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Asian SUNews special feature reporter & ASU journalism student, Christine Ong with Governor Janet Napolitano

The Start-up of the Legislative Session for '05

By Christine A. Ong

Legislative officials throughout Arizona gathered at the Phoenix Art Museum on January 13 to launch the beginning of the 47th Legislative Session, in the 2nd Annual Legislative Session Celebration.

With revelry on the top of the political agenda for the evening, legislative officials spent much of the evening not delivering bill proposals or resolutions, but ebulliently embracing fellow governmental cohorts and giving high-spirited handshakes.

Music provided by the band "Blue Fur" bedecked the halls of the museum, as a black-clad majority, with the occasional red or blue-garmented minority sipped their wine, ate their chicken skewers, vegetable medley assortment, and engaged in a cat-and-mouse game of conversation.

Governor Janet Napolitano, who is serving her second term in office, greeted her fellow congressional colleagues with an enthused attitude for the new session.

"Congrats on 4 great days. Let's set new bench marks for this great state," Napolitano said of her hopes for the future of Arizona.

Napolitano, who erased a billion-dollar state budget deficit in her first term of office without cutting funding or elevating taxes, created the annual celebration of the legislative session a year ago.

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Asian Chamber Lunar New Year's Banquet: Prosperity in Business, Health and Education

More than 500 Asian Pacific American community members and friends celebrated the Lunar New Year of the Rooster, 4703, by focusing on prosperity and inclusion in education, health and business at the 12th Annual Asian Chamber New Year's Banquet at the Airport Marriott in Phoenix.

Keynote speaker, Bob Johnson,



(l-r) Rocky Tang, Asian Chamber President, Honeywell Chairman Bob Johnson (awarded talking Happy Cat) & Madeline Ong-Sakata, Exec. Dir.

Chairman of Honeywell Aerospace, focused on the significance and growing recognition and contributions of Asian Americans and Asians in the technology sector of U. S. businesses, as well as in the global holdings of multinational technology corporations such as at Honeywell. Mr. Johnson recounted his own fond experiences in Asia and stressed Honeywell's commitment to diversity and the Asian American community. His speech was welcomed by attendees and members of the Honeywell Asian Network whose president, Lana Wahlter, had proudly introduced her boss to the community.

Danny Valenzuela, Arizona Department of Health (ADHS) greeted the dinner audience and made note of the importance and growing recognition of different rates of disease and health indicators for particular segments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders as com-

pared to other U.S. populations. Danny indicated the importance of working directly with communities to engage in health initiatives sensitive to the Asian Pacific communities.

Dr. Alan Artibese, Division Dean of the College of Arts Letters and Sciences at ASU addressed the audience with his heartfelt positive impressions of the evenings cultural performances and presentations. Dr. Artibese welcomed guests and introduced ASU faculty and staff present, demonstrating ASU's commitment to community. Dr. Artibese spoke in specific detail about the Asian Pacific American Studies (APAS) Program at ASU, stating his and the Administration's support for keeping the program on the Tempe campus, committing to a national search for a new program director, and committing ASU's support in helping the APAS Program grow as a competitive prestigious program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. In closing, Dr. Artibese welcomed open communication with community members.

The evening's activities and cultural performances were coordinated and programmed by students and alum of the ASU APAS Program and the ASU APA Students Coalition. Highlight performances included traditional Pacific Islander dances with informative storytelling and cultural background given by Herman Lavatai and Co. The ADHS Chamber of Commerce Inhale Life Singers Childrens Choir sang the National Anthem and the Thomas Tang Post 50 posted the Colors. A special Island Blessing in memory of Edwin Tampos was performed by wife, LouAnn Tampos and Lillian Harwood. A lion dance by Master Lu's Martial Arts Co. drove any evil spirits lurking about!

Notably, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs hosted local representatives and sent beautiful leis to support the Chamber's focus on health, business and most particularly the ASU APA Studies Program a subject very close to their heart.



Armando Flores, APS VIP, (center) receives Thank You Award from Rocky Tang & Madeline Ong-Sakata (see story page 3)



Dr. Alan Artibese had announcements that everyone cheered--his support for the ASU APA Studies Program.



Danny Valenzuela announced that ADHS is sensitive to the APA community and their needs.

Mayor Gordon defines PRAC v Asian American Advisory Group

By Amanda Ho

On January 14, 2005, Mayor Phil Gordon invited the Asian American community to meet and form an additional advisory group. The City of Phoenix already has an official Asian American advisory group: The Pacific Rim Advisory Council, a City of Phoenix Commission. Mayor Gordon began by explaining the difference between the two groups. He gave reasons for why he wanted to create another means for meeting with the Asian American community. He reiterated many times that PRAC was the official advisory group to the Mayor, but he wanted a way to get the concerns and ideas of the community through faster means.

"We want to be able to build on top of PRAC's work, but at the same time not

undercut or duplicate their work," said Mayor Gordon. Mayor Gordon believed that a large community forum setting would be the best way to get ideas from a larger part of the Asian American community. If you would like more information about the Pacific Rim Advisory Council, please contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 602-495-0857.

Mayor Gordon spoke about his intention to make education his number one priority. There are many new and exciting things happening in the City of Phoenix. The University of Arizona will be collaborating with Arizona State University by bringing their College of Medicine to Downtown Phoenix. Soon, Phoenix will be the home to some of the most cutting-edge medical

research in the nation. The Phoenix Biomedical Campus will help train much needed doctors, nurses and pharmacists for Arizona. Mayor Gordon was very excited about the future of this expansion and what this means for the City of Phoenix. He says that this collaboration will be pivotal in the revitalization of the downtown area. He envisions thousands of new residents, graduates, researchers, and faculty contributing energy and vitality to our already growing city.

With a growing city, there are many problems and one of those problems is transportation. Mayor Gordon addressed a few questions and concerns about the highly debated light rail system that is schedule to be ready for use by the summer of 2006. The

light rail will run with electricity and therefore is advertised as a more environment friendly mode of transportation. It is also said to be very quiet so it will not disturb neighboring communities. It will eventually run from 19th Ave and Bethany Home Rd. to Apache Blvd and Dobson Rd.

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Gordon thanked everyone for coming. A future date was not set for the next meeting, but the Mayor encouraged everyone to keep in contact with his office. Mayor Gordon is to be applauded for reaching out to find different modes of getting information. It is good that he does not duplicate the hard work that PRAC is doing and sees this advisory group as another opportunity to learn and educate his office.

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4. Provide business consulting and technical assistance to the members of the chamber.

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The *Asian SUNews* is the official publication of the Asian Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the paper is two-fold: to inform chamber members and the public about national and local news and issues pertinent to the Asian community and to promote Asian businesses and corporate sponsors through advertisements.

The *Asian SUNews* has grown over the years and is the largest Asian newspaper in Arizona, distributed state-wide and in major cities in the United States.

Community organizations that join the Asian Chamber of Commerce are given the opportunity to publish their news and/or announcements in the *Asian SUNews* to share with the public.

Everyone is welcome to become a member of the Asian Chamber of Commerce.

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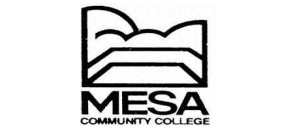
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Presidents Message

It was a great Lunar New Year of the Rooster celebration. It was fun for everyone and the children enjoyed it as much as the adults. We had 15 children singing the National Anthem under the banner of one of our major sponsors, the **Arizona Department of Health Services**. Our children's choir sings under the **Inhale Life** banner, a very popular anti-tobacco slogan. Our Inhale Life Singers have sung about eight times total at the Suns, Diamondbacks and our Lunar New Year.

More than 500 people packed the lobby and then the dining room at the Phoenix Airport Marriott! It was quite a crowd. The children had to have dinner in the lobby, but we left the doors open to the dining room so they could take part in the great raffle and door prize drawing we had! They had banquet tables set up for them and were having a lot of fun.

Our next event is March 11th where we will celebrate Asian Pacific Night at the Suns when we play the Houston Rockets and get to see Yao Ming again. Before that game on February 27th we will have our basketball tournament sponsored by ADHS and then play our championship game on the Suns very own America West Arena court the afternoon of the big March 11th game.

I don't want to forget to welcome our very special Platinum Sponsor: **SCF of Arizona/Workers' Compensation Insurance**. Welcome. And a special welcome to our SCF liaison to the Chamber, **Ray Everett**, who was able to join our Lunar New Year celebration and get a firsthand look at one of our biggest events. We would also like to welcome **Kevin Blood of Captial Wealth Management**, **Rochelle Samms of Homewood Suites North Phoenix**, **Joyce Ching of Bausch & Lomb** (who was also at our banquet), **John Heather of Isla Solutions Consulting** and **Mike Huang** (who also attended our banquet). Welcome to all of you and we hope to see you on March 11th and other events.

