffrage.

The Tubman choice would not have been possible in recent history or under other administrations. Tubman, like Rev. Martin Luther King Jr, represent the civil rights gains made by the African American community and those milestones have improved opportunities for all persons of color, the LGBTQ and even the Muslim community. President Andrew Jackson will move to the back of the \$20 bill. Jackson is known for his role as a war hero, slave owner, a founder of the Democratic Party, but also for the forced relocation of American Indians.

The backs of the \$5 and \$10 bills will be redesigned over time. The \$10 will feature a vignette to honor the women's suffrage movement. The \$5 bill will feature historical scenes reminiscent of the civil rights movement at the Lincoln Memorial.

Treasury Secretary Jack Lew's original intent was to commemorate a century of American women's suffrage in 2020. The currency redesigns represents that the country's broadening conversation about race. "The story of Harriet Tubman in so many ways is a powerful one about how an individual can change the course of this country by dint of their own actions and their own determination."

Current Faces, Recent Passings

Professor Don T. Nakanishi (1949-2016), 35 years on the UCLA faculty, 20 years as director of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, and a co founder of the Amerasia Journal.

Mike Takayama (1960-2016) Del Oro High girls basketball coach. Known for his biceps-Popeye-sized, bulbous, strong, "bouncer guns", won more than 600 games in 29 seasons with the Golden Eagles. A financial planner by day, girls basketball coach by night. A coach defined by dignity, success and selflessness.

Professor Kay Ryugo died on June 13 in Boise Idaho. Born in Sacramento, he served, during WWII statewide in the 442nd Regimental battalion and 100th Infantry Battalion. He earned his PhD in plant pathology at UCD where from 1955-1988 he was a professor in the Pomology Dept.

Masahi Ted Oto (19927-2016) - Patriach of Oto's Marketplace. Born in Walnut Grove, interned at Tule Lake, relocated to Gila River Internment Camp in Phoenix. Draft into the Army, assigned to cook because he had flat feet. Attended meat cutting school in Ohio. First store was Vina Vista Market (14th Ave), then Food Center (Fruitridge and Freeport), then the former Corti Bros space at Courtyard in 1985. Built his own store in 2007 at 4990 Freeport.

Jerry Enomoto (1926-2016) "Leadership is about honest, especially with yourself, avoiding power trips, never forgetting where you came from, listening more and talking less, remembering how you felt when you were robbed of dignity and self respect, always remembering to that others can do to you only what you let them do, always remembering the difference between authority and arrogance,

Immigration fraud

In April, federal agents arrested 21 in several states for illegally providing student visas in a scheme to land these "students" in high paying technology jobs. The defendants recruited international "students" for a school that doesn't exist. The defendants kept the student visas valid by generating false student records showing that the "students" were engaged in full courses of study. The recruiters and business entities involved were in New Jersey, California, Illinois, New York and Virginia. The operators were charged with visa fraud, money laundering, and other immigration offenses.

The three and one-half year undercover operation by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigation created a fake university in New Jersey and staffed it with undercover agents. They attracted the visa brokers who recruited mostly from China and India and immediately outsourced their "students" to companies who paid the "students" as much as \$75,000 per year for doing information technology work. The visa brokers received fees from both the companies and their "students."

While the investigation determined that the foreign students were willing participants, none have been charged so far; ICE plans to cancel their visas and start the removal process. The investigation did not detect any national security risk from the scheme.

and the critical importance of fairness in the treatment of others." Jerry was born in SF. He graduated from Tri-State High School in 1943 in the Tule Lake Relocation Center. Inducted into the army, he attended the Fort Snelling Military Intelligence School. He earned his bachelors degree and MSW at UC Berkeley. His career started at the California Dept. of Corrections as a counselor at San Quentin and promoted to warden. In 1975, he was appointed Director of the California Dept. of Corrections. In 1994, he was appointed to be US Marshal of the Eastern District of California. Twice the National JACL president, he successfully lobbied for the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 which provided redress to Japanese Americans incarcerated in the WWII relocation camps. He and his wife Dorothy founded the annual MLK Jr. Dinner in Sacramento. A trailer blazer in civil rights and a mentor to many, Jerry will be missed.

