NEWS IN BRIEF

Woo Backs L.A. Council Candidate

LOS ANGELES — Councilman Mike Woo, the first Asian American on the City Council, announced on Jan. 19 his endorsement of Assemblywoman Gloria Molina for the Feb. 3 special election for the City Council’s 1st District seat. Also seeking to represent the predominantly Latino district, created during last year’s redistricting, are Larry Gonzalez, Leland Wong and Paul D. Yung Moore.

“I am confident she can unite all backgrounds, and that she will serve them well,” said Woo. “Gloria Molina is clearly the best qualified candidate to become the leader of our community,” Molin has been endorsed by council members Pat Russell, Joel Wachs, Jay Picus and Marvin Braude.

Congressional Roster Omits Asians

NEW YORK — A breakdown by the New York Times of the 100th Congress by race, gender and other categories does not include that body’s Asian Pacific American members.

The charts, which appear in the newspaper’s Jan. 5 edition, describe the Senate as 100 percent white, despite the presence of Sen. Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga (both D-Hawaii), and the House as 92 percent white, 5 percent Black, and 3 percent Hispanic, with California Democrats Norman Mineta and Robert Matsui and Hawaii Reps. Patricia Saiki (D) and Daniel Akaka (D) unaccounted for.

The source of the data was the Congressional Quarterly.

JA Wins Martin Luther King Award

NEW YORK — Karl Akiya was one of eight recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during ceremonies held Jan. 14 at NYC Technical College, the New York Nichibe reports. The awards, given to individuals who have “emulated the non-violent, humanitarian values for which Dr. King lived and died,” were presented by Assemblyman Roger Green and Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins. Akiya was honored for his work in the areas of redress, labor organizing, nuclear disarmament and civil rights, said Adeyemi Bandele, Green’s chief of staff.

The event—the second annual Musical Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission, which was created by legislation sponsored by Green in 1985.

Marutani to Receive Civil Liberties Award

by Suzu Kobayashi

PHILADELPHIA — William M. Marutani, former judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, will be honored at the fifth annual Civil Liberties Award Dinner Feb. 11 at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, 18th and Vine streets.

Civil Rights Achievements

Marutani is being honored for his civil rights achievements, including his participation as an attorney working with the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund in the fight against racial discrimination in the South; his service on the national Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians; his various judicial opinions, such as the one which permitted girl students to enter all-brown public schools in Philadelphia; and his efforts on behalf of the Asian American community.

He has been an active member of JACL for more than 40 years and has served the organization in a multitude of positions from the chapter to the national levels. Most recently, he was elected national vice president for planning and development at the 1986 biennial convention in Chicago. His “East Wind” column appears regularly in this publication.

One of his most notable accomplishments was becoming, in 1987, the first Nisei attorney to argue a civil rights case in the U.S. Supreme Court. As such, he successfully presented oral arguments in opposition to anti-miscegenation laws in the case of Loving vs. Virginia.

Regular dinner tickets are $50 per person. Individuals wishing to contribute more may purchase tickets in the following categories: Friend, $100; Sponsor, $250; Donor, $500; Patron, $1,000; Sustainer, $2,500; and Benefactor, $5,000 and up. Business sponsors may purchase a table for $1,500.

Those who cannot attend the dinner but wish to make a contribution to enable students to attend the event are asked to send their donations to the Marutani Student Fund, American Civil Liberties Foundation, 23 S. Fifth St., Suite 600, Philadelphia PA 19106. Attention: Fran Farley. Checks should be made payable to the American Civil Liberties Foundation of Pennsylvania.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the ACLU, (215) 389-5333.
HONOLULU — Gov. John Waihee has selected three Japanese Americans as department heads for his new administration.

Edward Hirata is Director of Transportation, Russel Nagata is head of the state's Accounting and General Services department, and Yukio Takemoto is Budget and Finance Director.

