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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is an exciting year for AARCC. We have a strong candidate for Governor, a candidate who has actual business experience and a blueprint to renew the California Dream through fiscal responsibility, education and rebuilding California's infrastructure. If you are interested in joining the Bill Simon campaign, please let me know, as I am the Capital Region Chair for Simon. Inside of this newsletter is an endorsement form for your use.

President George W. Bush is doing an extraordinary job and has some of the highest public approval ratings of any President in recent memory. Faced with an unprecedented direct attack on U.S. soil, the country has rallied under his strong leadership and stepped up to the plate to attack terrorism worldwide.

We are also proud that the President has appointed an unprecedented number of Asian Americans in his Administration, eight of whom are Board members of AARCC.

We held a successful 2002 Installation Dinner at which we were honored to be joined by such notable dignitaries as U.S. Congressman Doug Ose, California Assembly Minority Leader Dave Cox, Justice Vance Raye, former Chief Deputy Attorney General Dave Stirling, Lodi City Mayor Alan Nakanishi, Sacramento City Council Member Robbie Waters, West Sacramento City Council Member Mark Montemayor, Morgan Hill City Council Member and representative of Bruce McPherson for Lieutenant Governor Hedy Chang, and Secretary of State candidate Keith Olberg, among others.

It will be grassroots people like you who donate their time and energy that will make this a successful year for AARCC as we continue to work towards expanding our membership base, increasing local chapters, partnering with fellow Republican organizations and educating others on the principals that we believe in and support. I look forward to continuing to work with you!

Joan Kawada Chan

BILL SIMON.....A NEW LEADER

Taking decisive action to solve problems and doing so with warmth and compassion are the hallmarks of Bill Simon’s life. The son of former Treasury Secretary William E. Simon, Sr., Bill Simon has seen first hand the importance that hard work and honesty play in solving problems and earning respect. An unabashed success as a businessman, former Assistant United States Attorney, social commentator, national TV talk show host, husband and father, Bill Simon is ready to take decisive action to lead California.

Bill Simon’s blueprint to renew the California dream focuses on fiscal responsibility, education and rebuilding California.

While Gray Davis focuses on wedge issues, Bill Simon is running a campaign based on issues that unite all Californians: economy, education and quality of life—less traffic, and reliable and affordable water and energy.

Economy—Gray Davis inherited an \$8 billion surplus. Last year he signed an unbalanced budget with a sales tax increase, and today California has a staggering \$24 billion deficit, the largest in state history. Bill Simon will balance the state budget with a combination of stimulus and reductions, will promote economic growth by expanding the tax base and bringing jobs back to California and will restore local control.

Education—Although Gray Davis promised education reform as his top priority, California ranks last in science and next to last in reading. Bill Simon will empower parents and teachers, hold administrators accountable, rejuvenate schools and provide before and after school programs.

Rebuild California—Bill Simon will use public/private partnerships to build our transportation system; will ensure adequate water supply and control our energy future by increasing alternative energy sources.

SIMON ENDORSEMENT CARD



YES BILL, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

Bill, you may use my/our name publicly as an endorsement.

Signature(s): _____
 Name(s): _____ Title: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone (home): _____ (office): _____
 Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

I can help with the following (please check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Register voters | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist at events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Write letters to the editor | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute signs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speak at events | <input type="checkbox"/> Input information on database |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recruit volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> Put together phone tree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> Seek support from ethnic, philosophical and cultural communities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate on local talk/radio shows | <input type="checkbox"/> Host a coffee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seek endorsements | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor a fundraiser |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone voters | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walk precincts | |

Please also sign up on the website: www.SimonForGovernor.com

Submit your endorsement card to:

AARCC, 5960 South Land Park Drive, #384, Sacramento, CA 95822, Attn: Simon Capital Region Chair

The Battle For Governor

A statewide Field Poll of 546 self-described registered and likely voters taken after the primary showed 57% of both men and women voters refusing to vote for Gray Davis for reelection. A large labor organization that has endorsed Davis shows Bill Simon leading by 41% to 37%.