Register to vote by October 24

Asian Americans are 13% of the California population but just 7% of California voters. Because our community does not vote, we do not fully realize our power.

Together, we can make sure our voice is heard. The first step is to register to vote, and to make sure your friends and family are registered to vote. Far too many eligible Asian Americans haven't even taken the first step to join our democracy.

You can register to vote -- in 10 languages -- at RegisterToVote.CA.gov. It takes about five minutes. And you can choose the language in which you want to receive your voting materials.

Asians fastest growing group

Asians since 2000 have been the fastest growing racial group in the US and remain so according to US Census information released in June. In 2013, Chinese replaced Mexico as the top sending county for immigrants to the US.

The new data show that Asian population grew 3.4 percent between July 2014 and July 2015 with migration responsible for most of the growth. There are now 21 million Asians in the US. Hawaii is the only state with an Asian majority.

Other minority groups also grew in that period. Hispanics increased by 2.2 percent to 56.6 million. New Mexico has the largest percentage of Hispanics, 48 percent.

African Americans increased by 1.5 percent to 46.3 million. Mississippi has the nation's largest African American population percentage at 38.3 percent.

American Indian and Alaskan native populations increased 1.5 percent to 6.6 million. Alaska has the largest percent of this population at 19.5 percent.

California has the largest number of most racial and ethnic groups with more Hispanics, whites, Asians and American Indians than any other state. New York state has more African American than any other state. Hawaii has the largest number of Native Hawaiians than any other state.

The second fastest growing "racial" group are those claiming two or more races. This population grew 3.1 percent to 6.6 million. This group is also the youngest with a medium age of 20.

Of those born since 2000, 49 percent belong a race or ethnic group other than non-Hispanic white. The millennials - born between 1982 and 2000 - 44.5 percent claimed a race or ethnic group other than non Hispanic white.

The white population including those identifying as white with another race grew 0.5 percent between 2014 and 2015, or 255 million. California had the largest number of this group, 29.8 million. Vermont has the largest percentage of this population, 96.6 percent.

The number of those who reported themselves as "white" alone changed little, an increase of 0.1 percent or 198 million. California has the largest population of "white" alone persons at 14.9 million. Maine has the largest population percentage of this group at 93.6 percent.



Dancing for the Sake of Change

By Madison Tamichi, Florin JAFL

Bishop, CA- Each year, for the past eleven years, a group of about 60 people from the Florin Japanese American Citizens League (Florin JAFL) and the Council on American Islamic Relations- Sacramento Valley (CAIR-SV) make a pilgrimage to Manzanar, one of ten incarceration camps of the Japanese Americans from World War II. At Manzanar, the Florin Manzanar travelers join over a thousand other individuals from all walks of life at a program hosted by the Manzanar Committee, a nonprofit based in Los Angeles. The pilgrimage has given the opportunity for college students from around California, including myself, to come together and learn about the atrocities that happened to the Japanese Americans during their incarceration from people who actually experienced it. It was on this pilgrimage that I learned the true meaning of solidarity.

Straddling the border of Nevada and California, outside the local La Quinta Inn of Bishop, history was being made. This wasn't the signing of the Declaration of Independence, but a small act that made me change the way I viewed culture. The AkaMya Cultural Dance group, made up of the local Paiute-Shoshone Native American tribes, put on an artful display of culture and lineage through their traditional dance. As I watched the swirl of colors and the indescribable chants of the music it almost brought tears to my eyes; it was like stepping into a time machine. The backdrop of the Sierra Nevada mountains blanketed by the eerie clouds, the hooting and hollering of the music, it was beautiful, as many eyes looked on with earnest.

Through many acts of dancing, the leader of the AkaMya cultural group, Sage Romero, took us through the history and stories of their past, narrating each dance and in that moment I knew how solidarity begins. It starts with a simple get together, a date on the calendar when two groups come together to show each other dances, then they start to talk, and very soon they realize that the similarities between them far outweigh the differences.

In today's hostile political climate, we are quick to judge, we make biased assumptions on people's appearances, beliefs, or even age, and do not stop to get to know them. After I talked to the many people I met on this trip, it opened my eyes to what the root of what the problem was. We start to get caught up on the differences that we forget about the similarities.