Please let us know if you still want tickets to the March 11th game. It is a real bargain. You save 1/2 price getting the tickets from us and the Suns are hot. So e-mail asiansun@aol.com and ask for tickets. Plenty of upper level seats left, but we will have to find you tickets from our many sellers if you want lower level.

See you then, and after that it's Spring.

Rocky Tang

Armando Flores receives Asian Chamber's Gold Thank You Award

The Third Annual Thank You Award was presented to Armando Flores for his support and commitment to the success and future of the Asian Chamber of Commerce.

"Armando always had good advice and words of encouragement to the Board at our regular luncheon meetings." said Executive Director Madeine Ong-Sakata. She said that she doesn't even think that Armando realized that his words of advice and wisdom were ever taken seriously and to heart, but wanted him to know upon presenting him the award, that they were!

The Thank You Award is given to the person during the year that has given the Asian Chamber the opportunity it needs to survive and prosper in these sometimes trying times. Thank You, Armando.

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Book Preview: Food for the Journey

A book of essays by Emery R. Tang
First Essay: Open Parentheses
Conclusion of First Essay

Fortunately, there was a flip side to my coin. I was a dependable, pious kid who faithfully rode his bike on cold winter mornings to serve mass at the altar. Mother gave me handsome leather gloves at Christmas to protect my hands on those long rides. I ran errands on my bike. I received good grades, won spelling bees and did my homework without prodding.

If any doubts about my integrity still lingered, they were finally wiped away when I turned twelve. I arrived home, following an eighth-grade retreat at school, directed by Fr. Alexis, our much-admired parish priest. I waited for the right moment. Then I blurted out the dramatic announcement that I was a candidate for the seminary. I had decided-as much as a twelve-year-old can decide-that I would become a priest!

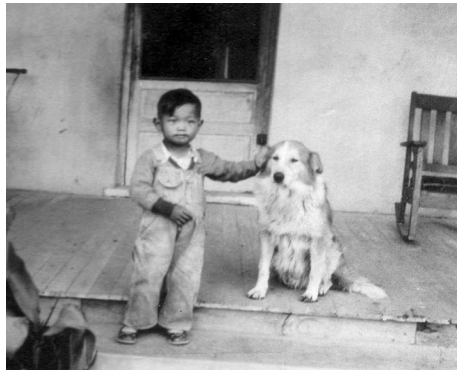
Instantly, my reputation was salvaged. The past was forgotten. This erstwhile bad seed was a good seed, after all. Mother was elated, father was not. It was not what he had hoped for; after all, he had built a business that he dreamed one day would incorporate his sons.

Nonetheless, all their years of silent tears and fears were finally resolved. Since a priest carried an aura of nobility and virtue, their son with his checkered past would finally be a source of happiness and pride to them, not misery and shame.

So, having just turned thirteen, I was off to the seminary in the company of a dozen others from my class. My father's initial question: "What does a twelve-year-old know about life?" was soon answered. By year's end, all but two of my companions had awakened to the reality that a life choice is more than fun and games. One by one they took their one-way tickets home.

I stayed, however, through the following twelve years of training. To say I persevered would imply that it was a constant struggle to cling to my life choice, which it was not. Year simply followed upon year, each marked with significant events which seemed quite normal: classmates quit periodically; teachers, some top rate and others so-so, came and went; the routine of studies and play made the days flow by smoothly and swiftly.

What was not routine was my passage into manhood when I turned thirteen. There followed a worrisome, almost frantic period when my conscience was weighed down by the fear of damnation, as I was led to believe. While the hormones in me thrashed and raged wildly, I struggled mightily to tame them under pain of mortal sin and fear of



Blessed with faith, family & friends. What will this boy become?

eternal perdition. Add to this my abysmal ignorance or innocence about sexual matters. I was alternately shocked and educated, amused and aroused by the graphic stories and jokes told by some of my more worldly-wise classmates on our long walks.

In 2002 I celebrated fifty years of ordination. In that time I have been a high school teacher and administrator, an associate producer in TV and film, a peripatetic preacher and a retreat house director. My students and audiences have been many. Ultimately, they are the ones who will evaluate my life and ministry and pass judgment on my presence and impact in their lives.

When my family saw me off to the seminary those many years ago, they were relieved and assured that their son and brother would bring honor to them and to the world-at large as a leader and model of restraint and virtue. And yet my foregoing self-revelation would appear to bury that expectation. It's as if I stand before the reader without clothes.

As a septuagenarian I am well aware of having reached the final turn on life's course. The years of experience have convinced me that I share the common strengths and weaknesses of others. My narrative might well serve as a mirror held up to them as well. Beneath the layers of pretense and false modesty, I am like everyone else, perhaps even worse.

And so, in these remaining years my goal is to accept the challenge "to fight the good fight" to the end, as Paul urged his friend Timothy. (I Tim 6: 12) Then what an enormously thrilling and wondrous moment it will be to discover the full answers to life's who, what, when, where, how and why. "No eye has ever seen nor ear heard nor has any mind ever conceived the things that God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Cor 2:9)

More essays next month.

Pacific Islander, always...

By Claudia Kaercher



This is the "Year of the Rooster - 4703" - "Happy New Year" to all of you and from LAU KANAKA NO HAWAII, Arizona's Hawaiian Club, we say "Hau'oli Makahiki Hou"

Two Pacific Islanders, Tony Patao and Verna Reynolds who lived in Phoenix, Arizona, founded Lau Kanaka No Hawaii in 1981.

Upon meeting, their families shared their longings for island culture and the 'ai (island food like fish, kalua pig, poi, etc.) They missed the *meles* (songs), the *hula* (Hawaiian dance), and *ha'i mo'olelo* (to tell stories or as they would say, "talk story" speaking pidgin Hawaiian.) Quoting radio commentator Paul Harvey, "and now the rest of the story."

Hence, the *hui* (club) was formed. It was established as a social club to perpetuate the rich "ALOHA SPIRIT" of the beautiful Polynesian cultures throughout the communities in Arizona. Annually in the fall, LKNH presents their main fundraising event, the public "LUAU." Here you will get to show off your most colorful aloha attire complete with real and almost real flower leis; hear the strumming of ukuleles, guitars, and drum beats of the Pacific; watch the hula dancers sway to and fro;

taste the exotic foods from Hawaii; and shop from the various vendors. Any profits from this "luau" go to support the missions of the *hui*, including the Summer Explorations Camp at Kamehameha School on Oahu for qualified children of LKNH members.

"Lau Kanaka No Hawaii" means the many different people of Hawaii. The *hui* has approximately 260 family memberships made up of islanders from the Hawaiian Islands, people who have lived there, people from Polynesia and Micronesia, and pure Hawaiians-at-Heart. The *hui's* monthly meetings are fun, filling, and educational. Come see for yourself. Be our guest.

Photos courtesy of LKNH archives: Some founding members of LKNH

**Top: George, Rose Alama
 Middle: Verna, Bob Reynolda;
 Carol, Tony Patao; Ben, Annie
 Stillman Bottom: Katherine,
 John Bishop; Wiliama, Julie
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An Intergovernmental Agreement for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certification between the cities of Phoenix and Tucson, and the Arizona Department of Transportation has been signed. The agreement enables all certifying agencies in Arizona to offer a one-stop program for firms applying for DBE certification through the Arizona Unified Certification Program (AZUCP).

The DBE program is intended to remedy past and current discrimination against socially and economically disadvantaged business owners. It fosters equal opportunity in all Department of Transportation-assisted contracts that include highway, transit and airport programs.

"Since 1995, the cities of Phoenix and Tucson, and the Arizona Department of Transportation have participated in a limited reciprocity agreement that allowed applicants to complete an application with any one of the partners and request the file be sent to other participating jurisdictions. These jurisdictions made independent decisions on certification eligibility," said Carole Coles Henry, director, city of Phoenix Equal Opportunity. "Under the new arrangement, the AZUCP partners have adopted a uniform DEB certification process that allows small business owners to apply for certification with one agency and become certified statewide."

DBE certification is open to qualifying business owners who own at least 51 percent of the firm and belong to one of the following groups: African-American, Hispanic, Asian-American, Native-American and Caucasian females. To become a certified DBE, businesses must be operational, owned by a citizen or legal resident of the United States, and be a small business as defined by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

There are more than 600 businesses currently DBE certified by the city and approximately 1,000 statewide.

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Miss Cherry Blossom

February 10, 2005—Phoenix, Arizona. Japan America Society of Arizona announces that this year's Miss Cherry Blossom is Stephanie Tamiko Nishioka. Stephanie, age 20, is a Junior at the University of Arizona where she is majoring in Retail and Consumer Science, with a minor in General Business. When she is not busy at school, Stephanie spends her time practicing karate, taiko, and working on her computer.

The Japan America Societies promote relationships between Japan and America through cultural exchanges, business networking, and education. For more information, contact Bob Corella at (623) 915-9091 or bcorella@cox.net.



