

## 한국 현대 미술가 이 불씨, UW 헨리 박물관서 초청전

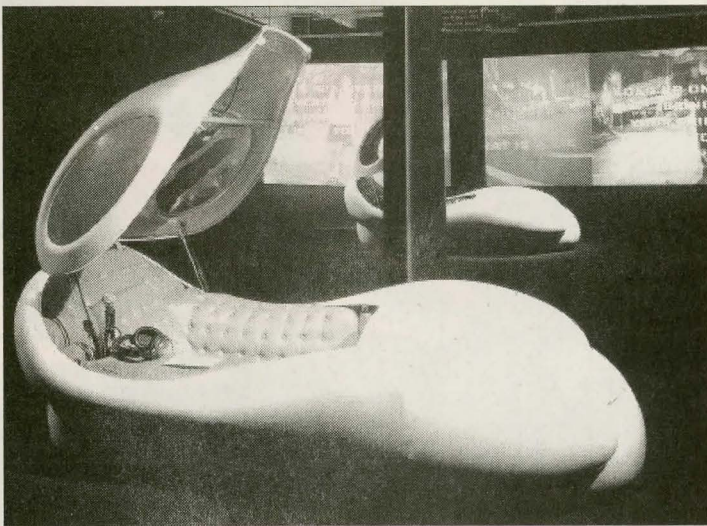
**베니스 비엔날레 수상  
18일부터 3개월간 계속**

인체와 메카니즘을 복합시킨 새로운 작품세계로 베니스 비엔날레에서 특별상을 받은 한국 미술가 이 불씨의 미국 순회 작품전이 워싱턴대학(UW) 헨리 미술박물관에서 18일부터 3개월간 전시된다.

‘영생(Live Forever)’을 주제로 시애틀에선 처음 전시되는 이씨의 작품은 색시한 여체를 형상화한 우주선 모양의 가라오케 방 3개와 그에 관련된 영상 비디오가 대형 스크린을 통해 상영된다.

그 옆 전시실에는 분홍색 스티로폼로 만들어진 우주선 모양의 가라오케 방이 계속 회전돼 여권주의와 하이텍이 접목된 현대적 아시안 문화를 표현하고 있다.

컴컴한 전시실에 설치된 가라오케 방에 들어가면 비틀즈의 ‘And I Love Her’로부터 U2의



UW 헨리 미술 박물관에서 전시중인 한국 미술가 이 불씨의 가라오케 캡슐.

‘One’에 이르기까지 48개의 다양한 곡을 선택해 부를 수 있다.

스포츠 카처럼 혼자서만 들어갈 수 있는 이 가라오케 방에는 영상 화면이 떠오르는 스크린과 마이크가 설치돼 있고 안에서 부르는 노래가 밖에서는 들리지 않게

되었다.

전시실 벽면에는 3개의 대형 스크린이 설치돼 샌프란시스코 페어몬트 호텔 바에서의 댄스 장면, 한국 공원에서 여학생이 춤추는 장면, 서울 야경 등이 떠오른다.

헨리 미술박물관의 큐레이터인

### 본국 수재민을 도우시다 <성금 보내주신 분>

본국 동남부를 강타한 태풍 ‘매미’의 피해자들을 돕기 위한 한인사회의 성금이 속속 답지하고 있다. 다음은 두 한인회에 답지한 성금내역이다.

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## 대학신문에

### WSU 소수계 학생들, ‘인

워싱턴 주립대학(WSU)의 학보에 인종 모독적인 삽화가 그려져 교내 소수인종 학생들과 교수들의 비난을 받고 있다.

WSU의 학생 및 교수 40여명은 학보 ‘데일리 에버그린’이 지난 15일자에 게재한 문제의 삽화가 인디언 원주민을 다룬 내용이지만 노골적으로 흑인을 비하하는 내용이었다고 강력히 항의했다.

학보 편집장은 비록 사람들이 부정적인 반응을 보일 수 있는 소지가 있지만 인종모독의 저의를 두고 그린 삽화가 절대 아니라고 해명했다.

그러나, 소수계 학생들은 문제

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워싱턴주 복권





워싱턴주 대한 부인회가 16일 다민족 사회봉사센터 오픈 하우스행사에 앞서 가진 아·태계 가정폭력 피해 여성들을 위한 셸터 착공식에서 부인회 간부와 김재국 총영사(오른쪽에서 두번째)등 내빈들이 첫 삽을 뜨고 있다.