In making his announcement, Waihee said, "I have selected people with the experience and capability to do the job and a strong commitment to public service."

Hirata, 58, was most recently a vice president at Hawaiian Electric Company. Since 1980, he has served as managing director, manager and chief engineer for the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, and chief engineer for the Public Works Department. He recently held his term as Adjunct General for the U.S. Army.

Nagata, 50, has worked for the state since 1974. He has been di­ rector of the Department of Consumer Affairs since 1984 and was a deputy att­ orney general from 1976-78.

Takemoto, 47, has been direc­ tor of campus operations for the University of Hawaii at Manoa since 1983. He served as a member of the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board for 10 years. Prior to that, he was chief clerk of the Public Works Department, a division of the State of Oregon, and was a member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Army.

Among those named to the governor's staff were James Ya­ ruda, executive officer; Harold Matsumoto, special assistant; and Carolyn Tanaka, press sec­ retary.

— from a report by Hawaii Herald

**Deaths**

Jiro Tani, 77, a staff member of the Kashu Mainichi in Los Ange­ les, died of a heart attack Dec. 29. He was hired by Sei Fujii at the Kashu in 1933 and headed the Fuji Shippo's advertising department after the war, retiring in 1977. He later returned to the Kashu, where he worked in the ad­ vertising and editorial sections.

He is survived by wife Kay Kyo, son Koji, daughters Judith Kanako Wong and June Matsu, four grandchildren, and sister Toshiko Hayashi.

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**Tell Them You Saw It in the Pacific Citizen**

...from a report by Hawaii Herald

**Bookshelf**

**Bridge of Love**

by John Watanabe

(Haworth Press, 1986, 124 pp., $29.00)

Watanabe, a WWII veteran and a frequent contributor to the Honou­ lulu Star-Bulletin, recounts the story of the marriage of a Japanese American from Hawaii who joined the 106th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and of their Issei parents. The book includes several photos, wartime newspaper articles, excerpts from diaries, letters and from soldiers, speeches, military citations, and a list of the soldiers who fought in Europe. Also covered is the impact of Nisei military service on Japanese Americans in the postwar period. For information, contact Hawaii Hosts Inc., P.O. Box 8591, Honolulu, HI 96810; 621-7279.

**War Without Mercy: Race and Power in the Pacific War**

by John W. Dower (Pantheon Books, 412 pp., $22.95)

In exploring the nature of American racism, the author has drawn on the work of historians, sociologists, and political scientists. He has sought to demonstrate how the U.S. government's treatment of Japanese Americans and on its present trade relations with Japan.

**For the Record**

The Asian Ski Week in Aspen (Community Calendar, Jan. 29) will take place between Jan. 23-28, 1987. We regret the error the cause of which has been discovered.
UC ADMISSIONS


tions to UC have jumped dramat-
ically, seeing pressure on their numbers.”

Gardner acknowledged that Asian students are “the most UC-
eligible ethnic group in the state” although they comprise a small
fraction of the high school popu-
lation. “They are enrolling in
larger numbers,” he said.

At the same time, UC’s efforts to “seek out and encourage young
Hispanic, Black and Native
American students” are

ever larger numbers,” he said

saying that we have enough

that they have a higher persis-
tence rate.”

He declined to comment on

publicly about UC admissions policies.

“Tmon responsible for overall poli-
cy is the campus’ responsibility... they exercise considerable
discretion.”

While UC will find a place for all UC-eligible high school
students, he said, “they may not have their first choice.”

If the UC system wants to serve the top 13 percent of students, he
said, “a lot of Asians in the top one-eighth. Asians have proven
time and time again that they have a higher persis-
tence rate.”

If budget constraints have caused UC to seek out students who
will be in the top 13 percent, it should be enthusiastic about
admitting Asians, he added.