**Matsuri Festival
February 26-27, 2005**



President's Message

Richard Matsuishi

As I indicated in my previous message, I would like to see our membership increase substantially.

The new National JACL membership plan appears to be a good idea that can be successful. The proposal is simple - ask each current member to sign up one new member.

We will be sending each member the necessary information and forms. Please help by signing up at least one new member.

Introducing Our New Chapter Board Member

We would like to periodically let our chapter members learn more about our new chapter board members. This month, we would like to introduce one of our new board members, Lesley Fuwa.

Lesley graduated from Northern Arizona

University in 2002 with a Bachelors of Science in Health Promotions with an emphasis in Community Education (also known as Community Health Education). She currently works for Southwest Behavioral Health Services as a Behavioral Health Tech II for the In-home/Transition Program. Lesley provides in-home services for adults that have been diagnosed as severely mentally ill. She teaches independent living skills (i.e. organization skills, cooking skills, job searching, apartment hunting, etc.) and provides counseling.

Outside of work, Lesley enjoys playing sand volleyball, going to the batting cages, watching movies, listening to music, spending time with family and friends, cooking and playing on the internet.

Lesley "retired" from volunteering for the Fiesta Bowl Parade last year and felt like she needed another activity to volunteer for. That is when Lesley became interested in learning more about JACL Arizona Chapter and then decided to join our chapter board. Lesley is interested in helping our chapter plan for the 2006 National JACL Convention and also wants to learn more about her cultural background and the Japanese community in Arizona. We feel very fortunate to have Lesley

join our chapter board. When asked how we can attract more "twenty-somethings" to join our chapter, Lesley quickly offered suggestions such as: become a part of some of the cultural events at the colleges and perhaps design a chapter tee shirt that could be given to a new member when they sign up.

If you haven't met Lesley, make sure to say hello to her at an upcoming chapter event!

California Nisei High School Diploma Project

Most of us have heard Japanese American students interned during World War II.

Lodi Union High School in Lodi, California is actively looking for Japanese American students who were in the Class of 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945. They are planning to include Japanese American students from these classes to participate with this year's graduation ceremony on May 26, 2005.

If you know anyone who was a Lodi High School student from 1942-1945, contact the school's Registrar, Sue Erdbacher at (209) 331-7700 or

serdbacher@lodi.k12.ca.us about AB 781 which was recently enacted to provide high school diplomas retroactively to

Arizona Asian Leaders at Presidential Inauguration

By Barry Wong, Chairman, Arizona Bush/Cheney '04 Campaign's Asian American Coalition, and Phoenix Attorney

Excitement was in the air as tens of thousands of Americans descended upon our nation's capital during the week of January 17, 2005 to join in the inauguration celebration of President George W. Bush to a second term.

The state of Arizona was well represented at the Presidential Inauguration by business and community leaders. Among the leaders invited by the Presidential Inauguration Committee to attend the official ceremony and events were Barry Wong, Phoenix attorney and member of President Bush's Re-election Steering Committee in Arizona and Chairman of the Bush/Cheney Campaign's Arizona Asian American Coalition, and Chantri Sukpon Beck, President of the Phoenix-based Thai-American Friendship Organization, Inc.

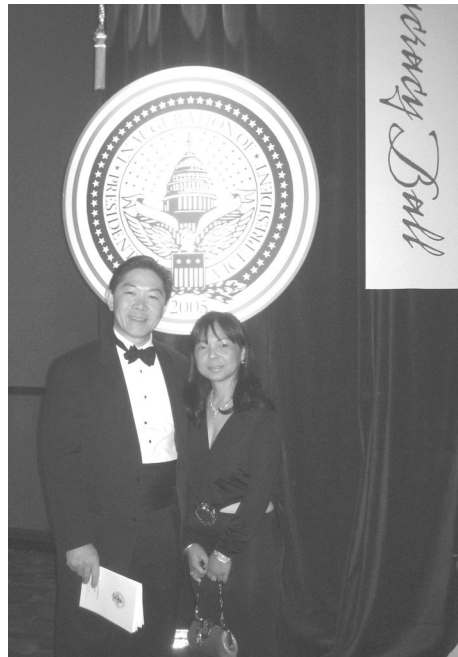
Labor Secretary Chao Reception

The week of the Inauguration was filled with numerous unofficial receptions, parties and balls leading up to the official ceremony and events. Among the unofficial events attended by Sukpon Beck and Wong were the Wednesday reception hosted by U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine Chao and the "Route 66 Inauguration Ball."

Secretary Chao hosted a special Inauguration Celebration Reception at the U.S. Department of Labor for over 100 Asian Pacific American (APA) community leaders from throughout the U.S. In her remarks she talked about how fortunate she was to be selected by President Bush to become the first APA female to hold a cabinet level position in the history of the U.S. Further, she said in her position serving all Americans she has not forgotten her roots in the APA community and has made great strides in opening up access to the federal government to APAs and giving senior level job opportunities to them in her department.

Washington, D.C. is often full of surprises, including its weather. Upon leaving the Labor Secretary's reception Wong and Beck faced a snowstorm and the entire capitol area was blanketed with snow. It was a sight to see, especially for guests from Arizona where snow is confined to the high country ski areas.

That evening Wong and Sukpon Beck



Barry Wong and Sukpon Beck

attended the new "Route 66 Inauguration Ball" organized by the D.C.-based State Societies of New Mexico and Arizona and the D.C. office of the Navajo Nation. It was held at a unique venue, the recently opened Smithsonian National History Museum of the American Indian. Wong and Sukpon Beck, the only APAs present out of over 1,000 guests, saw a number of familiar faces including

Arizona Congressional delegation members U.S. Representatives John Shadegg, Rick Renzi, Trent Franks and Jim Kolbe. The Museum exhibits were open for viewing. The night started with light hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. As the evening progressed a band started playing with dancing following. It was quite an evening of entertainment and networking.

Oath of Office Ceremony

Thursday was the official Inauguration Day. The weather cooperated with no snow, but it was cloudy and very cold. Wong and Sukpon Beck had special access tickets to the Oath of Office Ceremony just outside of the Capitol. After waiting in line for over an hour to gain access to the security screening area they were finally inside the "Blue Zone" with a close view of the dais and stage. With only a few minutes to spare Wong and Sukpon Beck located a good viewing position and settled in as the Master of Ceremonies Senator Trent Lott finished his opening remarks and introduced William Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the U.S.

Supreme Court who would administer the Oath of Office to President Bush. President Bush, with First Lady Laura Bush and their twin daughters Jenna and Barbara to his side, stood across from Chief Justice Rehnquist and with his right hand raised recited the Oath of Office as over 100,000 guests present stood in silence and anticipation. After the President recited the Oath the audience erupted in applause and cheer as the military band played "Hail to the Chief."

"I stood there in awe and appreciative of this great nation and its ability to continue the leadership peacefully, especially after a long, hard fought campaign," Wong said. "Being present to witness this historic event and ceremony ranks as among the highlights in my life."

President Bush delivered his Inauguration Speech with applause interrupting him a number of times. He talked about the bravery of our military troops. He hailed democracy and freedom and his desire to spread it around the world, and expressed his interest in ending tyranny around the world. After the President's speech a military balladeer lead the audience in singing the National Anthem.

Inauguration Parade

A celebration would not be complete without a parade. Following the Oath of Office Ceremony was the Presidential Inauguration Parade. The parade is a long tradition in U.S. presidential inaugurations.

Sukpon Beck and Wong, after undergoing another security screening into the special presidential viewing section of the parade, settled into the front row of parade bleachers next to the President's reviewing stand. After a period of waiting and taking in the festive environment the head of the parade approached among throngs of people cheering and waiving. President and Mrs. Bush came out of their limousine to walk the final leg of the parade route along Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House. Wong and Sukpon Beck had a clear view of the parade and were able to get a great view of the President and First Lady, followed by Vice President Richard Cheney and Mrs. Cheney who

also walked the final leg of the parade.

The parade followed after the official party settled into the reviewing stand. Inside the stand were the President's father and mother and twin daughters. The parade was lots of fun with military personnel from each branch of the service, many bands, floats and other entries from nearly every state.

Inauguration Ball

As the evening approached Sukpon Beck and Wong, after thawing out from the freezing temperatures at a nearby Starbucks, prepared to attend the black tie Inauguration Ball. Due to the large number of special guests invited by the Presidential Inauguration Committee, there were nine official Balls. Guests from different states were grouped together at the various Balls held mainly at the new convention center. Wong and Sukpon Beck attended the Democracy Ball and then the Independence Ball. President Bush and Mrs. Bush attended each Ball where he thanked his supporters and campaigners and danced with the First Lady. It was a festive occasion. Multiple bands played at each Ball where people danced the night away.