# “셋방살이 설움 씻었다”

대한부인회, 다목적 사회봉사센터 오픈 하우스

아·태 여성 전용 가정폭력 피해자 셸터도 착공

주정부 ‘대한 부인회의 날’ 선포도

지난 1972년 3명의 한인 여성이 시작한 워싱턴주 대한 부인회가 30여년 만에 워싱턴주 소수계 봉사단체 중 처음으로 대규모 사회봉사 센터를 완공, 16일 오픈하우스 행사를 가졌다.

워싱턴 주정부는 부인회의 번함없는 사회봉사 활동과 봉사센터 완공을 축하하기 위해 16일을 ‘대한 부인회의 날(Korean Women’s Association Day)’로 선포했다.

이날 오픈하우스에는 워싱턴주 내 거의 모든 봉사단체의 대표자들과 주의회 의원들이 대거 참석, 부인회가 30년만에 수백

만 달러의 예산으로 22개 봉사 프로그램을 운영 할만큼 발전한 데 대해 놀라움을 금치 못했다.

연방상원의 마리아 캔트웰 및 패티 머리 의원도 축하 메시지를 통해 “대한 부인회는 지역사회의 보물”이라며 지속적인 성원과 지지를 약속했다.

김재국 총영사도 “언어와 문화의 장벽을 뛰어넘어 지역사회에 소외된 자들을 위해 봉사해 온 부인회가 자랑스럽다”고 말했다.

이기열 회장과 설자 워니 이사장 등 부인회 간부들은 “셋방살이의 설움을 떨치고 내 집을

마련한 흥분되고 감격스러운 날”이라며 눈시울을 붉혔다.

건축 위원장인 욱순 윌슨 전 회장은 “친목단체 성격이었던 부인회가 지난 87년을 기점으로 완전한 다민족 봉사단체로 거듭난 후 2001년 ‘초스 & 콕스’ 등 대규모 정부 프로그램을 따오기에 이르렀고 1만 스퀘어 피트에 달하는 봉사센터까지 마련하게 됐다”고 말했다.

한편, 부인회는 오픈하우스 행사 전 19배드 규모의 가정폭력 피해여성 셸터의 착공식도 함께 가졌다.

이 셸터는 워싱턴주는 물론 서북미 지역 최초로 아·태 커뮤니티의 가정폭력 피해자들만 수용하게 된다. <정락규 기자>



# Community group opens center

East

Tacoma:

*\$1.3 million facility just the start for Korean Women's Association*

BY DAVID WICKERT  
The News Tribune

More than 30 years after it was founded as a social club, the Korean Women's Association has moved into new quarters fitting for the major institution it has become.

On Thursday, the association dedicated a \$1.3 million, 10,000-square-foot community service center in East Tacoma that will house 22 social service programs ranging from English classes to mental health services.

It also broke ground on a \$1.2 million emergency domestic violence shelter that will support Asian women – the first

■ *The Korean Women's Association can be reached at 253-535-4202 or at 125 E. 96th St., Tacoma, WA 98445.*

of its kind in the Northwest.

Members called it a milestone for a group that has grown to serve thousands of people of many nationalities.

"This is an exciting day for all of us," said Sulja Warnick, chairwoman of the KWA board of directors. "Finally, we have our own home and building."

The Korean Women's Association didn't have much besides the homes of its members when it was founded in 1972. A



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From left, KWA leaders Ok Sun Wilson, Nam Hi Kim and Sulja Warnick at the group's center in Tacoma on Thursday.

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## Center

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small group of Korean women – many married to U.S. military personnel – wanted to ease their culture shock. So they met to speak their own language, eat Korean food and reminisce about their home country.

Soon, they were helping the victims of domestic violence, sheltering them in their own homes. Over the years, the association expanded its services, using a series of rented facilities.

Today, it hosts and administers programs serving more than 1,500 people a month. They help the elderly, young people, the disabled, immigrants, refugees and

abused women and children. They serve people speaking 17 different languages.

The new facility, at 125 E. 96th St., gives the KWA room it has needed for years.

