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Geller readily admits that loopholes exist in the legislation he has proposed but believes Floridians will do the right thing in renaming places that contain offensive language.

"Otherwise, they will have to stand up and debate this and say, we've discussed this, and we've decided to keep a name that has been determined by a racially sensitive name," said Geller, in an interview with the Sun-Sentinel.

Although "Jap Rock" was supposed to be removed by the federal board, it continues to be listed in official maps and guidebooks. Ultimately, the decision to rename "Jap Rock" will be up to Palm Beach County and Highland Beach change.

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JACL has a long history of working with the civil rights movement to promote justice for all people. This history of advocacy continues with our current legislative work at the local, state, and federal levels.

Sakato's book "Japanese American Internment in World War II" is an excellent resource for understanding the experiences of our community and serves as a basis for our advocacy work.

In conclusion, it is important to acknowledge the contributions of the JACL and its members over the years. Our advocacy efforts at the local, state, and federal levels continue to be crucial in advancing social justice for all people.

Peace of Mind

For decades we have shared new beginnings, celebrations, the fulfillment of dreams. And we take pride in the fact that we have made a difference in the lives of so many others.

I often wonder what it is about this country that people want so badly to believe is true. But why? Why is it so difficult for them to want to believe that JAs could not possibly be American Citizens?

JAPAN

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They, like Malkin, mock the fact that one of this nation's great heroes sacrificed an arm and gave his body to prove his and our loyalty to this country. This is ridiculous.

While I personally find the mistakes of our forefathers fascinating, I find it absurd that we don't want to debate the issues. There's a more disturbing and ugly side to this all.

There is in all of this an assertion of the political right to sanction racist views in the name of "truth" and "honesty." In other words, she gets freedoms from audiences whenever they speak because they don't want to believe that Japanese Americans are real, or even that the war was wrong.

What is disturbing about this is that so many in this country believe that the government acted on racist motivations, chained in to politicians who did the bidding of both the racists and the affected. And why is it so difficult for so many to believe that Japanese Americans were truly the victims of their own political resolutions, as that government in fact made a terrible mistake that this country tens of millions of dollars to implement a flawed policy?

Whether the DJ is part of a large corporation, the station's format is set by someone else, or that one of our enduring members is in this country ten of millions of dollars to implement a flawed policy—whether it's an arm or a mouth or a voice or a name—this country is responsible for it.

Our detractors are out there, and it is up to us all to combat their views. We worked to remove the name of the DJ from an oldies station who used Jap to refer to the station. I was pretty much hit following the Stockman case.

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Hello Kitty

Just wanted to let you know that I really enjoyed your article on Hello Kitty's 30th anniversary. I could really relate to it having grown up with Hello Kitty and still collecting her items, especially the new silver pen and business card holders. I think you were right in your description of Hello Kitty with the mysterious missing mouth! Thanks very much for writing this: I enjoyed reading it. Keep up the good work.

Linda Wada-Devine
Montgomery Chapter

A Favorite Read

I would like to commend the Pacific Citizen staff for turning out what is a fabulous newspaper on a regular basis. My appreciation for your publication has grown with each year that I have been subscribing to it. Now that I am in college, it has become one of my favorite reading materials; I treasure it more than any of my college pamphlets and course handouts. As a young person, it is refreshing for me to also see submissions by youth including some of the more experienced writers. It is a balance that I appreciate.

Elizabeth March
San Francisco, CA

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After ten years of making "wave, the university's Asian Student Union will finally see AA courses offered.

By Pacific Citizen Staff

In a unanimous decision, the University of Virginia Student Council passed a resolution Sept. 21 to endorse the formation of an Asian American Studies program in the university.

"I believe people will be very supportive of the program," said Peter Yu, assistant dean of the Office of African American Affairs, in an interview with the campus paper, The Cavalier Daily. "A lot of faculty members feel it's long overdue."