Gardner said he hoped to find
solutions in as “fair, reasonable
and non-political a way as possi-
ble.” But, he cautioned, “These
are complicated issues and I don’t
want to simply throw

...that whites want to establish a floor below which they will not fail,” said Der. “Asians just want the

ütive director Susan Lee, all of the proposed candidates have said they would consider an appointment if one is of-

f ered. The five are being recom-
mended for a Democratic slot on the eight-member commis-

sion. The panel can have no

f ive members of either party; four commission-

ers are appointed by the Presi-

dent and four by Congress.

Because of increasing concern over racial violence and other civil rights issues af-
f ecting Asian Americans, some members of the community

think the presence of an Asian on the commission would be

beneficial. Others feel that because of the controversy over the ideology

of the Reagan appointees and steps taken by Congress to cut its funding, the commission has lost credibility.

In 1985, the Asian American Task Force on University Admis-
sions, alerted by a disproporti-

onate drop in Asian enrollment in 1984, charged that UC Berkeley re-

jected highly qualified Asian appli-
cants through discriminatory admissions standards Alameda
County Superior Court Judge Ken Kawachi and San Francisco
Municipal Court Judge Lillian Sing headed the task force. The
Justice Department said last year that it would look into the
issue. UC administrators have denied that any problem exists.

“If people think there’s a prob-

lem, then there’s a problem”

Gardner added, adding that if

nothing else, the university is

“having trouble communicating to people what we’re doing.”

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American students... are

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While UC has admitted that

there is a problem, it has not

provided details on how it is

addressing the issue.

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SACTO CENTER

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problem in the house’s approxi-
mately 60-year-old electrical sys-
tem, according to Takayasu. The
fire is believed to have started in
the back laundry room.

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ACC was started in the mid-

1970s with the purpose of estab-

lishing a nursing home for the
city’s elderly Asians. ACC has

developed other projects, includ-
ing a nutrition and day-care pro-
gram for the elderly, employment
training, and English as a sec-

ond language classes for South-

east Asian refugees.

The center’s temporary head-
quarters is an office at Asian Re-

source Programs, an organiza-

tion that serves the city’s refugee

population.

The burned-out building which housed ACC is located near down-
town Sacramento, across the street from Southside Park in

what was once the area with the
city’s largest concentration of

Japanese Americans.

Over the past 30 years, the JA com-

munity has moved out of the

area and is now concentrated primarily in the southern portion of

the city.

New Offices

ACC is following the JA com-

munity. It had planned, even be-

fore the fire, to move into offices in

the new 96-bed nursing home, which is located in south Sacra-

mento’s Greenhaven area.

Takayasu said that the pro-

grams provided by ACC have

been suspended due to the fire,

but the center hopes to begin

them again as soon as it has set-

into its new offices.

The center does not expect to

lose any money because the off-

cice equipment and furniture

were insured, Takayasu added.
Feel the fog. Great. Obviously, we’re car, “do you have a scraper?”

At 7 a.m. in Portland at this time of the year, it’s still dark. Dark and cold. After a two-week holiday vacation of rain with only one sunny day, the weather had turned cold and wet. Very cold, with morning fog.

Dad, “mira called from the car, do you have a scraper?” I asked myself. “She’s got to be kidding. I must admit that while looking out the rear window for a snowplow, I peeked out from under my car and saw only three cars going into Portland. This was at 7:20 a.m. in Portland at this time of the year. As I walked to the car, I noticed that there was ice on the car, ice on the road, and cars were going slow, even for Portland. From that moment on, obviously, we’re going to be late, I informed Mira. She comforted me. “It’s all right, we will get out in time.” Welcome back to Portland, Bob.

After a two-year stay in Los Angeles, Bob was living in the Pacific Northwest for personal reasons. As soon as he finished his employment with Pacific Citizen and JACL, I must admit that while there were some trying and frustrating times, the overall experience was interesting and educational. And I did meet a lot of very conscientious and helpful people.

I would like to thank the many who wrote letters, very express their appreciation and support for the paper. It was definitely a rewarding experience for so many letters. And it was most interesting to note that those flattering comments came from Nisei women.