During this trip I met so many different types of people from so many different walks of life that it was startling that they had all wanted to come on this trip. People of different religions and occupations were all represented. The things that usually tear humans apart were suddenly bringing them together. The personal struggles were now something that could be sympathized and shared.

The weekend was filled with laughs, tears, but most of all connections. At the end the Native Americans had a fun dance where you stuck a potato between two people's foreheads and had to hold it there with no hands. This felt like a symbol for the weekend. Together two groups could hold a thing called culture between them by working together. History can sometimes be a difficult thing to share but by being informed and learning through past mistakes we can make sure that the events of WWII will never happen again.



AkaMya culture group and Florin Manzanar pilgrimage enjoy Japanese folk dancing together. Photo by Brandon Miyasaki.

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Tule Lake a National Historic Site?

US Senator Barbara Boxer last December introduced legislation to establish the Tule Lake Incarceration Camp as a National Historic Site managed by the National Park Service. Tule Lake was the largest "War Relocation Authority" camp during World War II, incarcerating nearly 19,000 Japanese Americans. Tule Lake Camp is one of many sites that make up the "World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument" created by President George W. Bush in 2008.

The new legislation would elevate the Tule Lake Camp in equal recognition with other incarceration camps that are also preserved and managed by the National Park Service joining Manzanar (Inyo County) and Minidoka (Idaho) in the National Park System.

The camp is composed of three sites across two counties: the Camp Tule Lake Civilian Conservation Corps Camp, which also served as a prisoner of war camp for German and Italian soldiers, in Siskiyou County; a portion of the Tule Lake Segregation Center in Modoc County; and Peninsula-Castle Rock, also in Modoc County. At Peninsula-Castle Rock, incarcerated Japanese Americans were allowed to hike and recreate until 1943, when Tule Lake became a higher security segregation center for Japanese Americans from other camps who conscientiously objected to taking "loyalty oaths."



Update - Manteca fence: Thank you to Laure Wilson, Yul Rhee, Stephen Tse, Chuimei Ho and Kay-Ling Hui who translated the Manteca fence calligraphy. The original article appeared in the Winter/January 2016. Mr. Chang is currently living in senior housing. He fled China and went to Vietnam when the People's Republic of China Communist Red Army was taking control of the country. He fled to the US when Saigon fell in 1975.

Mr. Chang's fence was salvaged by neighbors when his trailer home was cleared. The fence boards are Chinese political slogan: Sun Yat-sen is the Founding Father of the Republic of China; Mao Tse-tung is a bandit; Mao is a bandit and rascal; Deng Xiaoping is a great person of the century; Mao is a betrayer of the county, a lewd bandit; Deng Xiao Ping combats corruption and paves the way to prosperity.

CALENDAR

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Sept 10 Sat **My Sister's House - Fall Shelter Advocate Training** begins. Info: info@my-sisters-house.org

Sept 18 Sun **Asian Bar Assn of Sacramento 28th Golf Invitational**. 830am at Turkey Creek Golf Club. Info: www.abaslawfoundation.org

Sept 20 Tue **PACT Family of Color Adoption Orientation**. 630-8pm. Info: www.pactadopt.org, info@pactadopt.org.

Sept 24 Sat **CAPITAL Meeting**. 830am at Sacramento Sheriff Central Station (7600 65th St, Sac).

Sept 24 Sat **APAPA: 15th Annual Voters Education & Candidates Forum**. 1pm at CSUS University Union Ballroom (6000 J St, Sac). Free. Info: 916/928-9988, info@apapa.org

Sept 24 Sat **Ka Pa Hula O Kalama: 25th Annual Luau**. Traditional Hawaiian dinner, hula show, entertainment. Special guest Faith Thompson Ako. Elks Lodge (6446 Riverside Blvd, Sac). \$45/person. Info: Lisa 916/316-3864

Sept 30-Oct 16 **Kearny Street Workshop: APature 2016:Here**. Annual multidisciplinary art festival celebration emerging API artists of the Bay Area. Film, comics and illustration, literary arts, music, performing arts and visual arts. Submission deadline July 15. Info: info@kearnystreet.org