"This building is overdue," Warnick said. "Our programs suffered a lot. We had not enough space."

More space is coming. Next year, the KWA will have a 19-bed emergency shelter for Asian women who are victims of domestic violence. KWA already serves up to 176 domestic violence victims each year. The new facility will aid those efforts.

Several hundred people attended Thursday's dedication, including numerous elected officials. But no guest was more welcome than Nam Hi Kim, a found-

ing member of the Korean Women's Association who moved to Texas in 1986. Kim received an emotional welcome from current members as they honored her for starting a group that has blossomed to play a big role in the lives of so many.

"I'm so proud," Kim said.

Pride was a common theme as KWA members thanked the donors and government agencies responsible for the new building. They pledged those efforts will bear fruit for years to come.

"I hope that this building will stay forever," said Ok Sun Wilson, who chaired the building committee. "Long after I am gone, I know this building will still stand."

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# Shelter

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YWCA, Pierce County's largest and oldest shelter, can house up to 50 people, including children.

And the facility is usually running at capacity, said Karin White Tautfest, director of advocacy services for the YWCA. The facility turned away an estimated 4,500 requests for shelter last year. That number includes repeat requests, she said.

The smaller Family Renewal Shelter, which focuses on extremely high-risk cases, estimates that it serves about a third of Pierce County's domestic violence victims who seek shelter, with the YWCA serving the remaining two-thirds.

Shelter operators point out that they try hard never to leave a victim in imminent danger without options. They try to place families with domestic violence shelters in surrounding counties, or even send them to another state. More likely, they may be sent to a motel or other homeless shelter, which may not offer services specifically for domestic violence victims.

The new shelter for Asian victims will accommodate up to 19 people in a home-like atmosphere, with private bedrooms, a large communal kitchen and children's play area. The City of Tacoma has agreed to donate land for the facility, KWA leaders said.

"We've had many sleepless nights of really wanting this," said Lua Pritchard, KWA director. "Not just for the Korean Women's Association, but for the sake of our clients."

She and others from KWA say a shelter for Asians and Pacific Islanders is needed because language and cultural barriers can prevent those victims from seeking services elsewhere.

The Tacoma-based Korean Women's Association was formed in 1972 as a social club, largely for Korean women who had married servicemen and moved with them to Pierce County. But from the beginning, said Warnick, it was clear that helping women who were abused by their husbands would become a priority



for the group.

She said she and other members would answer calls from distraught women in the middle of the night; sometimes they would end up inviting the victims into their homes.

Over the years, the need for a more formal domestic violence program evolved. Since 1996, KWA has offered counseling, family education, immigration assistance and referral services aimed at Asian and Pacific Islanders. It now serves clients in five counties. Last year, 176 domestic violence victims received services.

"Just not knowing how to communicate is a big barrier," said Pritchard. "But they are crying inside."

Without a shelter sensitive to their needs – everything from help with their immigration status to Asian food – Pritchard said Asian women may return to abusive relationships. They are far from home, and many lack relatives in this country who can assist them. They also need advocates who understand Asian cultures, she said.

"It's male dominant," said Sul Ja Warwick, chairwoman of KWA's board. "Women are supposed to be obedient. We need to educate Asian husbands, and women who don't know whether it's abuse or not."

The Korean Women's Association project will mark a major milestone for domestic violence victims. But it's not the only effort being made to expand shelter options in Pierce County. And while the issue of domestic violence has been in the spotlight since the fatal shooting of Crystal Brame by her husband, these projects were already in the works before.

Earlier in June, a coalition of Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor churches that assist domestic violence victims received \$70,000 from the private Geneva Foundation of Edmonds. The group will rent a "safe house" for victims and their children – the first such facility to be located on the Key Peninsula. It opens in the fall.

Penny Gazabat, vice chairwoman of the Interdenominational Mission Pact, or IMPACT, said having services available on the peninsula will make them more accessible to victims, who may feel isolated or who lack transportation to services in Tacoma.

"Once a victim has made up their mind that they're going to leave, you have to have somebody available to walk them through all they need to restart their life," said John Ricciardi, deacon at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Gig Harbor and chairman of the IMPACT board.



## Asian-American Alliance works with growing community

The Asian American Alliance is a community based, non-profit organization located in room 208 of the community center.