Even though the April Field Poll shows Davis leading by 14 points, other polls show that Simon is leading. An April survey by Probalsky & Associates Opinion Research shows Simon leading Davis 44% to 38%, and the Public Opinion Strategies Inc. poll revealed Bill Simon leading Gray Davis 48% to 41% among registered voters.

Since Davis took office, workers compensation taxes have increased \$3.5 billion, unemployment insurance payroll taxes have skyrocketed by \$5.2 billion and sales taxes have increased \$1.2 billion.

Republican National Committee Holds Asian American Team Meeting

The Republican National Committee held a Team Leader meeting on April 25, 2002 in Stockton, California, with Northern California Asian American community leaders and others.

Roger Minami of the U.S. Department of Agriculture was a Keynote Speaker with additional presentations from Senator Dick Monteith, candidate for U.S. Congress (District 18); Lodi Mayor Alan Nakanishi, candidate for California's 10th Assembly District; and Geg Aghazarian, candidate for California's 26th Assembly District.

AARCC members Dan Leung, Norman DeYoung, Jerry and Alice Chang, Glen and Kimanh Davis, Ken Kobrin and Joan Kawada Chan were in attendance at the meeting.

Simon's Asian Team

Bill Simon, the Republican candidate for Governor of California, is seeking Asian Team leaders. If you are a community leader and would like to volunteer your time in support of Bill Simon for Governor, please let us know by completing the Endorsement Form on page 2.

Asian Team Co-Chairs must be willing to put in the necessary time and energy to help elect Bill Simon and sign up a minimum of 10 other Asian Team members. Upon receipt of your minimum 11 (including your own) endorsement forms, you will be a Simon Asian Team Co-Chair!

Simon's Volunteer Team

Another way you can participate in the Simon for Governor Campaign is by being part of the Simon Volunteer Team. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please complete and mail the endorsement form on Page 2 to the address indicated on the form.

Clayton Fong Named Delegate

Clayton Fong, AARCC Board member and Executive Director of the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging, has been named by the White House as a delegate to the 2nd World Assembly on Aging. He will participate with other prominent officials from around the world to discuss the challenges facing the aging population in the new century.

AARCC Membership Increases

AARCC membership has more than doubled since last year, with chapters in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Santa Clara Counties. Efforts are under way to recruit Chapter Presidents for San Joaquin and Orange Counties.

Vietnamese Ceramics from the Hoi An Shipwreck

By Hoang Nguyen

More than 500 years ago, a wooden ship laden with VN ceramics left the coast of North VN, probably destined for nearby South East Asian or Middle Eastern countries. A surprise tropical storm hit and sunk the ship 10 miles off the coast of Hoi An, central Vietnam. There, the ship rested undisturbed for five centuries while years of wars and upheavals destroyed much of Vietnam's cultural heritages, including much of its old ceramics.

Early 1990's, a Vietnamese fisherman dropped his net in the same area and caught an antique vase. He was able to sell the vase to a Hoi An antique dealer for a rather large sum and returned to fish for more. *(continued on Page 5)*

AARCC 2002 Installation Dinner



AARCC 2002 Officers and Board of Directors being sworn in by Justice Vance Raye



Keynote Speaker Doug Ose speaking to members and guests

AARCC's Year 2002 Installation Dinner was held on March 3, 2002 at Holiday Villa Restaurant. Dave Stirling, former Chief Deputy Attorney General of California, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the event, which was attended by members, friends and families, not only from Sacramento and its surrounding cities but also from the Bay Area and Los Angeles as well.

Attendees were addressed by Congressman Doug Ose, the evening's Keynote Speaker; and California's Assembly Minority Leader Dave Cox, Guest Speaker. Special guests included Robbie Waters, candidate for reelection to the Sacramento City Council and Alan Nakanishi, Mayor of the city of Lodi and candidate for California's 10th AD.