It's been ten years since the University of Virginia to get AA Studies program, first launching its Five Year Plan in 1995.

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YOUR MEMOIR

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generations do not always share their inner feelings. And I think that memoirs can help fill the gap between the different generations."

Born in Tokyo, Japan to a Causasian father and Japanese mother, Adam's family moved to California when she was two years old. Raised in a family that spoke both English and Japanese, Adams, like many Shins Issei and Shin Nisei kids, regularly attended Saturday morning Japanese language school and even attended school in Japan during some summers.

"I speak Japanese as well as a Japanese student my age, but I do not make an effort to speak it," Adams said. "We always spoke both Japanese and English at home; my mother would talk to me in Japanese and my father in English. Since my father doesn't speak Japanese, it was a bit more difficult when all three of us were together, like at the dinner table."

Adam's idea for "Your Memoir" happened by chance. Her mother was attending a translation class when her classmate, Miyuki Oka, mentioned that she had been looking for someone to translate the text. Adam's soon volunteered to help translate Oka's 76-page memoir.

It took three years but Adams was able to complete the translation of Oka's work, which includes sections on her childhood memories, her family's time in Northern California and the tragic death of one of her sisters.

Oka sadly passed away a short time after the spring at the age of 80, just two months after Adams was able to show the completed translation to Oka's children. At Oka's funeral, their priest read parts of the translated works.

"I would definitely like to continue with 'Your Memoir' when I go to university," she said, "so it is important that we go to your website. I think it is important for my Japanese cultural heritage to be preserved and although I am half-white and live in America, I value my Japanese roots and ancestry."

For more information on "Your Memoir," please contact Nicole Adams at youremo- mor.com.

Q&A

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up to their own privilege or would dare repeat what they said publicly.

PC: The 600,000-plus visitors to your site can't all be perverts. I visited several times, but in the beginning it was really lonely men looking for future wives?

KW: No, they aren't all perverts. Though my site came up eighth in a Yahoo search for 'mail order brides,' I am also cross-linked to Feminist, American humor and activism sites. I use to get many more nasty messages than nice ones, but I think it was like the same ten guys trying to work my nerves.

PC: What kind of reaction did you receive from your use of colo­
n language and confrontational mes­
sage? Is the Asian Pacific American community more receptive to your message?

KW: I think everyone who sees the site hate me so secretly or thinks I am high school and she already hair on several universities in California and on the East Coast. Although her already hectic schedule is sure to intensify, she is committed to continuing "Your Memoir." "I would definitely like to continue with 'Your Memoir' when I go to university," she said, "so it is important that we go to your website. I think it is important for my Japanese cultural heritage to be preserved and although I am half-white and live in America, I value my Japanese roots and ancestry.

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PC: Do you think that your alternative technique of trying to break down the stereotype of Asian women as shrinking violets has actually created another stereotype for Asian girls?

KW: Yeah, probably. But I don't see myself as angry. And I don't really see it as my responsibility to dis­
mulate every kind of stereotype there is out there or to micromanage the politics that people leave with after being exposed to me and my work. I hope that people are at least dialoguing about that they see instead of just complaining about me behind closed doors.

PC: How closely is sexuality linked to your work?

KW: I'm very shy about talking about my sexuality/relationships in public and in my work. Mostly because I know my room is reading this article now and I don't want to screw up my relationships by scar­

PC: What other projects are you working on?

KW: Too many! I am working on the book that I am doing on the Riky Girls, they produced 'Better Luck Tomorrow.' I was also cast in this one person tour­

PC: As always with artists, you have to have a 9-5 day job. What's yours?

KW: Aiyah, you are so nosy! I work part time as an office manager for an AA non-profit. I didn't have a career folder for a long time, but it is a positive experience and it exposes me to issues and politics in a whole new way.
From school freshman work, weekly tests and report cards. On top of that, there was homework given young to fathom the importance of parents who daughters of America for the sole purpose of giving their second-generation community. 