Oct 1 Sat **Nikkei Angel Island Pilgrimage**. Info: www.nichibei.org/angel-island-pilgrimag

Oct 1 Sat **Ka'onohi Foundation and Sacramento Aloha Festival: 6th Annual Sacramento Aloha Festival**. 9am-6pm at Cal Expo. Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander exhibits, workshops, presentations, arts and crafts, vendors, food, performances, music. Info: sacalohafest@gmail.com, www.sacalohafest.org

Oct 3 Mon **Invictus Foundation: 3rd Annual Champions Golf Classics**. Valley High Country Golf Club. Sponsorships available. \$200/person, \$800/foursome. Info: Norm De Young 916/230-3684 nrdeyoung@yahoo.com

Oct 7 Fri **Chinese American Council of Sacramento: Annual Gold Mountain Celebration**. 530pm at Asian Pearl Restaurant (6821 Stockton Blvd, Sac). \$65/person. Info: Anne Luong anne@sccsc.org 916/601-2795, Karun Yee yee911@aol.com 916/591-8181

Oct 8 Sat **Iu-Mien Community Services Honoring Our Journey Banquet**-Celebrating 40 years of Iu-Mien in America. Keynote: Mr. Kao Chiam Saechao. Dances, instrumental and vocal music. 5pm at Asian Pearl Restaurant (6821 Stockton Blvd, Sac, X65th St). Info: 916/383-3083

Oct 8 Sat **Asian Resources Inc: 3rd Crab & Comedy Feast**. 530-8pm at SASF (9040 High Tech Ct, Sac.) \$65/presale, \$70 after 9/24, \$500 table of 8. Info Diane Truong diane@asianresources.org 916/454-1892

Oct 15 Sat **George Takei, Mr. Sulu**, at UCD Mondavi Center.

China's flexing influence on America

WAR ON DRUGS: In Spring 2016, Chinese customs agents seized 70 kilograms of the narcotic fentanyl and acetyl fentanyl in cargo containers headed for Mexico. The synthetic opium-like drugs were so powerful that six of the agents became ill and one fell into a coma.

US Drug Enforcement Administration's investigation found that the cargo had passed through five freight forwarders before reaching customs. While finding the source is difficult, it is clear that China's drug distribution network is feeding lethal fentanyl to the Americas.

The fentanyl seized is often not the finished product, but analogs (copies of fentanyl), components chemical ingredients and pill presses (shipped as "hole punchers" from Zhejiang - south of Shanghai). Some components like NPP and ANPP are subject to little or no regulation and are gradually being added to list of controlled substances to be regulated. These materials are shipped into Mexico or purchased online using encrypted software or the darknet by US and Canadian drug traffickers. Alleged fentanyl sellers are facing charges in Texas, Connecticut and North Dakota. One Toluca Mexico lab operator who pled last year in an Illinois federal court told investigators that he bought his analog from a chemical company in Xiamen, a Chinese port city. The company claimed to not know how the buyer intended to use NPP, but scientists and federal representatives say that the only use of NPP is to make fentanyl.

Even though China had a widespread opium addiction problem in the 19th Century which was fueled by trade from British colonies and the weakening Qing Dynasty, fentanyl is not the drug of choice of Chinese addicts. Fentanyl is killing Americans at an alarming rate. Fentanyl is up to 50 times as potent as heroin, but easier and cheaper to produce. In Northern California, fentanyl made to look like hydrocodone caused 53 overdoses with 13 fatalities. In Florida, fentanyl resembling Xanax, an anti-anxiety medicine, killed three people and is suspected in causing six other deaths. Last spring in Memphis, federal agents seized Chinese fentanyl and two analogs - acetyl fentanyl and butyryl fentanyl. In March, four men in Los Angeles were arrested for selling acetyl fentanyl and importing chemicals and equipment from China. Clandestine fentanyl production labs have been found in the Mexican states of Colima, Nayarit and Guerrero, all located on the Pacific coast. Singer Prince died in April of a fentanyl overdose. Opioid addiction in the US has reached crisis levels and fentanyl's potency makes it more addictive and highly profitable to drug dealers.