I would like to thank the PC staff for their support during the past two years. Hopefully, the financial situation of PC will stabilize, the PC Board will provide a more focused direction, and JACL in the future will be so defensive about information which needs to be decided in L.A. for when the car was only three cars on a major freeway.

As the day was for Bob, his small-town mentality — it was curious how I could not see any plans before I did, it seems. “Hey, Bob, I heard you were going to get married and live in San Francisco,” or the best one of all: “What essential lies as you getting a grant to spend six to eight months in L.A.” I wish. Right now I could go for that. It’s 27 degrees outside.

For me, there is no Nikkei community in this country. It has always been the foreground of Nikkei concerns. Without doubt, the history of Nikkei in the United States would have been vastly different without this. In the first course of its history, JACL has done much. Furthermore, it has been innovative and spread, either directly or indirectly, various Nikkei organizations of specific and particular interests which have benefited the Nikkei community.

In the past, it has brought attention to important and significant developments regarding civil rights and Nikkei concerns and has stimulated wider interest and activity in these areas. In addition, it has done much to improve the condition of the Nikkei, Assuredly, much more can and should be done.

Although this is deeply believed that further achievements can be realized within the dynamic national organization such as JACL, JACL

- Its Importance and Aspirations

by Tom Arima

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In this regard, a small-town mentality — it was curious how I could not see any plans before I did, it seems. “Hey, Bob, I heard you were going to get married and live in San Francisco,” or the best one of all: “What essential lies as you getting a grant to spend six to eight months in L.A.” I wish. Right now I could go for that. It’s 27 degrees outside.


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This is a necessity for all, “What’s this I hear about passage of the redress bills in Washington?”

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Emphasis of Organization

JACL is open for full membership to all American citizens whose primary interest is Japanese cultural or historical background. However, it is quite obvious to me that the overwhelming interests of most of the members involves, or at least a great deal of emphasis on Japanese American issues. That is, issues that involve Americans whose ancestry is at least partly traceable to immigrants from Japan. JACL is promoted today primarily as a civil rights organization, the myriad of cultural, social and educational programs it offers being marginal in nature, fundraising, promoting ties between members and educating the rest of Americans about the Americanized descendants of Japanese immigrants have become.

JACL National Board does not.

The topic I would like to explore in the coming weeks is the organizational identity of JACL. What do we think we are? What do we want to do? And what are we capable of doing? The topic may be a challenge for our leaders at this time, because we have arrived at some kind of understanding as to what JACL really is today. Perhaps we will have a chance at explaining those concerns. Perhaps the first thing which ought to be looked at is why are Nikkei or otherwise would want to be a member of JACL in the future.

Send in Suggestions

I would very much like to hear from readers about the following questions: What is JACL to you? What do you think we should be about? Please send your letters to Paul Shinkawa, P.O. Box 14400, Austin, TX 78761. If you do not want an idea attributed to you, please say so in the letter and you will remain anonymous. I hope that I will receive enough response to be able to personally answer any request. Please do not expect a reply.

With these sentiments firmly in mind, the Contra Costa JACL is planning to activate a 1000 Club group whose primary objectives will be to promote the importance and aspirations of JACL, to communicate and gain input and support for some of its major concerns.

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Arima, a Century Club life member, has been named to head the Contra Costa 1000 Club. Among his duties on the steering committee are Dr. Roy Hayashi, Mike Sato, John Shimabukuro and Yakuo Takahashi, all 1000 Club members.

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Then we are asked to question the beliefs of others. Some Latins in the Mission District see themselves being pushed out by Asian real estate investors. Some Blacks believe they are being denied jobs that instead go to recent arrivals from Southeast Asia.
LONG BEACH, Calif. — Clive Greenlee, 70, who taught at a wartime internment camp, has been the repeated target of rob­ bers who take advantage of his blindness, the Long Beach Press­Telegram reports.