I was a shin-nisei, which means that I do not fit into the traditional generation of assimilation that defines our community. It has been an interesting personal experience navigating through the cultural identities every Shin-nisei has to struggle with. 

I am more personally connected to great-grandparents who were in internment camps than to the Japanese school taught me, I am not particularly interested in the Japanese American community. 

The Cross on Castle Rock is the memorial that was erected in memory of Sgt. Yutaka Jack Furuya from San Diego, as well as the other 247 JAs who gave their lives in the defense of South Korea during the Korean War. A tax-deductible contribution check made out to JAHSSD may be forwarded a contribution of $5,000 to behalf of JAHSSD to help in their efforts to build the monument. The donation was dedicated in memory of Sgt. Yutaka Jack Amano from San Diego, as well as the other 247 JAs who gave their lives in the defense of South Korea during the Korean War. 

From the City of San Diego in the Japanese American community and the Mount Hope Cemetery as a site for the planned memorial monument, the JAHSSD received two plots of land near the community's annual Memorial Day. 

The Cross on Castle Rock Committee is attempting to raise over $25,000 to erect this long overdue monument. A ten-deductible contribution check made out to JAHSSD may be directed to JAHSSD Memorial, P.O. Box 62998, San Diego, CA 92162-0988. 

The Cross on Castle Rock (A Childhood Memoir)

In early 1942, the U.S. Government, in an effort to clear all 120,000 American citizens and legal resident aliens. The conference begins at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 and registration is $30. 

The conference features include presentations by key figures in the field of historical research and legal scholars on the subject of the mass incarceration of JAs will also be featured.
At one weekend in Missouri, based on my personal experiences, I believe that through community service and education, people's lives can be touched by the work of few. From my family's generation, I learned to demand equality and expect only the best for and from family, community and myself. In light of the current world violence and the aftermath of anger in our country, I feel it is even more important to remember the past, Arab, Muslim, and South Asian Americans are being targeted by the incarceration camps evolved from. In my photography and photo-sculpture, I try to lead the viewer to think about the postoccupation of 1942 and the capacity of my art, I strive to carry on the legacy for ourselves and share it with those willing to look.

As an artist, I also create work about the issues facing many Yonsei (being bi-racial, multi-cultural Adults) and the stereotypes of those Asian, European and Latino descent because of my closeness to the three ethnic groups. Few people possess the language skills and cultural understandings that I have. I have the desire to study the identity formation in multi-racial individuals with a concentration on those of Asian, European and Latino descent. My physical language skills and many cannot phonotopically and fluidly travel within those ethnicities. My physical features and language skills act as a passport that allows me to blend. I check the box marked "other." My goal is to obtain a doctorate and become a professor in sociology or ethnic studies emphasizing on multi-racial Asian Americans. I will continue to contribute to my community through this work.

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I plan to continue my involvement in JACL for many years because it is not only an organization that I believe in, but it is an organization that is a part of my human identity. JACL's current mission is to "secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victims of injustice and prejudice." I delightedly discovered through reading the Pacific Citizen and getting involved in the organization five years ago, how active and vocal community members can be in all areas of injustice. For example, JACL has been vocal about "the war on terrorism" and the racial profiling by the government and the nation against the Muslims, Arabs, and South Asians. I like how members of JACL are about inclusion not exclusion, promoting tolerance in all people, displaying good citizenship through staying informed in political issues nationally and internationally, and getting involved in the community. I was instantly attracted to JACL because it is a civil rights organization and Japanese Americans partly bear the responsibility of understanding what being Japanese American meant and started understanding my family in as a daughter of a mother who grew up in Japan with an American father.

The second mission of JACL is to "work to promote, preserve and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community." I believe that cultural values for Japanese Americans partly stem from Japan, but some Yonsei and Sano Saei lose understanding of their cultural values and I hope to encourage cultural enrichment. The face of Japanese Americans has changed, especially when you have a younger generation who can speak and write in Japanese, practice traditional Japanese customs and understand culture, visits family in Japan frequently, and look more ethically Japanese. I believe that I have a unique legacy to continue and must never forget about the war of WWII and the internment camps because they are still occurring in a different guise today.