Assembly Minority Leader Dave Cox speaking to members and guests



Dave Stirling speaks with Joan Kawada Chan



Sacramento City Council Member Robbie Waters

Special presentations were also made by Steve Bell of the California Highway Patrol and Mark Isawa of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office regarding the heightened security in Sacramento and California as a result of September 11. Keith Olberg, candidate for Secretary of State, Morgan Hill City Council Member Hedy Chang representing Lieutenant Governor candidate Bruce McPherson, and representatives of the Republican gubernatorial candidates including Tom Scott on behalf of Bill Simon, Joseph Kung representing Richard Riordan and Fred Hildebrand for Bill Jones gave campaign updates.

AARCC would like to thank the Officers and members of the Board of Directors for their involvement and donations, as well as the presenters and everyone in attendance, for making the 2002 Installation Dinner a success!



Capt. Mark Isawa of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office



Lodi City Mayor Alan Nakanishi



Albert Chin, Albert Chang, Basilio Chen and West Sacramento City Council Member Mark Montemayor

President Bush's Asian Appointees

President George W. Bush has appointed numerous Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) to significant positions in his administration. With only 18 months in office, the number of President Bush's AAPI appointments far exceeds those of the previous two Administrations combined over a 12 year period. A partial list of appointments to date includes:

- Elaine Chao, Secretary, Dept. of Labor
- Norman Mineta, Secretary, Dept. of Transportation
- Dr. John Tsu*, Chairman, President's Advisory Commission on AAPI
- John Q. Duong*, Executive Director, White House Initiative on AAPIs
- Matt Fong*, Chair, Pension Benefit Guaranty Board
- Clayton Fong*, Member, White House Fellows
- Walter Liang*, Dept. of Labor, Region X
- Marina Tse*, Acting Director, Bilingual Education, Dept. of Education
- Chiling Tong*, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Asia and the Pacific, Dept. of Commerce
- Nguyen Van Hanh*, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlements, Dept. of Health Services
- Dr. Jack Chow, Ambassador-Designee, Dept. of State
- Dr. David Chu, Undersecretary for Personnel & Readiness, Dept. of Defense
- Margaret S.Y. Chu, Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste, Dept. of Energy
- Shinae Chun, Director, Women's Bureau, Dept. of Labor
- Viet Dinh, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Dept. of Justice
- Phyllis Fong, Inspector General, Dept. of Agriculture
- Dr. Joseph J. Jen, Undersecretary of Research, Education and Economics, Dept. of Agriculture
- Bobby Piyush Jindal, Assistant Secretary, Planning & Evaluation, Dept. of Health & Human Services
- Michel Minoru Fawn Liu, Assistant Secretary, Public & Indian Housing, Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
- Sichan Siv, U.S. Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador for Social & Economic Council
- Baoky Vu, Commissioner, President's Advisory Commission on AAPI

**Denotes Member of AARCC or AARCC Advisory Board*

Vietnamese Ceramics *(continued from Page 3)*

The Vietnamese government was eventually able to contact the fishermen and located the sunken ship. The government formed a joint excavation effort with researchers from Oxford University and Saga, a Malaysian company specializing in deep-sea excavation. Saga recovered about 300,000 pieces of ceramics from the sunken ship. that were identified as Vietnamese ceramics and carbon-dated to about 1450-1550 time. Saga gave 10 percent of the recovered ceramics to Vietnam and auctioned the rest in the U.S. through eBay. The auctioned Vietnamese ceramics came to be known as Hoi An ceramics.

The auctioned ceramics include a wide variety of water ewers, jars, bottles, wine cups, dishes, bowls, etc. Many items were of unique and innovative designs that the world never saw before and have changed our perception of the Vietnamese ceramics art and industry. The Hoi An ceramics recovered from this sunken ship suggest that Vietnamese ceramics were quite distinct and beautiful and indicate a strong Vietnamese ceramic industry that, at one time in history, exported much of their products to many areas of the world.



Dragon water ewer sold for \$80,500.



Parrot bowl and lotus ink-pot from the author's private collection.