After being robbed by some­ one who "did a lot of talking and fouling around before he finally got down to business" at his downtown home Nov. 12, Green­ lee was victimized Nov. 23 by the same man, this time accompanied by a partner. Greenlee said there may have been as many as four robberies since then.

He has called the police after each robbery and changed the locks on his house several times, but he does not want to move. "It just keeps you sick," he said. "But when you meet the inevitable what can you do? ... You can't spend the rest of your life crying about it."

Blinded at age 15 in a gun ac­ cident, Greenlee earned degrees at Stanford and UC Berkeley and became a psychologist. He taught Japanese Americans at the Manzanar, Calif., camp dur­ing WW2. During the 1960s, he taught at Long Beach City College.

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Chapter Pulse

AZAERTA CANADA

- Chapter will cosponsor the 1997 Matsui Feb. 21 and 22, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., both days, at Heritage Square, 8th Street and Monroe Avenue. Phoenix Festival will feature artisans, craftspeople, entertainers and a variety of Japanese foods. Info: Masako Takaguchi, (602) 391-0971, or Uta Rito, (602) 391-0970.

- Carson, Gardena and South Bay chapters are getting together for a day of bowling Feb. 15 at Bow-O-Drome, 21935 S. Western Ave. Torrance. Registration will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., and games will begin promptly at 3 p.m. Cost for JACL members is $3.75; nonmembers, $7.50. Price includes three games, rental shoes and shoe rental. Info: Yumiko Green, (213) 304-2425.

- Annual installation dinner will take place Feb. 8 at the Oakdale Restaurant, 517 W. 7th St. No-host cocktail hour will begin at 5 p.m. followed by dinner and installation. Officers will be installed and served by Ken Inouye, FSW district governor. Tickets are $25 per person. For further information and reservations, contact Mary Nakashima, (213) 486-0146, or Cindy Ogasawa, (213) 739-2873.

GREATERSANFLA.SINGLES

- Installation dinner dance will take place March 7 at the Alondra Country Club, 1800 S. Prairie Ave. For further information and reservations, see Annabelle Abe, (213) 327-0099.

MARYSVILLE

- Installation dinner dance will take place Feb. 7 beginning with a 5:30 p.m. modest cocktail hour at the Bonanza Inn Convention Center, 1001 Clark Ave., Yuba City. Tickets are $17 for prime rib dinner and $13 for breast of chicken.

TAMPA

- Ren Night, the chapter’s first fund-raiser for the 1997 JACL National Convention, will take place Feb. 15 from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bush Garden, 614 Maynard Ave. South. Info: Jane Kuma, (813) 295-0653.

PHILADELPHIA

- Sweetheart Social will take place Feb. 8, 2 to 5 p.m., at the home of Skip and Laurel Snyder, 656 Fox Fields Road, Bryn Mawr. RSVP by Feb. 3. Info: Eugene Gonzalez, (215) 871-1088.

SEQUOIA

- Chapter’s annual Crab Feed will take place Feb. 7 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Azalea Ballroom, 2753 Luis Road. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $6 for children under 12, and no charge for children under 6. Further information and tickets may be obtained by contacting Neil Morrison, (400) 972-0222, or Bud Nakano, (415) 646-1074.

VENTURA

- Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education candidates for Ventura (see listings at the chapter’s annual installation dinner Feb. 21 at the Holiday Inn E. Harbor Blvd. Cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., and tickets are $10 per person. Info: Janet Kohaih, (805) 380-3212.

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DISTRICT MEETING COUNCIL MEETING

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif — This year's first quarterly meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada Pacific District Council will take place Feb. 8 at the A.C.L. Hall, Monterey and First streets. Activities will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. and are sched­uled to conclude at 4:30 p.m. Fee is $12.00 for delegates and $10 for observers.