The Alliance serves the needs of the growing Asian-Pacific community which includes Koreans, Philipinos, Japanese, Vietnamese, Cambodians, Thais, Samoans, Hawaiians, Guamanians and others. It works to eliminate the cultural, social, economic and educational barriers faced by Asian and Pacific Americans and promotes the integrity, dignity and diversity of Asian-Pacific cultures.

The agency has both staff and volunteers to develop and carry our programs and projects. Current services offered at the center include:

**Outreach and Counseling:** Trained staff, bilingual in different languages, provide assistance to individuals who need information, referral, interpretation, help with marriage, family or emotional problems.

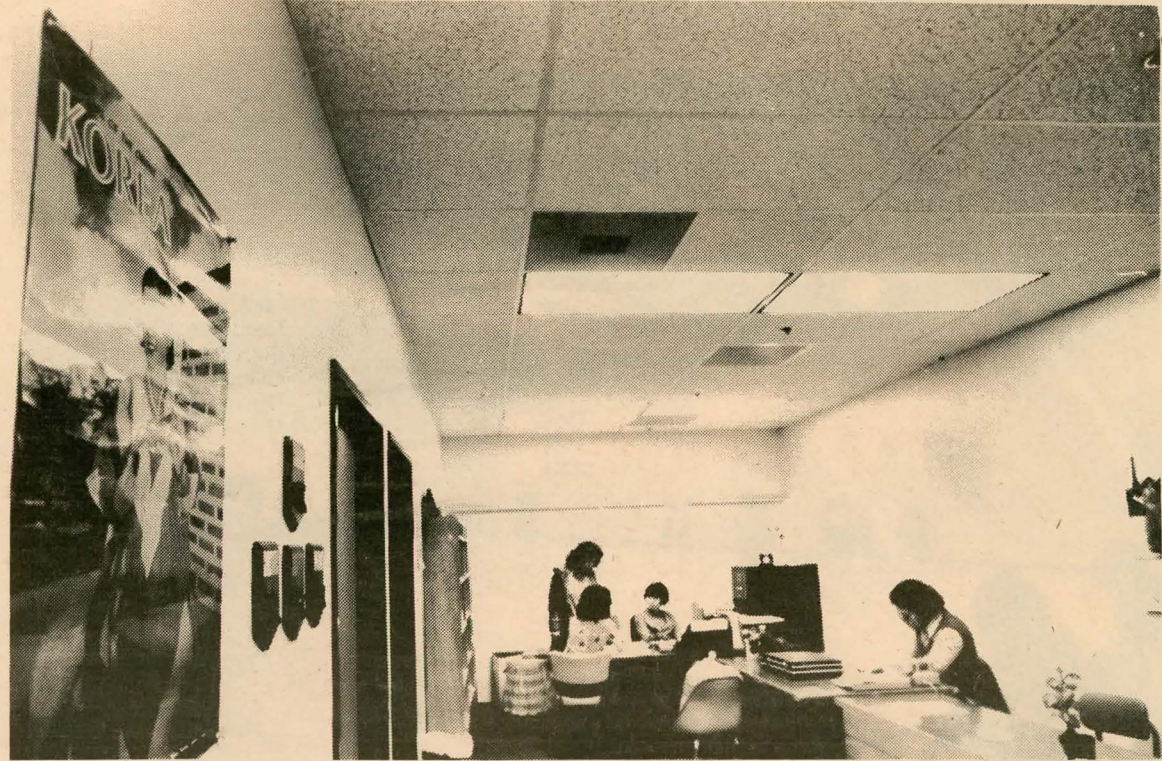
**Project Hope:** Social, educational, and recreational activities are provided in groups to serve isolated persons and families. Group members learn skills and meet new friends. Transportation and child care are provided for these activities.

Advocacy and Community

**Organization:** The Alliance works with state and local agencies so that they will recognize and provide services for Asian-Pacific Americans. It assists individual communities to develop services or resources for their own people.

**Education and Awareness:** Workshops are provided to teach sensitivity and increase understanding for other agencies and organizations. Leadership training and information workshops are provided to Asian-Pacific Americans to inform them of their rights and responsibilities. A monthly newsletter is published with information on issues and activities in the Asian community. The Asian Day Festival is an annual opportunity for all Asian-Pacific Americans to share their culture with each other and the general community.