REAL ESTATE: The new Chinese owner of the New York landmark Waldorf Astoria, the Anbang Insurance Group Co., plans to shutter the 1,413 room hotel for up to three years to convert most of the property into condominiums and renovating the rest into 300-500 luxury guest rooms. The 85 year old hotel occupies a full city block on Park Avenue. Anbang acquired the property for \$1.95 billion and is expected to spend another \$1 billion on the conversion. Another \$100,000-plus million will be used to pay severance pay for the 1,500 hotel employees who will lose their jobs. Anbang had failed in its takeover effort of the Starwood Hotel & Resorts Worldwide Inc. to Marriott International; Anbang walked away from its \$14 billion offer citing "various market considerations." Some believe that too much of the New York condominium inventory is overpriced and staying longer days on the market. Other observers note that an upgrade of the Waldorf Astoria is long overdue.

MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

In May, Zoomlion scrapped its bid to buy Terex (a US crane manufacturer). In 2015 Zoomlion, one of China's biggest construction equipment makers, interrupted Finnish Konecranes' bid for Terex by making a 60% higher offer. Terex offered to spin off its port and industrial crane division which Zoomlion didn't want anyway and sell it to Konecranes. Zoomlion then backed out their offer, stating that the deal was unacceptable, Zoomlion got cold feet and backed out of negotiations. Zoomlion's stock fell, Konecranes' stock rose, Terex stock fell 14% and came out the loser.

Similarly this year Anbang Insurance Group made an unsolicited \$14 billion bid to buy Starwood Hotel and Resorts Worldwide after a Starwood had already agreed to sell the company to Marriott International Inc. Anbang without explanation other than "various market conditions" walked away from its bid.

Increasingly, Chinese deal markets are showing up uninvited and disrupting nearly done deals. Some of these companies have not done deals abroad before and are off the radar of US and European bankers. They are eager but unfamiliar with documentation expected by the corporate boards. Sellers are starting to require Chinese bidders to deposit cash in escrow accounts ahead of the transaction. In many cases, according to the Wall Street Journal, the Chinese bidders have forfeited escrow funds when they failed to secure financing or regulatory approval. Almost half of the unsolicited Chinese offers over the past five years have failed. In the first five months of this year, announced deals reached \$119 billion.

These cold feet deals is not happening in Europe. In the run up to the Brexit UK referendum vote on June 23, 2016, Asian buyers in Europe bought 298 European companies valued at a record \$102.3 billion, a 68% increase over the same period in 2015. Chinese buyers accounted for 22% of those European acquisitions. According to Dealogic, there are 18 deals valued at \$3.6 billion pending between UK companies and Asian acquirers. Another 115 acquisitions valued at \$95.13 billion, excluding debt, are pending across the rest of Europe. Observers say that the Brexit vote may only slow Asian acquisition of UK and European corporate assets because the 10% value decline in the pound, UK falling stock prices and UK companies who heavily rely on EU sales may make UK companies cheaper to buy. Uncertainty in UK trade relations, immigration, policies and relationships with the EU, will not likely clear up soon. Plus, Asian corporate perception that the UK is a good entry into the rest of Europe no longer exists as Britain's exits the European Union.

In 2016 so far, 13 Chinese companies have made a total of \$78 billion of unsolicited offers for overseas targets. In 2015, there were 17 offers to purchase overseas companies.

Many of these offers are unwelcomed. When China's home appliance maker Midea group made an unsolicited \$5 billion takeover offer for German robotics company Kuka last August (Midea already owned 13.5% of the Kuka's stock), the German government began exploring an alternative offer by setting up a German consortium.

In China, the Chinese government is protecting domestic assets by blocking foreign investors from investing in a Chinese internet bank WeBank, based in Shenzhen and backed by social network giant Tencent Holdings Ltd. Earlier this year US private equity firm Warburg

Pincus and Singapore state owned investment firm Temasek Holdings Pte. Ltd. were working on a deal to lead a \$450 million investment round for WeBank which would have brought the value of WeBank to about \$5.5 billion. After Chinese regulators blocked foreign investment and ownership, WeBank is now raising funds from domestic investors and aiming for a \$183 million valuation. Domestic Chinese investors are capable of financing these endeavors: Ant Financial Services Group, the financial services affiliate of Alibaba (China's Amazon.com equivalent) in April raised money from Chinese investors completing a \$4.5 billion investment round giving it an \$60 billion valuation.