Agenda items include intro­duction of chapter presidents and reports by Gov. Medeiros Fuji­oka, regional director George K. Naya and treasurer Nincey Taka­hashi. Also on the agenda are reports on all current activities. Chair­mans discussion will be on a recent convention by Dr. Yosh Nakashima, mem­ber of the Bozeman, Mont. ethnic concerns by Dr. Don Nakahata, district youth. by John Yamada and health insurance by Steve Okamoto.

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Asian Carry-Out Reopened; Black Demonstrations End

WASHINGTON — Black-Asian tensions in the Anacostia area appeared to be easing as the Chinese American carry-out owner whose store was closed for more than three months during a series of demonstrations reopened his business on Jan. 10 and a community leader called off the protests the next day.

"If you want to get away with it as they did, you're going to have a problem," said Ching Hung Chan as he shook hands with longtime customers and took in a steady stream of pizza, chicken and Chinese dishes and talked to the press at the Good Hope Carry-out.

The issue began Sept. 27 when Chan was accused by a Black customer, Sarah Carter, of charring her from the store with a handgun following a dispute over the quality of the food. A witness said that Carter had threatened to "blow the joint up."

The Rev. Willie Wilson, pastor of Union Temple Baptist Church, led a series of protests to keep the carry-out closed. Asian-owned stores in Black areas, he charged, treated customers and goods不公平地 out of the Black community.

In November, Chan pleaded guilty in D.C. Superior Court to the press at the community service.

On Jan. 11, Wilson announced that the protests would end. "We have successfully demonstrated for over three months that disproportionate and inferior service can be effectively answered with organized participation," he said in a prepared statement.

"The verdict will be with the people who have now fulfilled our responsibility. It will serve no purpose to leave this on this corner because there are many more pressing concerns awaiting us."

But, he maintained, residents should "totally and absolutely avoid any and all contact with Mr. Chan. He continues to pose a danger and a threat to our community. He should be shunned like leprosy."

The Rev. Man-Kong Tao, pastor of D.C. Community Church in downtown Washington, was the first customer at the reopening. "Mr. Chan has taken a giant step forward by obeying today and by committing himself to make a greater contribution to this community," he said. "This is a new day for establishing and continuing a good relationship between the Black and Asian communities."

Chan’s attorney, Wendell Robinson, said he had met privately with Wilson several times in an effort to reach an agreement. "Mr. Chan has taken a step forward by putting his money where his mouth is and ceasing to be a menace from this community."

If a Wilson’s group opens a Black-owned carry-out near Chan’s, said Robinson, the community will be served best by the store providing the best service and a police value "that’s what the free market system is about," he said.

He expressed interest in working with Wilson toward "making sure that any store that advertises for the Black and Asian communities grow together instead of growing apart."

Shirley Tolson, who was retuning to work at the carry-out, said she wasn’t surprised. "We’re re-opening shortly before the celebration of Martin Luther King’s birthday." "This is keeping the dream alive. People have always treated me like family here. I’m very glad to be back:" "From reports by Washington Post"

MIT Offering Scholarship

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Massachusetts Institute of Technology announced Dec. 30 that it will provide a $180,000, two-year scholarship to an Asian American student for its graduate program in urban planning and design.

Turney Lee, chairman of the MIT architectural and planning department and professor of architecture and urban planning, said the scholarship is designed to help underrepresented minorities attend MIT.

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Chicago Senior Gets Health and Fitness Award

CHICAGO — Sue Shina Loflin, 72, former assistant dean at Roosevelt University’s College of Continuing Education, has been named a recipient of the first annual Illinois Senior Leadership Award for Health and Physical Fitness.

"Ms. Loflin dabbled in tai chi and became so adept at it that she started teaching an exercise class for seniors. She has taught at the White Elephant Health Center and has led workshops for such groups as Asian American Health Association, and American Association of Retired Persons."

She is a former board member of Japanese American Service Committee.

Applications may be obtained by writing Asian Washington, 710-7333, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Cambridge, MA 02138. Deadline is Feb. 14.

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