LAW & ARTS

Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial
Emily Faber
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Major: Law

In light of the shifting geopolitical context, my generation, the Yonsei generation, faces significantly different circumstances and pressures than the Nisei and Saisen. While the Yonsei generation has been raised in a different social context, we are perhaps more characterized by the presence of Hapa and children of mixed Japanese ancestry than previous generations. While this has altered the definition of what it is to be a Japanese American, the Yonsei generation nonetheless shares a common heritage with the Nisei and Saisen. We continue to join in the fight against racism. We continue in the tradition of our father and grandfather's legal battle and the political lawyering of a group of largely young, Japanese American lawyers who helped him have his conviction overturned over forty years ago. 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What the JACL Junior Olympics has Meant for Me

BY JULIA CHIANG

"Runners on your mark, get set, GO!" I lunged forward as the booming explosion of the starting gun expelled ringing waves of vibrations and smoke. My arms wrapped back and forth, chopping the air around me as my legs sprang off the soft asphalt. I focused my eyes ahead of me where the finish line—a thin, red strip of yarn—lay awaiting my presence. Forty meters, 30 meters, 20 meters left to go, I thought, pushing myself forward. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw three big girls thrust ahead of me as I neared the finish line, leaving me behind to claim a disappointing amount of pride. As the timers lined up, I was entitled the winner.

The JACL Track and Field Junior Olympics is an event that I have been participating in for ten years. Every year, on the first Sunday of September, my family drives me out to Chabot College to watch me complete. I have had good days and bad days, but I always find some sense of accomplishment at JACL, whether it be winning first place in an event or just completing a race without falling. I will never forget all the amazing friends I have made at JACL, who always cheer for me, wait at the finish line to give me a hug, or all the proud moments I encountered during my running career. Track and field is a truly unique sport because it's a team sport and individual sport at the same time. While you compete against others by yourself, you're also scoring points for your whole team. Track and field is a sport that continually draws a wide variety of events that everyone can find enjoyment in.

I have just completed my tenth year competing at JACL, and finally, I have achieved my goal of "Athlete of the Meet." This award meant more to me than just my success in track and field, or a marker of my achievements. To me, this trophy represented 10 years of hard work and dedication, and proves that I could achieve anything I wanted as long as I put my heart into it. Every time I look at that trophy, it reminds me not only of my own accomplishments, but also of the support and encouragement from my family and JACL members.

For me, participating in track has been the best decision of my life.

Not only have my efforts in track given me a sense of accomplishment, but they have reinforced many skills that apply to other areas of my life. From track I have learned the meaning of hard work, self-motivation, dedication in striving towards a goal, and how to work well with teammates.

Sometimes I felt disappointment, but I also have gained the self-confidence that comes with success. Most importantly, I feel my successes in track have given me a unique identity and helped to establish long-lasting friendships. Competing in the JACL Olympics at a young age probably was a significant event to most people. However, for me, it was a beginning and inspiration for which I am forever grateful.

A student at Piedmont High School, Julia Chiang claimed the Outstanding Athlete of the Meet price at the 52nd Annual JACL Junior Olympics in addition to setting a meet record in the 200 meters and winning the 100 meters and the long jump.

The maximum will stay at 28 sports, with around 10,500 athletes. In Athens, the IOC officially accepted the program for judging which sports should be on the program. Among the key points are global participation, spectator attention, media interest, the sport's anti-doping policies, and whether the sport features the world's best athletes in the Olympics. Removal of a sport requires a vote of the full IOC membership. The last sport dropped from the program was the JACL Olympics in 1936. In 2002, Rogge proposed that baseball, softball and modern pentathlon be dropped from the games, and golf and rugby added. But IOC members resisted and put off any vote until after Athens.