South Korea companies are also in this competition to take over US companies. Lotte Chemical Corp in June made an unsolicited bid to buy Axiall Corp based in Atlanta. Westlake Chemical (Houston) made two unsolicited bids which Axiall rejected. Unsolicited bids are uncommon in the world of big acquisitions; most deals are negotiated privately and then announced as a done deal. Observers say that these Asian bids stand out for their size and the big premiums over their rivals. South Korean bids have not always gone through. Samsung Electronics Co. \$5.85 billion bid for US based SanDisk Corp in 2008 was withdrawn after several rebuffs.

Currents Faces, New Places

California Humanities 2016 California Documentary Project's 15 grant recipients include "**How to Have an American Baby**" - project director Leslie Tai/sponsor From the Heart Productions Inc; "**US Japan Relations Through a Shared Love of Baseball**" - project director Yuriko Romer/ sponsor Center for Independent Documentary; "**Free Chol Soo Lee**" - project directors Eugene Yi and Julie Ha/ sponsor: The KW Lee Center for Leadership.

Davis native **Mark Inouye**, lead trumpeter for the SF Symphony, performed July 10th at a benefit for the Topaz Museum in Delta Utah. The concert was held at The Conservatory of Music in SF. The Museum educates the public about the Japanese American experience in Topaz. Inouye's father was incarcerated there for 3 1/2 years during WWII and never told his son about that imprisonment. Also performing were Mark Izu, Keisuke Nakagoshi, In Sun Jang, Jeffrey Budin, Brad Buethe and Jeff Marrs.

Thong Hy Huynh Awards: In May, the Davis City Council presented the human rights awards for Lifetime Achievement: Jennifer Terra, Civil Rights Advocacy: Sean Raycraft; Excellence in Community Involvement: Mariachi Puente, Bud and Judy Wolf and the Rotary Club of Davis; Young Humanitarian: Gay Straight Alliance of Davis High School. Thong, 17, died in a racially motivated stabbing 5/4/1983 at Davis High.

Amy Tong, recently appointed to be director of California Dept of Technology. Tong had been chief deputy director of the Office of Systems Integration and chief information officer with the California Health and Human Services Agency.

Ming-Tung "Mike" Lee, CSUS's interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, was honored by the Asian Pacific Fund (Bay Area) with a \$10,000 award for student scholarships from the Chang-Lin Tien Leadership in Education Award fund. Lee is recognized for his leadership in higher education, like Tien did as UC Berkeley chancellor from 1990-1997.

Daniel C. Kim, confirmed as Director of the Dept of General Services. A dedicated APSEA member, Kim partnered with APSEA's 2016 Navigating Leadership Program.

CALENDAR

July 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug 7, 14 Sun **Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) Summer Class Speak and Learn Program.** For all API high school students, including graduating seniors. Learn about public speaking and leadership skills. 1-4pm at Sac PD Public Safety Center Community Room (5770 Freeport Blvd, Sac). Lunch provided. Info: Nai Saechao saechao.nai@gmail.com

July 12 **Florin Obon Dance Workshop** sponsored by the Buddhist Church of Florin and Florin JACL. Learn about the meaning and techniques of Obon dance and join the practice, too. 7pm at the church (7235 Pritchard Rd, Sac, off Florin Rd.) Donations welcome. Light hot dog dinner. RSVP: florinjac15@outlook.com

July 13, Aug 10, Sep 14 Wed **ACC Senior Services Family Caregiver Support Group.** 12-1:30pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). Self-help group run by and for people with challenges/life changing situations involving caregiving for a loved one with memory decline, such as dementia/Alzheimer's disease, and mild cognitive impairment (MCI). Free. Info: Soojin Yoo, 916/393-9026 x326, syoo@accsv.org.