"It was an honor to be invited to attend the Presidential Inauguration," Sukpon Beck said. "As a girl growing up on a farm in Thailand I would never have thought I would be here celebrating at a U.S. president's inauguration."



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Christine Anne Ong

Just as doctors take the Hippocratic Oath, journalists are expected to assume an unspoken standard of service: one of credibility, objectivity and honesty in news coverage—to serve the public and serve them to the fullest.

The credibility of journalists is currently in a rut—being barraged by a meteor of criticisms and a decline of credibility.

For one, there has been a noticeable polarization of political views in conjunction with news conglomerates.

Some say that the Fox News Channel is the foothold of credibility among Republicans, with right-wingers comprising 52 percent of the viewers. Conversely, liberals amass to only 13 percent of Fox's audience. The remainder label their perspectives as "moderate."

In Ken Auletta's Backstory: Inside the Business of News, Dan Rather commented on how he believes that Fox is a reflection of Rupert Murdoch's overarching political perspectives.

"Mr. Murdoch has a business, a huge worldwide conglomerate business. He finds it to his benefit to have media outlets, press outlets, that serve his business interests. There's nothing wrong with this. It's a free country. It's not an indictable offense. But by any clear analysis the bias is towards his own personal, political, partisan agenda...primarily because it fits his commercial interests."

Although, generally speaking, Republicans turn to Fox to receive their news, only 29 percent of those actually believe that the Fox News Channel is authoritative.

CNN, on the other hand, has been touted as the instrument through which most Democrats glean their information, with left-wingers accounting for nearly 50 percent of the channel's viewership.

Of those Democrats who watch CNN, about 45 percent believe that the network is a dependable media outlet.

In an interview with the *Washington Post*, Fox's spokeswoman, Irena Briganti says, "...while our audience continues to increase and our credibility expands, our competitors are hemorrhaging viewers and losing America's trust. It's fair to ask why so many Democrats are watching CNN if everyone has to ask why so many conservatives are watching us..."

In comparison to the mid-1980s when Republicans were slightly more skeptical of the media than Democrats, an increasing number of conservatives are presently more distrustful than ever.

Howard Kurtz, of the *Washington Post*, attributes the lack of Republican credulity to the latest presidential election and the media's treatment of Bush in the news.

Insofar as the mounting polarization is concerned, Kurtz mentions that it is due in part to the "shout shows" that are doused with political slants, such as Bill O'Reilly's Fox show and Rush Limbaugh's radio broadcast.

Journalistic coverage has turned into a manipulative maneuver, as certain individuals and networks are choosing to show

what they want to see and say what they want to hear.

Such slanted shows and limited scopes have paved way to such contrivances as *blogging*, which was created as a direct response by Democrats to get their views acknowledgment in the public sector.

In addition to the political slants of networks, the media has also been accused of scripting the phraseology that has surrounded the war against Iraq, labeling American and British soldiers "liberators," while coining the Iraqis as "aggressors" and "terrorists."

Granted, the media holds the power of surveillance—beware (warning) surveillance (the function the media has to relay threats (both immediate and persisting)) and instrumental surveillance (useful and helpful information that can aid in daily life), however to what means and to what end is this authority being executed and in what way should it be executed?

Eric Loo, the Head of the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of Wollongong, states in one of his suppositions on journalism, "...a journalist's job is to write informed, wise, 'authoritative' accounts of what they see, hear and understand."

Loo, using an acrostic of the word 'oracle,' says that journalists are to "Observe, Reflect and Report, Analyze, Contextualize, Learn, and ultimately, Enlighten their readers."

Take one of the most recent faux-pas of the media world as of late: the CBS-Dan Rather blunder surrounding Bush's military service in the Texas National Guard.

In an investigative report released Jan 10, the panel resolved that the producer of the report, Mary Mapes, executive producer of "60 Minutes Wednesday", Josh Howard, his top deputy, Mary Murphy, and senior vice president, Betsy West all acted upon their "myopic zeal" in airing the story (that was based on forged documents).

According to David Bauder of the Associated Press, Leslie Moonves of CBS said that Rather "asked the right questions initially, but then made the same errors of credulity and over-enthusiasm that beset many of his colleagues in regard to this segment."

A Gallup Poll that was administered after the "60 Minutes" fiasco showed that a measly "44 percent of Americans express confidence in the media's ability to report news stories accurately and fairly."

Unfortunately, the CBS-Dan Rather incident is another instance of good journalism gone bad.

Unfortunately, a few misjudgments dappled here and there have aided in diminishing the peoples' overall certitude about the media's reputability as a whole.

Unfortunately, many news outlets have redefined their attitudes and definitions of news—the former being one that served the people, the current being one that serves their values and their elite cadre.

Fortunately, there are and will continue to be journalists in the industry who will arduously work to bring viewers and readers truthful coverage of the news as it happens and I vow to be one of those journalists.

Death and Lottery Tickets, the Great Equalizers



Anoma Phanthourath

Even in death, Asians are all about gambling. Before my brother passed away, he used to joke that when he died, he would come back and tell us the Lotto numbers. But don't go thinking that was an entirely altruistic gesture on his part of ensuring our

happiness.

His deal was that he'd only do it if we promised to do the same for him if we died first. Cicolay passed away in December of 1997. I'm still alive. Most importantly, I still haven't won the Lotto. Even with my law degree and all the subpoena power behind me, I'm not quite sure how to go about enforcing the deal.

He comes to me in my dreams, my brother does. And he does to my remaining brother and sister, too. But he only comes to us in times of stress. This is when we seem to dream of him, and our problems get put in perspective for the little problems that they are. Nothing, after all, compares with the loss of a family member.

There's been a rash of death as of late in my circle of friends. The similarities bring it all home. I'm sorry, I say, my brother was in a train-car accident, too. I'm sorry, I nod, my brother was in a coma for seven years, too. It's a sad little bond the talk of head injuries, brain damage, and vegetative states.

No matter your viewpoints, your political party, your religious affiliation, or your ethnicity, it all goes away when you talk of cancers and teenage daughters who will not have their mothers see them graduate. It's been nearly a month since Margaret passed away and I just don't know what to write to her family. Mentioning her great tuna salad sandwiches just doesn't seem like comfort enough.

Of the oddest places for me to be reminded of this was the recent Asian Chamber of Commerce Lunar New Year Banquet. I was at the City Commissioner and City Council table. This lot, of course, does our share of banquets and dinners. I leaned over and said, psst, how does this compare to the Black

Chamber of Commerce dinner? (I know, I know. That's another column.)

We had two Commissioners from the Human Relations Commission at our table and both happened to be African-American. I, politically-incorrect and lacking of social skills, had been joking all night about Asian stereotypes. (My cause was helped when the favors given out at the Asian Chamber dinner were Lotto tickets.)

Phoenix City Councilman Tom Simplot, who is (secondarily) gay and (primarily) a supporter of the Asian community, was also at the table. The hodgepodge of dinner company made for a fun evening of not-your-typical-Chamber-dinner-conversation. As the lone full-blooded Asian at the table, I fielded questions about Asian customs, dances, and traditions. When I started making up answers about why oranges were good luck and cats were always happy, I needed to divert the line of questioning.

Hence, my question about the Black Chamber comparison. In response, I was told with a wink and a smile: "It's all the same, Anoma. We're all the same."

Sharp-witted as I am, I responded, you mean the Black Chamber dinner has Lion Dancers, also? Luckily for the Asian race, he thought I was being witty and complimented me on my great sense of humor.

So there you had a table of men and women who were Black, White, Asian, gay, straight, Republican and Democrat, enjoying our sameness and our differences. And I thought of my brother when the table scratched our Lotto tickets. My first reaction was that there wasn't a winner in the lot.

Yet, when I looked around at the 500-plus people in the ballroom and the path that got me in such great company, I knew my brother had made good on his deal of ensuring his baby sister's happiness.

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Out-of-town guests at the Lunar New Year Banquet include Pat Din, OCA San Francisco; David L. Kim, Anheuser-Busch, St. Louis, MO; Madeline Ong-Sakata, Asian Chamber host & Michael Din, Los Angeles, CA. David holds Grizzlies autographed basketball.

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MICHELOB LIGHT CELEBRATES THE ASIAN PACIFIC FILMMAKERS CLASS OF 2005 AT THE SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

Michelob Light, Official Beer Sponsor of the 4th Annual Asian Pacific Filmmakers Reception

Park City, Utah (January 25, 2005) - Michelob Light was the official beer sponsor for the 4th Annual Asian Pacific Filmmakers Reception at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival on January 23rd at the China Panda Restaurant in Park City, Utah. More than 500 Asian actors/actresses, agents, filmmakers, and producers attended, including Joan Chen, Saving Face, Michelle Krusiec, Saving Face, Cliff Curtis Whale Rider, Sung Kang, Better Luck Tomorrow, Antwone Fisher, Snacky Chan, Asian American hip-hop star, Suh Jung, Actress, Green Chair, Park Cul-soo, Director, Green Chair and Lee Yoon-ki, Director, This Charming Girl.