The IOC recently sent out a 33-page questionnaire to all 28 Olympic sports federations. The JACL program also went to karate, golf, rugby, squash, and roller sports which are among the 28 "recognized" federations not on the Olympic program.

The move rules out Olympic status for hopefuls such as bowling, water skiing, billiards, Julian dancing, chess, bridge and surfing.

BOXING
Kawashima Defends WBC Super Flyweight Title

TORU-—Japan's Katsushige Kawashima scored a unanimous decision victory over Mexico's Raul Renteria Sept. 29 to retain the WBC super flyweight title. Kawashima dominated the 12-round bout at Yokohama Cultural Gymnasium, knocking down Juarez in the second, sixth and seventh rounds. It was his first defense since taking the belt from Masamori Tokuyama on June 28.

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By Associated Press and P.C. Staff

KARATE
Karate, Four Other Sports in Running for Olympic Inclusion

LONDON—Karate, rugby, squash, and roller sports are in the running for possible inclusion at the 2008 Olympics.

The International Olympic Committee said Sept. 22 it notified those five sports governing bodies that they are "in for further" as a part of a review of the Summer Games' competition schedule.

Karate is seeking to become the latest martial art in the games, which already has judo and taekwondo. Golf and rugby have been top contenders for inclusion for a number of years. Roller sports cut five disciplines— artistic, downhill, hockey, inline hockey and speed events. Squash would add another racket sport, joining tennis, table tennis and badminton.

The IOC is assessing the 28 sports on the program of the recent Athens Olympics to determine whether changes should be made. The games will include the same for the 2008 Beijing Games, with any modifications taking effect in 2012. The IOC will decide on the sports program and select the 2012 host city—one at its session in Singapore in July.

Squash world No. 1 Gregory Rupes repeatedly has said that sports only will be added if others are dropped.

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A Whirling Weekend at ‘Baghdad-by-the-Bay’

A S ONE who cannot forget his ten months working in San Francisco for the late Yas Abiko at Nichi Bei Shimbun in 1941, what a weekend it was for me a fortnight ago. As prewar San Franciscanos Paul Matsuki and his wife Kathlyn of Washington, D.C., would return in the mid-September to his Nihonmachi homestead, my busking wish to catch up with them finally materialized this year.

The wonderful weekend began catching up with the Tanaka sisters, Kiyo and June, retired nuns from San Francisco. History is slowly overshadowing that staunch group of Nisei Catholics of San Francisco organized about the time their new church at Octavia and Pine was blessed in 1939, now a mission serving the deaf and mute of the Archdiocese.

Our JACL colleague George Waki of Camarillo, Calif., who interviewed the Tanaka sisters two years ago, related Sister June recalling her ten months working in San Francisco for the late Takeo Okamoto, now a graduate of YMCA’s college in Massachusetts, was appointed the Buchanan St. “Y” director in the fall of 1946. Under the watchful eye and care of the late Yori Wada, the stories of Collins, CEO of the YMCA of San Francisco who grew up in the Western Addition* and highlights of Nisei “gangs” tamed by basketball, as related by Dr. Himero Tsunomi, Allen Okamoto (Sweatsocks), Dennis Sato (“Impe” for Imperials) and from Sat ski lei of the girls’ team, Enchantees, were all indeed sentimental.

*San Francisco Japantown was an intimate part of the “Addition” after the earthquake and fire, historian Seizo On (who just passed away), revealed to me years ago.]

The trek to San Francisco is always a pleasure, but this one weekend at Baghdad-by-the-Bay (a sobriquet fashioned by local columnist Herb Caen, since changed to City-by-the-Bay) was both hectic and unforgettable.

ANNUAL FALL TERIYAKI COOKOUT

What to do when you need an interpreter to explain your ailment to a doctor.