July 13 Wed **ACC Senior Services: Prevent Annoying Sales Calls.** 230-330pm at ACC Senior Services Center (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). Learn about the National Do Not Call Registry and the rules that may reduce the number of sales calls you receive. Find out how to register, how to file a complaint and what to do about robocalls. You will also learn why you may still get calls and what calls are not covered by the Registry. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

July 14 Thu **CAAM and Vietnamese Youth Development Center: Screening of Generations of Justice (Daze of Justice):** The Past and Present of Displacement in Southeast Asian Communities by Michael Siv. Cambodian survivors of Pol Pot's brutal regime travel back to the homeland for the first time in decades. They break their silence about the genocides and horrors by testifying at the Khmer Rouge Tribunal. \$5 museum admission. Asian Art Museum (SF).

Jul 15 Fri **ACC Senior Services: Diabetes Academy Educational Series.** 10-1130am at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). This workshop addresses diabetes medicines: what they are, when they should be used, and how they work. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

July 15-17 **12th Annual Sacramento Japanese Film Festival.** Crest Theatre. July 15/730pm Pale Moon by Daihachi Yoshida; July 16/1130am Stray Dog by Akira Kurosawa, 220pm When Marnie Was There by Hiromasa Yonebayashi, 425pm A Boy Called H by Yasuo Furuhashi, 8pm Snow on the Blades by Setsuro Wakamatsu. July 17/2pm Sweet Bean by Naomi Kawase, 420pm Fall Down Seven Times, Get Up Eight: The Japanese War Brides by Lucy Craft, Karen Kasmauski, Kathryn Tolbert. Tickets at Crest Box Office or SJUMC (6929 Franklin Blvd, Sac) 916/421-1017

July 15 **You Offend Me You Offend My Family (YOMYOMF) Interpretations 2.0** deadline for submitting short films (max 3 minutes) using the same four-line script by David Henry Hwang [The script: "Don't do that." "Of course." "I have my doubts." "What is it?"] Info: contact@yomyomf.com

July 16 Sat **Nichi Bei Day with the Athletics.** A's v. Toronto Blue Jays. A fundraiser for the Nichi Bei (newspaper) Foundation. Info: www.nichibei.org/tickets

July 16 **Florin Obon Festival by the Buddhist Church of Florin.** 3pm Obon Service, 930pm Obon Odori Dancing at the church (7235 Pritchard Rd, Sac).

July 20 Wed **Sac Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce: Charity Poker Tournament.** Recipient: St. John's Program for Real Change. 530pm at Stones Gambling Hall "The Poker Saloon" (6510 Antelope Rd, CH). \$50 buy-in (advance), \$60 at door. Info: 916/446-7883 jwilson@sacasiancc.org

July 20 Wed **Greater Sac Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce: Business Networking Mixer.** 6-8pm at Calif. State Railroad Museum. Food, drinks, raffles, referrals, networking and more. Info: 916/900-6880 kevin.phan@gsvacc.org

Jul 22 Fri **ACC Senior Services: Preparing for Joint Replacement Surgery.** 10:00-11:00am at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). Planning on having a total hip or knee replacement surgery, but wondering what to expect? Come learn everything you'll need to know to prepare yourself, your home, and your loved ones for your upcoming surgery and recovery experience. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

July 23 Sat **My Sister's House Rummage Sale.** 7am-1pm. Donations accepted on 7-21 and 7-22. Info: 916/930-0626

July 23-31 **Japan Film Festival.** New People Cinema (SF) CAAM is co-presenting: A Bride for Rip Van Winkle, Solomon's Perjury Part 1: Suspicion and Part 2: Judgment, Being Good, Three Stories of Love.

July 26 Tues **KVIE Premier "Arnold Knows Me: The Tommy Kono Story."** 6pm at KVIE (2030 W. El Camino Ave, Sac). Sacramento's Tommy Kono was America's greatest weightlifter, overcoming physical disability, racial discrimination, and growing up in the WWII Tule Lake concentration camp. RSVP free tickets www.eventbrite.com/e/screening-event-arnold-knows-me-the-tommy-kono-story-tickets-26048176798. Limited seats. Help fundraiser for this production at www.gofundme.com/tommykonostory. Info: www.tommykonostory.com