"We are pleased to be a part of the 4th annual Asian Pacific Filmmakers Reception," said John Costello, product manager, Michelob Light, Anheuser-Busch Inc. "Michelob Light has been involved in film festivals around the country and Sundance is the premier event and a great place to reach our Michelob Light drinkers."

At its inception in 2002, the Asian Pacific Filmmakers Reception was created to acknowledge the fact that Asian filmmakers were being represented at the nation's top film festival in the highest numbers yet. In the years to follow, Asian Pacific filmmakers grew in both prominence and influence. This year, Sundance Film Festival accepted 33 Asian Pacific filmmakers in the festival line-up.

"We are thrilled to be the first corporate sponsor at the Asian Pacific Filmmakers

Reception," said David L. Kim, director of sales development and community relations, Anheuser-Busch Inc. "Anheuser-Busch is very proud of the 33 Asian filmmakers that were accepted into this premier film festival and also realizes the increasing popularity of Asian films and has been recognizing this nationally over the last decade."

"As worldwide box office and DVD figures can attest, Asian Cinema is beyond hot — it's downright sizzling. Since its beginning, our event has mirrored this growth and we are gratified that Anheuser-Busch both recognizes and continues to support the ongoing success of Asian Pacific film," said Winston F. Emano, co-founder of the Asian Pacific Filmmakers Reception at Sundance. "We're looking forward to a memorable toast to our Sundance and Slamdance Class of 2005 and our grandest party yet."

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Left to Right: David L. Kim, Director of Sales Development & Community Relations, Anheuser-Busch, Inc., Suh Jung, Actress, Green Chair, Park Cul-soo, Director, Green Chair



Left to Right: David L. Kim, Director, Sales Development and Community Relations, Anheuser-Busch, Inc, Joan Chen, Actress, Saving Face and Alice Wu, Director, Saving Face

How Much Social Security Income Can I Expect?

By Ken Ithori

Estimating your future Social Security benefits used to be a difficult task, but not any longer. The Social Security Administration now provides an estimate of all future Social Security benefits to any taxpayer who requests it.

Simply submit a copy of Form SSA-7004. You can obtain a copy by calling 800-772-1213, or apply over the Internet at www.ssa.gov.

This form asks you for a number of facts about yourself, including your name, Social Security number, date of birth, previous year's earnings, the age at which you plan to retire, and how much you expect to earn between now and retirement.

Based on this information and its own records of your previous Social Security payments, the Social Security Administration will produce an 8-page report called a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement. This document, which will arrive in four to six weeks, lists all the benefits you're likely to receive upon your retirement.

Monthly Benefit

Your report will contain an estimate of your monthly retirement check from Social Security, in today's dollars, based on when you're planning to retire.

It will also contain an estimate of the amount you would receive if you were to wait until full retirement age, (assuming you're planning on retiring earlier), and an estimate of the larger benefit you would receive if you were to continue working until you are 70 years old.

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receive special survivor's benefits in the event of your death. Your children will receive a percentage of your retirement benefit until they reach age 18, and your spouse will receive your full benefit when he or she turns 65. This report estimates the value of these benefits as well.



If you are unable to work for at least a year or if you are terminally ill, you'll be eligible to receive disability benefits. Your report will also include an estimate of the size of these benefits. Like survivor's benefits, disability benefits include income for dependent children.

Statement of Earnings

Finally, your report will contain a year-by-year statement of your earnings that were subject to Social Security withholding. You should carefully check these numbers against your own records; occasionally the Social Security Administration will make mistakes. It's best to resolve any discrepancies long before you need the retirement benefits.

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My Aching Joints

Dr. Jimmy Yuan

Arthritis cost the American economy more than \$14 billion yearly and affects approximately one in every seven people. Conditions affecting joints can fall under the term arthritis. Although there are many different types of arthritis, some of the more common types are osteoarthritis (degenerative joint disease), rheumatoid arthritis, gout, and ankylosing spondylitis. When most of my patients come to my office and say they have "arthritis", they generally mean that they have osteoarthritis (OA). Other common names for osteoarthritis are degenerative joint disease (DJD) and degenerative disc disease (DDD).

Typically DJD is caused by overuse, improper use to joints, and over a long period of time. Usually the small joints of the hands and larger weight-bearing joints (knees, hips, low back) are involved. By using a person's symptoms, age and range of motion, clinicians can use deductive reasoning to determine if someone has DJD, but the only "true" way to confirm if a person has DJD is through imaging (x-ray films, MRI). There are types of arthritis that we can determine using blood tests, but not in the case of DJD. Generally, a typical x-ray film of a region with degenerative joint disease will show a loss of joint space between two (or more) bones, osteophytes (bone spurs), joint mice (loose bodies of bone), and bone sclerosis (bone whitening due to spur formation).

One common myth that I hear daily in my office is that patients believe that their pain is due to arthritis. I use the word "myth" because this is most often not the case. A few reasons why: 1) No x-ray films (imaging) were taken of the area where their

signs and symptoms are being experienced 2) No muscular evaluation was done to the injured area 3) Even if x-rays were taken, the symptoms and the films may not match. In fact, sometimes patients movement patterns and their imaging films are opposite of each other.

Upon initial examination the one of first things I do is try to determine if imaging is necessary. Is the patient's arthritic condition going to change the treatment plan or not? Is what he or she feeling a result of arthritis or something else (muscular, nerve, or improper joint movement)? It is my opinion that it is unnecessary to order imaging to confirm something I already know and also know won't change the treatment.

Unfortunately there is no substantial research yet that tells us that we can reverse arthritis. However we are able to slow its progression down through a variety of methods. Sometimes using the same steps towards slowing down the progression, we can even prevent DJD from occurring. Arthritis (DJD, OA, DDD) is the overuse/improper use of joints over a period of time. Therefore if we can improve joint movement through chiropractic adjustments, increase our flexibility through a variety of stretching exercises and massage therapy, and increase our muscular strength (often times with physical therapy) the progression should slow down. Proper ergonomics and a routine exercise program can also help. Supplements such as glucosamine sulfate, chondroitin, and MSM have also be known to help slow the progression of arthritic conditions. All of these methods (when applied properly) are much more beneficial when applied together instead of individually.

Dr. Yuan is a member of the Asian Chamber and can be reached at All Star Health, 480-833-4515 or 480-324-0244

City of Tempe Mayor Honors the Arizona Dragon Boat Association



Left to right: Marcie Greenberg, AZDBA President 2004, Debbie Nastro, AZDBA President 2005, Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman and Ronnie Sebastian, AZDBF 2004 Co-chair
Photo courtesy of Norma Galvan

Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman and the City Council presented the Arizona Dragon Boat Association (AZDBA) with the Diversity Award in the Community Group category on January 17, 2005. The Tempe Human Relations Commission recognized AZDBA as "exceptional and essential to fulfilling the goal of making Tempe better." Twenty-four members of the AZDBA attended the Seventh Annual Awards ceremony and celebrated the Martin Luther King holiday by enjoying Tempe's hospitality including brunch, a jazz trio, and a riveting keynote address by Dr. Matthew C. Whitaker.

AZDBA believes, and demonstrated to the City of Tempe during the 2004 Dragon Boat Festival, that dragon boating provides a window into the Asian culture and an opportunity for youth, adults, senior citizens, the disabled, and

people of all cultural heritages to participate in a team sport while promoting friendships, personal fitness and creating mutual respect for people from all walks of life. The 2004 Festival, in its inaugural year, brought approximately 1500 paddlers, 8000 spectators and over 100 entertainers and vendors of a diverse background and ethnicity to Tempe Town Lake. The spectators and public were

treated to a day of Asian culture beginning with the Awakening of the Dragon Ceremony.

The City acknowledged AZDBA as an active member in the community that volunteers as a group for many activities in support of cultural awareness and diversity such as: Tempe Kiwanis Fantasy of Lights Parade, Asian Business Expo, Child Abuse Prevention, Arizona's Milk Carton Boat Rally, Tempe Rotary Club, Cardboard Boat Regatta, Sun Sounds Beer Festival, Chinese Week Celebration and Tempe Aloha Week.