The Alliance seeks funds from a number of sources. Current funding comes from the United Way, Metropolitan Development Council, ACTION, and grants from the city of Tacoma and Pierce County. Funds are always needed to meet the needs of the community. Elizabeth Begert Dunbar is the executive director. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and telephone number is 582-6521.



## Korean Women offer fellowship

The Korean Women's Association is located in room 207 of the Lakewood Community Center.

The association began in 1971 to encourage each other for fellowship and to serve the immigrants community and families. Membership is composed of Korean women of the greater Tacoma area, age 18 and over, and has grown to 600 to 800 members in the past year.

Services offered by the Korean Women's Association include:

English classes sponsored by Fort Steilacoom Community College; personal counseling services sponsored by United Methodist Church of Tacoma (job counseling, human rights, welfare problems, social adaptation); outreach services such as job placement, interpretation and translation, transportation and Senior Citizen's

programs partially sponsored by the City of Tacoma; and Korean books and a library service sponsored by the Seoul, Korea daily newspaper, Dong-A Ilbo.

A major project for this year is a fund-raising campaign to open a library for Korean Women.

Current president of the group is Sulja Warnick. The office operates weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the telephone number is 588-3854.



# Pint-sized cooks preparing for Passover

Monday, the eve of the eight-day celebration of Passover, Jews around the world observe the Seder, a celebration of the Israelites' freedom from slavery in Egypt.

The kinds of foods served at the Seder dinner are usually dictated by tradition, but it requires an imaginative homemaker to plan dishes that are uncommonly delicious and interestingly prepared.

Because no already-opened foods are permitted during this time, seasonings must be limited to fresh produce and newly purchased bottles of herbs and spices.

In some households the observance has been reduced to only a few days in the hurried pace of the modern world. But to some, it is a time to recall to the fullest those years of despair and flight in the desert, when there was no time to even properly prepare leavened bread.

Children are being taught much of the traditions that once were in the Jewish households, especially those living in the Tacoma area.

From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 3- and 4-year-olds are encouraged to attend a nursery school session at Temple Beth El.

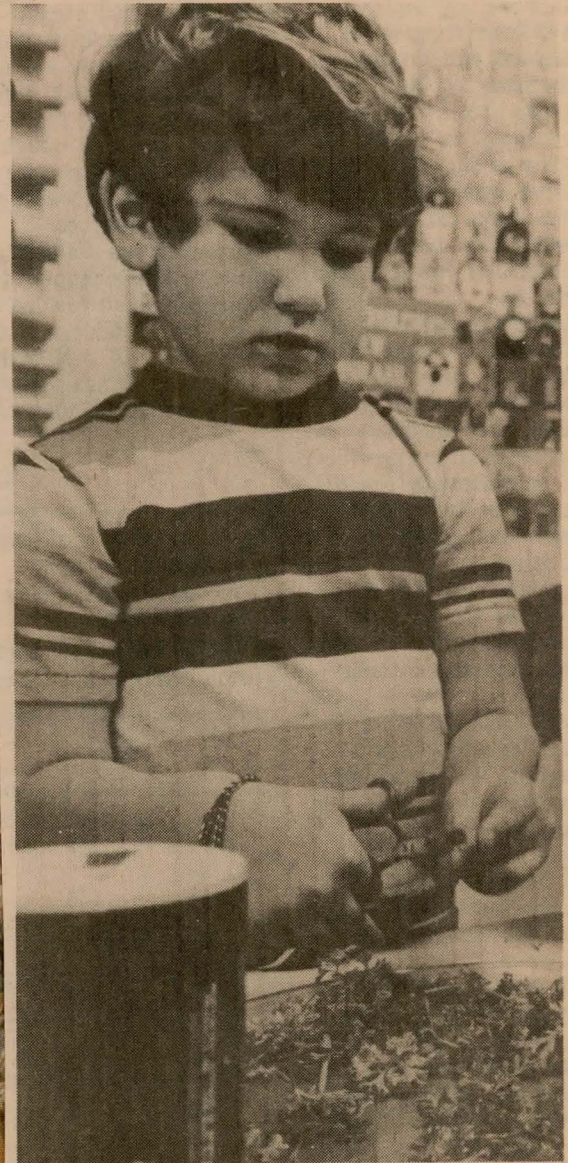
"It's important for each generation to learn from the other," said Joan Garden, one of the school instructors. She and instructors Chris Schwartz and Sandy Warnick spend the hours at the school teaching the 20 tots attending about their heritage. There's always room for another Jewish child, whether the family attends the synagogue or not, said Garden.