"How the Assessor Can Help You Avoid Paying Excessive Property Taxes"

Join AARCC and River City Republicans for a special presentation by Sacramento County Assessor Ken Stieger at Holiday Villa Restaurant on June 12, 2002 at 6:00 PM. Cost: \$5.00 to cover costs of food/refreshments. Call Rebecca at 916-446-6286 or email AARCC@att.net to RSVP or request additional information.

John Quoc Duong Appointed Head of White House Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Initiative

AARCC Board Member John Quoc Duong was appointed Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The Initiative, established by an Executive Order of the President of the United States, addresses concerns of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in a variety of areas, including health, education, labor, small business, housing and economic development.



For more information, visit www.aapi.gov on the Internet.

Welcome Home Dinner for Chiling Tong

Chiling Tong, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia and the Pacific with the U.S. Department of Commerce, was in California in May, and a dinner in her honor was hosted by Dr. John Tsu, Albert Chang, Albert Chin, Basilio Chen, Chia Chia Chien, Dr. Michael Hwang, C.C. Yin, Betty Yuan and Joan Kawada Chan. Chiling talked about her goals to achieve market access for American companies in countries in the Asia Pacific region.

Chiling stated that California was the largest exporting state by far last year, with \$114 billion in exports, which accounts for nearly 15 percent of all U. S. exports. She also stated that more than a million California jobs depend on exports of manufactured goods and that approximately 45,000 companies, including 42,000 small and medium sized businesses, export from California.

Chiling also stated that the number of Asian owned firms has grown from 240,000 two decades ago to more than 900,000 today, and employ more than two million people. California alone has more than 300,000 Asian American owned firms and have \$121 billion in sales and employs 800,000 people.

Elaine Chao Brings Experienced Leadership to U.S. Department of Labor

President Bush's appointment of Elaine Chao as Secretary of the United States Department of Labor is just the latest achievement in a life long devotion to public service.



In 1983, Secretary Chao became a White House Fellow and later, after a 2 year stint in the private sector, was appointed Deputy Administrator of the U. S. Maritime Administration. In 1988, she became Chair of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Secretary Chao moved on in 1989 to become Director of the Peace Corps, where she was responsible for the expansion of the Peace Corps program into a number of countries that had been part of the former Soviet Union.

In 1992, Secretary Chao became President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Way of American and, in 1996, she became a Distinguished Fellow at the Heritage Foundation and was appointed Chair of the Foundation's Asian Studies Advisory Council in 1998.

In 2001, Ms. Chao was confirmed as Secretary of Labor and was the first Asian American woman to serve as a member of the Cabinet of the President of the United States of America.

"Decline to State" Voters May Choose Next Governor

California's voter registration rolls now total 15,280,808 registered voters, including 6,873,473 registered Democrats, 5,354,358 registered Republicans and 2,254,819 voters who declined to state any party affiliation.

The large number of "decline to state" voters will play a significant role in our upcoming election in deciding who will lead California next year, and whether or not California's critical budgetary and infrastructure issues receive the type of attention they deserve

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First Lady Laura Bush Luncheon Honoring Bill and Cindy Simon

Join First Lady Laura Bush for a luncheon honoring Bill & Cindy Simon at the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco at noon on Wednesday, June 12, 2002. AARCC members' can attend this \$500 a plate event at a special rate of only \$150 person! Call Rebecca at 916-446-6286 or email AARCC.att.net ASAP for further information. Limited seating available!

AARCC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE _____

MR./MRS./MS. _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE _____
(Home) (Work)

FAX _____ E-MAIL _____

U.S. CITIZEN: [] YES [] NO

REGISTERED REPUBLICAN: [] YES [] NO

Annual Membership dues: \$20.00.

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Bill Simon Luncheon
Sacramento
Call (916) 489-6633

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First Lady Laura Bush Luncheon
San Francisco
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June 12, 2002

AARCC General Meeting
Featuring Ken Stieger
Call (916) 446-6286

June 15, 2002

Simon for Governor Fundraiser
Sacramento
Call (916) 837-3421

September 27, 2002

Nakanishi fundraiser
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September 27-29, 2002

CRP Convention
Garden Grove
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