The 2d Annual Dragon Boat Festival presented by SRP will be held at Tempe Town Lake on March 19-20. For more information on the Festival or to join AZDBA visit the website at:

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Chef Sy's culinary choice for February

By Bill Sy

Crab Quesadillas

- 4 Flour tortillas
- 1 Tbs soft butter or margarine
- 1 cup shredded queso fresco, Monterey jack, or mild flavored, semi-soft cheese.
- 1-6 oz (170 g) can crab meat, drained and picked over Hot sauce (optional)

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Grease a large baking sheet with the butter or margarine. Rub the tortillas on the greased surface so as to lightly grease one side of each tortilla. With the tortillas greased-side-down on the baking sheet, place one quarter of the shredded cheese on one half of each tortilla. Top this with the crab, a dash or two of the optional hot sauce, and salt and pepper to taste. Fold each tortilla over and bake in a 350F (180C) oven for about 5 minutes, until the bottom is golden brown. Flip the quesadillas over and cook an additional 5 minutes, or until the other side is golden brown and the cheese is melted. Cut into wedges and serve immediately. Serves 4 to 6 as an appetizer.



Chef Bill Sy MBA, CEC, AAC, CMC-China
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Sesame-Crusted Salmon

- 4-6 salmon fillets, about 6 oz (170 g) each, skinned Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1 Tbs (15 ml) sesame or vegetable oil
- About 1/4 cup (60 ml) sesame seeds

Season the salmon with salt and pepper. Rub both sides with a little sesame oil and coat the fillets with sesame seeds. Heat the remaining oil in a large skillet, preferably non-stick, over moderate heat until the oil shimmers. Place the salmon fillets in the skillet and cook without moving them until the bottoms are browned and the bottom half of the fillets are opaque, about 5 minutes. Turn the fillets and cook, without moving them, until the flesh is opaque and firm to the touch, 3 to 5 minutes. Serve immediately. Serves 4 to 6.

Chef Bill Sy is member of Asian Chamber and has returned from the Singapore Culinary Academy and Spicy Garden since being there in April 2004. He will continue his column with Asian SUNews from The Art Institute. We welcome him back to Phoenix and look forward to all the new recipes he has in store for us!



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CITY OF PHOENIX REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS Sound Mitigation Feasibility Study Community Noise Reduction Program

The City of Phoenix, Arizona (City) owns and operates Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and is seeking a qualified firm to conduct a feasibility study to provide sound mitigation services to schools, places of worship and community centers. The scope of work will include confirming/updating the list of recommended structures, establishing eligibility criteria, preparing a detailed report of cost estimates and preliminary work plans, and related tasks.

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) documents will be available on Tuesday, March 1, 2005. Submittals will be due on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 by 3:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (M.S.T.).

The RFQ documents may be obtained by visiting www.phoenix.gov/avirfp or by contacting Sharon Wiegel, (602) 273-2748/voice, (800) 781-1010/TTY or email, busopps.aviation@phoenix.gov.

Potential Submitting Firms are encouraged to attend the pre-submittal meeting to be held on **Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. M.S.T.**

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BY MINDY LUZON

"We cannot move forward unless we free ourselves with a single desire."

-Emilio Aguinaldo 1898-1901
(Dr. J. Mark Munoz, Land of My Birth, 2004)

The Philippines as a country of homogeneous race, a group who have learned to accommodate one another with hundreds of distinct dialects, has been on the forefront of history, without glory, notoriety as been given other countries of similar history and status. Iran, Iraq, China, Israel, Japan, just to name a few, have been given more written words than the Philippines. Yet, if one is to research its history, the Philippines as a geo-social-political-economic and religious entity has been quietly contributing and have been to the world's peace, universality of purpose and desire. Dr. J. Mark Munoz in his pre-published book *Land of My Birth* (Lupang Sinilangan) vividly and in great clarity pointed this out. Thanks to Madeline I have been led to a current review of this soon to be published book, for right now as I devour each page, I highly recommend for every reading public, as a reference or educational tool for all, particularly us Filipinos. With only a third of each content, I am amazed at what I have already learned, or remembered, about a country where everyone pretend to know but meek or silent about its glory when it comes to the printed page. The dearth of publication or news worthiness of the Philippines as a nation is beyond comprehension since this is a place that has stood as one nation in the annals of war and peace. Dr. Munoz sees the Philippines in the 80's right after the influx of professionals such as I did in the 70's. That while I no longer hold most of the practices I grew up with, being a full pledged American, I could find such identity in every page description that he so marvelously have painstakingly written. The wealth of experience and knowledge that has been poured into this undertaking is worth every print. Certainly, just for the first thirty pages of review, I cannot wait to complete and eventually enjoy its copy.

Using his book as a backdrop, which I intend to dwell on again in my future column, this pre-published piece of literature is a reminder of what happens to a country that is not as comparable in progress to others like Japan, USA, Germany, France, and all the other powers considered shakers and movers of the world. The Philippines is a sleeping giant, unnoticed. Countries like Mexico, Cuba, Argentina, Columbia, suffer the same fate as the Philippines, but have been in the news forever. But then let us take Mexico, for now. It is a sad fact that America has not figured out what to do with this struggling country. The original settlers of Arizona, Colorado, California and Oregon, strongly believed that they have a right to decide what to do with their borders without regards to the plights, determination and purpose of the people of this land. It is amazing that while our government is busy colonizing other lands, our own citizenry has become vigilant in protecting its own borders against the onslaught of undocumented Mexicans. Florida has done the same against the Cubans. The exodus, in flight and sea voyage of people from other land, whether illegally done or not, will continue to be centuries old

problem. It will not stop, it will not be solved as long as there is the inner need to survive and better ourselves. What better way to recognize a human being but to see how determined one person is in improving its lot. Violation of rules do happen if there is lack of insight and understanding on the reason for the phenomena, in this case the risk to be caught and gamble to have better food on the table and roof above ones head. The world has continued to become smaller. The atmospheric pressure and movements of the planet attributed to global warming are indications that there will be a time where our universe and its constituencies will just become one irrespective of origin, race and creed. So it is futile to look at everybody's shoulder to see if an invasion of other people is happening and present in one's backyard. It will continue to happen, law or not.

ARIZONA PROP 200

(The citizens' initiative to require 1) proof of citizenship when registering to vote 2) proof of identity when voting and 3) proof of eligibility for mandated public benefits).

So what is there to learn and experience from requiring proof of citizenship when voting and seeking for federal and state medical and welfare benefits for the Mexican residents in Arizona? Only time will tell. The backdrop of preventing others from crossing is time back when the tribal warlords made sure that no others would cross their turf. But those were the days when food was scarce and demarcation was unfathomed. This modern day fear of being overrun by another distinct group of people has been and will be, no matter what. It has just become more obvious as federal monies become tighter for every group, especially for our senior citizens. It is easier to believe that preventing billion of dollars for one group to use who are believed to be leeching on the taxpayers is easiest to sell particularly for those who have no figures and facts about the contribution of illegal immigrants as a work force.

I am glad to have left Arizona, only and mainly because of this law. Because, I cannot imagine what I will go through when I would have become one of the elders in the years to come, going to a hospital, clinic, or voting and being asked every time to show my registration and proof of citizenship. I look and at times enunciate like a Mexican. I have been in our country for over thirty-seven years and cannot remember any episode when I have to submit to a proof of citizenship via a registration card. I feel for the Mexican residents in Arizona.

President Emilio Aguinaldo, a Filipino hero, was smart to know that we can only prosper as a country if we learn to embrace others with their single desire. Americans will be a country divided for as long as multiple purposes for living life to the fullest exist. To do so means limiting access to one's wealth and resources. The 56% of the voting citizens of Arizona have just proven that the best way to preserve their territorial rights for living a fuller life is to be identified as a tax-paying group of those benefits, that only them should have. Americans are contributing to the universe becoming the world of the have and the have nots, led by Arizona. Unfortunately, there is no "Ohana" (open your arms as a family) in Arizona, unlike the Hawaiians.

The American Jewish Committee to bestow Judge Learned Hand Awards

The Arizona Chapter of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) will present its 2005 Judge Learned Hand Awards at a luncheon Friday, **March 25 at 11:30 a.m.** at the **Hyatt Regency Phoenix at Civic Plaza, 122 N. 2nd St.**

Three area attorneys are being honored. **Mark Harrison** of the Phoenix law firm Osborn Maledon will be given the *Community Service Award* for demonstrating sustained contributions to the advancement of equality and democratic principles. ASU Law School **Prof. Robert Bartels** will receive the *Public Service Award* for his sustained contributions to the advancement of equality and democratic principles through work in the non-profit and public sectors. And **Anoma Phanthourath** of the Phoenix law firm Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy, P.C. will be presented with the *Emerging Leadership Award*. This is a tribute to an attorney practicing 10 years or less who has demonstrated a commitment to the values of community service.

"All of these attorneys represent the law's highest ideals and principles," said Stephen Bressler, AJC vice president who is co-chairing the event along with AJC board member Peter Kozinets. "Many outstanding, accomplished nominees were considered for these Judge Learned Hand awards, so it is quite an honor to be selected."

The guest speaker at the awards luncheon will be **Dennis Archer**, the former mayor of Detroit and past president of the American Bar Association. Archer served two four-year terms as mayor of Detroit from 1994 to 2001, and during his last year as mayor, he was also president of the National League of Cities. After leaving the mayor's office, he was elected chairman of Dickinson Wright PLLC, a 200- person Detroit-based law firm with offices in Michigan and Washington, D.C.