Recently the tots have been up to their elbows

in making matzoh balls from the matzo meal, and learning about the brittle, flat piece of unleavened bread that sustained the Hebrews during their many years of desert flight.

While the tiny hands mix the matzoh meal into softened balls, the teacher talks about the past.

On the opposite page is the recipe the children learned to use, plus some more that are approved for Passover feasting. Whether you are of the Jewish faith or not, these simply delicious meals are worth attention.



Staff photos by Bruce Kellman

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## Article ridiculed responsible teens

We are writing this letter to express our feelings on the March 15 article "Drugs: frankly, kids want more than talk," because we feel that Michael Gilbert focused on the negative aspects of the Safe Streets Youth Forum.

Three thousand students attended the program from 28 Pierce County high schools. The purpose of the forums was to give the youth a chance to express their views on the problems that drugs (gang violence) have brought to the community and give the Safe Streets Committee some

ideas on how to solve them. A vast majority of these students participated in a responsible manner and generated some excellent ideas.

When The Morning News Tribune focuses on the small group of disruptive students, the reporter misrepresented the positive aspect of the forum and ridiculed the teenagers who seriously addressed the important issues.

ANGELA WARNICK  
and 13 other members of the  
high school All-City Senate  
Tacoma





# S. Korea to seek China's help in arms dispute

Leader to press diplomatic effort to persuade north to open nuclear facilities to international inspectors

By Ed Offley  
P-I Military Reporter

*Seattle PI*  
*Nov. 19 93*

Warning that an impasse over nuclear weapons has become "a matter of life and death for all of Korea," South Korean President Kim Young-sam said he will press the Chinese leadership today to help prevent the dispute from exploding into a crisis or war.

In a wide-ranging address to about 600 Korean American community leaders last night at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center, Kim stressed the importance of his scheduled meeting this morning with Chinese

President Jiang Zemin and his forthcoming summit with President Clinton in Washington, D.C., next week as key elements in the diplomatic effort to persuade North Korea to open its nuclear facilities to international inspectors.

"I will ask him (Jiang) to do his best to deter North Korea's nuclear development program," Kim told the attentive audience, many of whom had flown in from Montana, Idaho and Oregon to meet their native country's first elected civilian president. With Kim were his wife, Sohn Myong Soon, and the Korean ambassador to the United States, Han Seung-Soo. Seattle Consul General Lee

Hae-Soon played host to the event.

Kim, speaking in Korean, said at one point that the communist regime in Pyongyang "had no choice but to develop a nuclear program" because of its political isolation and economic deterioration, according to a translation. He cited the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union, the shift by Eastern Europe from communist to capitalist systems and South Korea's own opening of diplomatic relations with China last year as creating a sense of panic among the regime of Kim il-Sung.

Korean Americans said Kim's remarks evoked a feeling of quiet determi-

nation and resolve to prevail in the impasse. Kim did not mention recent reports alleging a Clinton administration plan to offer canceling the 1994 Team Spirit military maneuvers in exchange for North Korean acceptance of nuclear inspections.

"This wasn't an official speech," said Tacoma resident Sul-ja Warnick, a member of the state's Asian-American Affairs Commission. "But he wanted to leave a firm message (with China) to help discourage the North Koreans."

Kim also spoke at length over the

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# Happy Hanukkah

## December a month for many holidays

By Nancy Bartley  
The News Tribune

December: It's the month when the airwaves are full of Christmas carols and the malls packed with shoppers. It's also the month for Hanukkah, and Grant Elementary School teacher Sulja Warnick tries to blend the menorahs among the mistletoe.

In her classroom, Warnick emphasizes December as a month of holidays celebrated by a wide variety of people and cultures.

It comes naturally to her. She is the epitome of international, born in Korea, raised Buddhist, converted to Judaism and now teaching a class of Cambodian students in a bilingual education program.

On the door to her classroom is a poster of Hanukkah — which begins at sundown Tuesday — in addition to one about Christmas. On a bulletin board are illustrations of how December holidays are celebrated around the world.