Jul 27 Wed **ACC Senior Services: Welcome to Medicare: An Overview of Coverage and Options for Those Who are New to Medicare.** 10-11am at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). This workshop provides an overview of the Medicare program, including eligibility costs, benefits and recent changes. We will explain the various options for supplementing Medicare. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Jul 27 Wed **ACC Senior Services: Wills & Estates.** 1:00-2:30pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). Topics to be covered will include: 1) Requirements for executing different types of wills; 2) Pros and cons of living trusts; 3) Probate procedure; 4) Powers of Attorney; 5) Advance Health Care Directives; and 6) Protecting against financial abuse and exploitation when engaging estate planning professionals. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Aug 2, Sept. 6 **PACT Adult Adoptees of Color Support Group.** 7-9pm. Info: www.pactadopt.org, info@pactadopt.org.

Aug 3-31, Sep 7 Wed **ACC: Diabetes Self-Management Workshop.** 3-5:30pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). This workshop is a series of 6 classes that provides education and skills for those living with

diabetes. During the workshop, you will learn: practical ways to self-manage your diabetes, better nutrition choices and appropriate exercise goals, ways to prevent low blood sugar and complications, better ways to talk with your doctor and family about your health. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Aug 6 Sat **Halau Ka Waikahe Lani Malie & Halau Kahulaliwai: 17th Annual Ho'ike 2016.** Evening of hula for Hawaiian culture. 5pm at Three States, Harris Center for the Arts (10 College Parkway, Folsom). \$25/advance, \$30/door. Info: Halua 916/486-6399, Leila Horibata 916/412-7168

Aug 10 Wed **PACT Webinar "A Developmental Approach to Transracial Adoption".** 11am-1230pm. Info: www.pactadopt.org, info@pactadopt.org.

Aug 18 Thu **ACC Senior Services: Diabetes Academy Educational Series.** 6:00-7:30pm at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). Lifestyle modifications, motivation, stages of change and setting SMART goals. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Aug 19 Fri **Entablado Production USA LLD: FUNT4STIC.** Comedian & singers acts from the Philippines. Pokwant, Chokoleit, Pooh, K Brosas. 7pm at Sac. Community Theater (1301 L St, Sac). Info: Rayvere Cruz entablado@production@yahoo.com, fantastic4USA@gmail.com, 916/599-9846, 707/805-0024

Aug 20 Sat **My Sister's House - Divorce Workshop.** Info: info@my-sisters-house.org

Aug 20 Sat **Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation Benefit Concert - CARA-C.** CARA-C is a Chinese Pop violinist nominated for a Grammy and featured in a PBS special. 6pm at SASF (9040 High Tech Court, Elk Grove.) \$40/person, \$50/prime seats. Proceeds to fund Phase 2 Building Expansion. Info: www.sasfquest.org, Evan Kanenaga 916/391-6000, sasfrentals@gmail.com

Aug 21 Sun **ACC Obon Festival.** 2-4pm at 7801 Rush River Dr, Sac. Info: Noriko Hasegawa 916/393-9020 X237, nhasegawa@accsv.org

Aug 22 **CAAMFEST 2017 Early Submission Deadline.** Submit online at Withoutabox, FilmFreeway or email festival@caamedia.org. CAAMFEST is March 9-19, 2017.

Aug 24 Wed **ACC Senior Services: Your Guide to Medicare's Covered Preventive Services.** 10-11am at ACC Senior Services (7334 Park City Dr, Sac). We will review which preventive services are covered by Medicare and how often, who can get services, and what you will pay -- you pay nothing for many services. Free. To register: 916/393-9026 x330, classes@accsv.org.

Aug 25 Thu **CAPITAL: 4th Annual CELEBRASIAN Dinner.** Honorees: Suzanne Phan & Ryan Yamamoto. 6-8pm at Happy Gardens Restaurant (5731 Stockton Blvd, Sac). Sponsorships available. \$65/person. Info: Sonney Chong sonney.chong@att.net, Stephanie Nguyen std_nguyen@yahoo.com

Aug 27 Sat **PACT Annual End of Summer Gathering.** Noon-4pm in Emeryville. Info: www.pactadopt.org, info@pactadopt.org.

Sept 8 Thu **Chinese for Affirmative Action 47th Celebration of Justice Dinner.** Honoree: Asian Prisoner Support Committee. Info: www.caasf.org

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