Phanthourath was born in Laos in 1972. Because of political persecution, her family fled Laos for the Thai border

where they lived in a refugee camp before resettling to the United States.

As an associate at Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy, Phanthourath concentrates her practice on commercial and civil litigation, particularly in the areas of real estate litigation, business contract disputes and business torts. Outside her legal interests, Phanthourath is chair and commissioner of the City of Phoenix Pacific Rim Advisory Council and is founder of the Phoenix University of Texas Business Network. She also is a member of the Asian Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Phanthourath is president-elect of the Phoenix Texas Exes Alumni Association; serves on the board of directors for the Arizona Fair Housing Center; and is a member of the advocacy committee for The Junior League of Phoenix, recruiting committee for Arizona Women in the Senate and House (WISH), and advisory committee for the Maricopa Community Colleges Asian Pacific Islander Community. She also is fluent in Laotian and writes a monthly column for the *Asian SUNews*.

The American Jewish Committee created The Learned Hand Award in 1964 to honor the memory of a jurist many refer to as "the best judge never to become a Supreme Court Justice." The award recognizes distinguished members of the Bar from across the nation for their adherence to the values and standard of excellence associated with Judge Hand.

Members of the legal community have corporate sponsorship opportunities ranging from \$800 to \$10,000. Individual tickets are available for \$85, and for those under age 35, tickets may be purchased at the reduced price of \$60 each.



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Music, Art and Dance, Launches the Rooster!

By JoanYen

Desert Jade Women's Club held their Annual Chinese New Year Potluck Dinner for members and their guests on Jan 29 at the Chinese 1st Baptist Church Activity Center. Over 90 people enjoyed over 40 different succulent Chinese dishes, each prepared by a club member. They were honored to host the General Federated Women's Club State Pres. Randi Rummage and Central Dist Pres. Penny Peterson. Five very gifted High School music students and their families were also guests of the club. The music contestants for the Annual Music Scholarships were: Amelia Leong on flute, Christine Chen on violin, Brandon Wong on saxophone, Jordan Wong on violin and Matthew Dion on piano. It's hard to believe how accomplished these young people were and how beautifully they each performed! No one envied Jason Yee's job as judge, who is also the Associate Music Dir. at the Chinese 1st Baptist Church. First Place winner was Jordan Wong, 2nd place went to Matthew Dion. Evangeline Song who was in charge of the musical evening did a great job in finding five such wonderful musicians!

Chinese Week activities officially opened in the Phx City Hall Atrium on Feb 7 with the Annual Local Chinese Artist Display that was on exhibit for one week through Feb 12. 21 artists showed a total of 78 marvelous paintings. Diana Ho who is the Chinese Week Art Exhibit Coordinator did the painstaking work of seeking out all the many diverse artists, both traditional and contemporary. Diana and her hardworking crew did an excellent job hanging all the numerous works. Included this year were many excellent works from the Chinese Senior Center.

Manny Wong, master of ceremonies for the program brought on the wondrous Lion Dancers to start things off with a bang! Then welcomed Mayor Phil Gordon who gave the Chinese Community much credit for fostering cultural unity and understanding by sharing their heritage. The Children's Dance Groups in their colorful Chinese silks and the skillful Chinese Yo-Yo Troupe charmed and amazed all the numerous spectators, while Desert Jade members served refreshments to the crowd. ... It was a fine start to the New Year of the Rooster!



Chinese Week Art Exhibition Coordinator, Diana Ho with her paintings.



Mayor Phil Gordon and Chinese Dance and Yo-Yo Troupe with teachers and chaperones

Start-up

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"It is a great opportunity to get together in light times," the governor said about the event.

Harry Mitchell, D, the Assistant Minority Leader of the Senate, said "It's the best way for a good start of a new session."

Speaker of the House, James Weiers-R, found the celebration to be a good time to enjoy in the festivities, while keeping the purpose of the ceremonial event in mind.

"There's lots of good food, lots of drinks---some might think we can't finish them, but I say we can...I am already proud of the product we will produce in the next 90 days."

Likewise, Phil Lopes-D, the senate minority leader, says that he is happy to celebrate the 47th legislature

Of the republican party, he acknowledged that there will be bumps along the way, but that the democrats and republicans of Arizona will work together for the common good.

"We will be partners and go along together, but not always," Lopes truthfully admitted during his speech.

When the Asian SuNews asked Napolitano what her foreseeable goal was during the new session,

she said that she hoped to create a "reasonable budget" and "continue working on education."

The governor also said that the state trust and water conservation and reform are other public policies she plans to pursue.

American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Union of Arizona co-director, Ray Figzrora, who attended the celebration, hopes to see certain areas addressed during the new session.

Figzrora said that he wants the state to absorb the costs of higher retirement insurance.


He also expressed his concern about the conservative, right-wing prevalence in the past couple sessions.

"I hope both parties compromise and cooperate about policies... luckily, we have a good governor working on both sides of the aisle," Figzrora commented.

Flora Walker, the director of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Union of Arizona, wants the legislature to increase employees pay to more "livable wages."

"Employees are what keeps the states going...the governor did the best she could last session and I hope that she will continue to explore other avenues," Walker said.


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Phoenix Police is looking for people to join its reserve program. Only about 25 volunteers currently serve in the program and the department wants to increase that number to at least 300.

Certified reserve officers work in the same capacity as regular police officers, including serving as patrol officers and working in various bureaus, including detective and administration. With enough hours and some additional training, they can work solo and become eligible for promotions in rank.

Volunteers are required to attend two semesters of college work at a community college. The classes are held for four hours two evenings a week and eight hours on one weekend day. Some additional studies and training also are required before a recruit can become certified.

Although reserve officers do not get paid, their college classes are paid for and they receive an annual uniform allowance, a weapon, reimbursement for a ballistic vest, industrial insurance, court and stand-by pay, service awards and longevity benefits. Solo reserve officers also are eligible for paid, off-duty employment.

Applicants must be Maricopa County residents and at least 20 years old when they enroll and 21 by graduation. They also must meet polygraph, psychological and background standards and have no felony convictions.

For more information, visit www.phoenix.gov/police/phxres1.html or call 602-534-9000.



JOB FAIR MARCH 30

More than 200 employers will be trying to fill entry- to professional-level jobs at the 12th annual Career Expo 2005, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, at the Arizona State Fair Grounds, Exhibition Building, 1826 W. McDowell Road.

In addition to meeting with potential employers, job seekers who attend the free event also will have access to the state's registration job service program and to computers for online job searches. Attendees should dress for success and bring a résumé.

Employers can participate for \$250, which includes an information breakfast seminar, lunch and a 10' x 10' booth. Registration for employers is available at azjobfair.com.

YOUTH INVITED TO ENTER ART COMPETITION

The Phoenix Sister Cities Commission is seeking submissions for the International Young Artist Competition.

Young people 13 to 18 years old who live in Phoenix are invited to take part.

The theme "Connecting Global Villages" must be interpreted in artwork of watercolors, oils, pastels, pen and ink, charcoal, mixed media, photography or computer-generated art.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, Feb. 25.

Winners will receive cash awards and the overall winning entry will be submitted to the Sister Cities International competition in Portland.

For more information, call 602-534-3751 or visit www.phoenixsistercities.org



SEVEN HONORED FOR PROMOTING JUSTICE

Seven Phoenix residents have been honored for their commitment to creating a compassionate and socially just community.

Art Hamilton, partner in the public affairs firm of Hamilton, Gullett, Davis and Roman, received the Calvin C. Goode 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Arizona Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee and Phoenix Human Relations Commission.

Receiving Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream awards were: William "Bill" Dickey, National Minority Jr. Golf Scholarship Association; Dr. Paul Eppinger, The Arizona Interfaith Movement; Charles Fanniel, former president of the Maricopa County NAACP; Lal Fernando, New Era Children's Fund; Dr. John Molina, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System; and Ted Williams, Arizona Behavioral Health.

WOMEN'S DAY LUNCHEON FEB. 28

Nationally known author and commentator Dr. Julianne Malveaux will be the International Women's Day luncheon keynote speaker at noon Feb. 28, at the Phoenix Civic Plaza Ballroom, Third and Jefferson streets.

"Celebrating Women of Vision and Courage" is the theme of the luncheon hosted by the city, Phoenix Women's Commission and the International Women's Day Steering Committee.

Malveaux's observations on issues such as race, culture, gender and their economic impacts are helping shape public view.

Tickets, \$50 for general admission and \$35 for students and senior citizens, are available at the Phoenix Civic Plaza box office at 602-262-7272. Corporate tables also are available.