Every year, thousands get misdiagnosed because they only speak and understand limited English; some even lose their lives. Not all hospitals and clinics have the resources to pay interpreters, but there are steps you can take to improve your access, like the ones listed below. Save this page because you’ll never know when you might need it.

1. Make an appointment First and always, when making an appointment, ask a friend or family member who speaks English to make the appointment for you. When they call, they should ask if there are interpreters available for your language.

2. Medi-Cal or Healthy Families If you have Medi-Cal or Healthy Families, call your doctor and ask for an interpreter. Federally funded clinics and hospitals must provide you with language assistance.

3. Private Health Plans If you belong to a private health plan, call the member hotline and ask about interpreter services. If you have a problem with your health plan, call the HMO Helpline: 1-888-HMO-2219 or visit www.hmohelp.ca.gov.

4. Tell your doctor about telephone interpreters Although these services charge fees, many doctors feel these services are important to their patients.

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Kollaboration L.A. Show Choir - 2)

Siph Cowell, where are you? The famously grumpy "American Idol" judge would have been wagging his tongue at the Sept. 25 "Kollaboration" talent show audition.

Young Asian Pacific Americans brought their "A" game to the L.A. audition in hopes of winning a time slot in the popular APA talent show. Eyvette Min, 19, impressed the judges with a rendition of "Take My Hand."

"I wanted to bring a Christian voice to the show... not just another cheesy love song," said Min.

And there was plenty of cheese—from Brian McKnight to Alicia Keys—some contestants sang off-key with eyes squeezed shut.

Others like Kevin Cho, a 16-year-old aspiring dancer, grinned his hips against a pole to a Janet Jackson song.

Now in its fifth year, "Kollaboration" is continuing to grow with shows all across the country. Creator Paul Kim says that APAs don't have a medium to show their diverse talent.

"Right now, people think the 1.5 generations are lawyers and engineers. People don't know that there are rappers and dancers too," said Kim.

How many of these singers, dancers and rappers will strut their stuff at the November show date? Attend to find out ... and make sure you're not standing near a pole. — Lynda Lin
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Motoike, Mary, 59, Long Beach, Aug.
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Miyamoto, Fred H., 92, Los Angeles,
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Makimoto, Jimmy, 77, Los Angeles,
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Kawasaki, Madelyn N., Aug. 24;
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Teruyuki Koyano, 92, Los Angeles,
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Kawasaki, Yoshie, 83, Aug. 16;
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Angel Island Restoration Bill

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family's Hawaiian home and led away to a detention center. A year later, Takagi, her mother and six siblings were forced to leave the islands by a boat bound for California and then put on a train that took them to an interrogation camp in Arkansas.

It was Takagi's first time in the mainland United States.

"We were told our father was at Jerome, Arkansas, and we had 48 hours to join him," she said, standing in the University of Arkansas at Little Rock gallery where the artwork done by children at the camps and depicting everything from their arrival in Arkansas by train to basketball games and dances was displayed.

Takagi's sister, also from Hawaii, her daughter from California and another relative from Japan all traveled to Arkansas to attend the Little Rock-based National Asian American Community and Fine Arts Center.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — The U.S. House Resources Committee approved legislation Sept. 16 to restore the historic Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco Bay, according to House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi's office.

The Angel Island Immigration Station Restoration and Preservation Act — introduced by Pelosi, D-San Francisco, and Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Petaluma — would provide as much as $15 million in federal funds to help preserve several historic buildings at the site.

A plan to restore the site is expected to cost more than $30 million. About $16 million has been secured for the project — $15 million from a park bond act passed by California voters in 2000, a $500,000 federal planning grant and gifts from philanthropists.

The 740-acre island, including the 13-acre immigration complex, has been a state park since the 1960s. The project aims to restore a 70-acre tract by 2012.

Between 1910 and 1940, more than 1 million immigrants from countries around the Pacific Rim passed through the Angel Island facility, commonly referred to as the "Ellis Island of the West."

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