Proceeds provide educational scholarships to women in need. For more information, call 602-261-8242 or visit phoenix.gov/PHXWOMEN/luncheon.html.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

CANADIAN PICNIC FEB. 19

If you are Canadian or would like to meet some Canadians, stop by the 53rd Annual Great Canadian Picnic, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 19, at South Mountain Park, 10919 S. Central Ave.

Sponsored by the Phoenix Sister Cities Commission Calgary Committee, the event will include live music, games and door prizes.

You may bring a picnic lunch or purchase one from the concession. Tickets are \$4 each or three for \$10.

For more information and tickets, call 602-534-3751.



FESTIVAL EXPECTS 200 MUSICIANS

Music lovers will be treated to a wide range of blue grass, county, gospel and blues Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, at the 16th Annual Phoenix Folk Traditions Music Festival at Encanto Park, 2605 N. 15th Ave.

More than 200 musicians are expected to take part in the free event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

The audience is invited to bring acoustic instruments, join in the fun and jam, or just sit back and enjoy the music.

For more information call 602-261-8993.

CITY OFFERS TAX CREDIT HELP

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Womanly Speaking



BY MINDY LUZON

"We cannot move forward unless we free ourselves with a single desire."

-Emilio Aguinaldo 1898-1901
(Dr. J. Mark Munoz, Land of My Birth, 2004)

The Philippines as a country of homogeneous race, a group who have learned to accommodate one another with hundreds of distinct dialects, has been on the forefront of history, without glory, notoriety as been given other countries of similar history and status. Iran, Iraq, China, Israel, Japan, just to name a few, have been given more written words than the Philippines. Yet, if one is to research its history, the Philippines as a geo-social-political-economic and religious entity has been quietly contributing and have been to the world's peace, universality of purpose and desire. Dr. J. Mark Munoz in his pre-published book *Land of My Birth* (Lupang Sinilangan) vividly and in great clarity pointed this out. Thanks to Madeline I have been led to a current review of this soon to be published book, for right now as I devour each page, I highly recommend for every reading public, as a reference or educational tool for all, particularly us Filipinos. With only a third of each content, I am amazed at what I have already learned, or remembered, about a country where everyone pretend to know but meek or silent about its glory when it comes to the printed page. The dearth of publication or news worthiness of the Philippines as a nation is beyond comprehension since this is a place that has stood as one nation in the annals of war and peace. Dr. Munoz sees the Philippines in the 80's right after the influx of professionals such as I did in the 70's. That while I no longer hold most of the practices I grew up with, being a full pledged American, I could find such identity in every page description that he so marvelously have painstakingly written. The wealth of experience and knowledge that has been poured into this undertaking is worth every print. Certainly, just for the first thirty pages of review, I cannot wait to complete and eventually enjoy its copy.

Using his book as a backdrop, which I intend to dwell on again in my future column, this pre-published piece of literature is a reminder of what happens to a country that is not as comparable in progress to others like Japan, USA, Germany, France, and all the other powers considered shakers and movers of the world. The Philippines is a sleeping giant, unnoticed. Countries like Mexico, Cuba, Argentina, Columbia, suffer the same fate as the Philippines, but have been in the news forever. But then let us take Mexico, for now. It is a sad fact that America has not figured out what to do with this struggling country. The original settlers of Arizona, Colorado, California and Oregon, strongly believed that they have a right to decide what to do with their borders without regards to the plights, determination and purpose of the people of this land. It is amazing that while our government is busy colonizing other lands, our own citizenry has become vigilant in protecting its own borders against the onslaught of undocumented Mexicans. Florida has done the same against the Cubans. The exodus, in flight and sea voyage of people from other land, whether illegally done or not, will continue to be centuries old

problem. It will not stop, it will not be solved as long as there is the inner need to survive and better ourselves. What better way to recognize a human being but to see how determined one person is in improving its lot. Violation of rules do happen if there is lack of insight and understanding on the reason for the phenomena, in this case the risk to be caught and gamble to have better food on the table and roof above ones head. The world has continued to become smaller. The atmospheric pressure and movements of the planet attributed to global warming are indications that there will be a time where our universe and its constituencies will just become one irrespective of origin, race and creed. So it is futile to look at everybody's shoulder to see if an invasion of other people is happening and present in one's backyard. It will continue to happen, law or not.

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(The citizens' initiative to require 1) proof of citizenship when registering to vote 2) proof of identity when voting and 3) proof of eligibility for mandated public benefits).

So what is there to learn and experience from requiring proof of citizenship when voting and seeking for federal and state medical and welfare benefits for the Mexican residents in Arizona? Only time will tell. The backdrop of preventing others from crossing is time back when the tribal warlords made sure that no others would cross their turf. But those were the days when food was scarce and demarcation was unfathomed. This modern day fear of being overrun by another distinct group of people has been and will be, no matter what. It has just become more obvious as federal monies become tighter for every group, especially for our senior citizens. It is easier to believe that preventing billion of dollars for one group to use who are believed to be leeching on the taxpayers is easiest to sell particularly for those who have no figures and facts about the contribution of illegal immigrants as a work force.

I am glad to have left Arizona, only and mainly because of this law. Because, I cannot imagine what I will go through when I would have become one of the elders in the years to come, going to a hospital, clinic, or voting and being asked every time to show my registration and proof of citizenship. I look and at times enunciate like a Mexican. I have been in our country for over thirty-seven years and cannot remember any episode when I have to submit to a proof of citizenship via a registration card. I feel for the Mexican residents in Arizona.

President Emilio Aguinaldo, a Filipino hero, was smart to know that we can only prosper as a country if we learn to embrace others with their single desire. Americans will be a country divided for as long as multiple purposes for living life to the fullest exist. To do so means limiting access to one's wealth and resources. The 56% of the voting citizens of Arizona have just proven that the best way to preserve their territorial rights for living a fuller life is to be identified as a tax-paying group of those benefits, that only them should have. Americans are contributing to the universe becoming the world of the have and the have nots, led by Arizona. Unfortunately, there is no "Ohana" (open your arms as a family) in Arizona, unlike the Hawaiians.

The American Jewish Committee to bestow Judge Learned Hand Awards

The Arizona Chapter of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) will present its 2005 Judge Learned Hand Awards at a luncheon Friday, **March 25 at 11:30 a.m.** at the **Hyatt Regency Phoenix at Civic Plaza, 122 N. 2nd St.**

Three area attorneys are being honored. **Mark Harrison** of the Phoenix law firm Osborn Maledon will be given the *Community Service Award* for demonstrating sustained contributions to the advancement of equality and democratic principles. ASU Law School **Prof. Robert Bartels** will receive the *Public Service Award* for his sustained contributions to the advancement of equality and democratic principles through work in the non-profit and public sectors. And **Anoma Phanthourath** of the Phoenix law firm Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy, P.C. will be presented with the *Emerging Leadership Award*. This is a tribute to an attorney practicing 10 years or less who has demonstrated a commitment to the values of community service.

"All of these attorneys represent the law's highest ideals and principles," said Stephen Bressler, AJC vice president who is co-chairing the event along with AJC board member Peter Kozinets. "Many outstanding, accomplished nominees were considered for these Judge Learned Hand awards, so it is quite an honor to be selected."

The guest speaker at the awards luncheon will be **Dennis Archer**, the former mayor of Detroit and past president of the American Bar Association. Archer served two four-year terms as mayor of Detroit from 1994 to 2001, and during his last year as mayor, he was also president of the National League of Cities. After leaving the mayor's office, he was elected chairman of Dickinson Wright PLLC, a 200- person Detroit-based law firm with offices in Michigan and Washington, D.C.

Phanthourath was born in Laos in 1972. Because of political persecution, her family fled Laos for the Thai border

where they lived in a refugee camp before resettling to the United States.

As an associate at Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy, Phanthourath concentrates her practice on commercial and civil litigation, particularly in the areas of real estate litigation, business contract disputes and business torts. Outside her legal interests, Phanthourath is chair and commissioner of the City of Phoenix Pacific Rim Advisory Council and is founder of the Phoenix University of Texas Business Network. She also is a member of the Asian Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Phanthourath is president-elect of the Phoenix Texas Exes Alumni Association; serves on the board of directors for the Arizona Fair Housing Center; and is a member of the advocacy committee for The Junior League of Phoenix, recruiting committee for Arizona Women in the Senate and House (WISH), and advisory committee for the Maricopa Community Colleges Asian Pacific Islander Community. She also is fluent in Laotian and writes a monthly column for the *Asian SUNews*.

The American Jewish Committee created The Learned Hand Award in 1964 to honor the memory of a jurist many refer to as "the best judge never to become a Supreme Court Justice." The award recognizes distinguished members of the Bar from across the nation for their adherence to the values and standard of excellence associated with Judge Hand.

Members of the legal community have corporate sponsorship opportunities ranging from \$800 to \$10,000. Individual tickets are available for \$85, and for those under age 35, tickets may be purchased at the reduced price of \$60 each.



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