But on doors throughout the rest of the school are illustrations of bells, elves, Santas and candy canes. The pervasive Christmas theme is evident, even without the religious dogma.

The result for Jewish children — and those of other cultures — may be a feeling of being lost in Christmas Land.

That's why Warnick emphasizes many winter holidays.

"I do that so students who celebrate other holidays don't feel left out," she said.

Students are given opportunity to talk about the winter holiday common to their families.

In the Warnick household, the key winter holiday is Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, which continues for eight days.

It's not a major holiday in the Jewish religion. However, it counterbalances the Christmas festivities by providing families with eight days of gift giving, special foods and family togetherness.

# Hanukkah

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the Romans, the Jews revolted against all odds, won. When they went to purify the temple, they found only enough oil to light the holy lamp for just a single day. Then the miracle of Hanukkah occurred: The lamp burned for eight days.

In celebration of the event, each night a candle on the menorah is lit for eight days. For many, it's a ceremony rich with tradition.

"I've been lucky," said Angela Warnick, 15, Sulja Warnick's daughter. "I never felt deprived not having Christmas because I have Hanukkah, and it lasts eight days." Gifts are given each night.

When she and her sister, Gina, 12, were young children, they lived in Korea and were not exposed to Christmas. When they moved to Tacoma a few years later, they were well-grounded in their Jewish traditions.

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워싱턴주 대한부인회(회장 이기열) 사회 봉사 센터가 문을 열면 지금까지 이곳저곳 전전해온 노인 급식장 문제가 해결되고 한인사회의 각종 행사도 값비싼 호텔을 빌어 쓸 필요가 없게 될 전망이다.

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## Asian American Alliance taps Warnick as top citizen for community service

Sulja Warnick of Tacoma has been named Citizen of the Year by the Asian American Alliance in recognition of her contributions to the community.

The award was to be presented at the group's annual luau Saturday.

Warnick is a past president of the Korean Women's Association and a member of the governor's Commission on Asian American Affairs and the Korean Sister City Committee for Tacoma, said Liz Dunbar, an Asian American Alliance board member.

Dunbar said Warnick also has nurtured coalitions between various Asian American groups.

"Through all these activities, she has been working to promote positive relations between the



Sulja Warnick

Korean community in particular and the Pierce County community in general," Dunbar said.

Warnick, who came here from Korea about 10 years ago, is the principal of the Korean Language School in Tacoma. Among the accomplishments she considers her most important is the Korean language library she initiated about four years ago while president of the Korean Women's Association.

She believes it is the only such library in the United States.

"I'm very proud of that," Warnick said. "The whole community is proud to have such a library."

The 4,000-book collection is housed in the Lakewood Community Center and is open to the public. She said there are several history books on Korea written in English.





**ESSAY CONTEST WINNER:  
MARIYA GNATYUK**

**WHY I WANT TO BECOME  
A U.S. CITIZEN**

Harriet Beecher Stowe, an American writer, introduced me to America in 1965 when I read her book 'Uncle Tom's Cabin', translated into the Russian language. A former president, Abraham Lincoln said that this little woman contributed greatly to slavery abolishment and the creation of the America.

I was born and lived in the Ukraine for 49 years. Ukraine was a republic that belonged to the former Soviet Union. It was a 'Union', but communist governed the life and fate of the common people. It was a brutal, bloody minded political regime; laws were ignored, and people weren't able to find a job. They lived half-starving. The communistic regime persecuted Christians. I had to go through many difficulties, and didn't even smile in the last years of my life in Ukraine. Life had lost its value to me.

On October 23, 2000, I made my first step onto American soil at the New York Airport.

I hardly believed it! I saw American people around me who smiled kindly at me and tried to tell me something in English. I thought then, 'Why do they smile? Why are they joyful?'

At first, I lived in Kent, WA. Again, I saw people's smiles everywhere: outside, in stores, offices, clinics. When I came to America I had very bad health. Here, I've had four surgeries. At the present time, I am under the watch of my doctors and receive free care.

Everybody addresses me with respect here and the people still smile at me. I am happy here and have many friends and kind neighbors. I want to live again!

It strikes me that police only stop drivers here when they violate the laws, unlike in Ukraine, where people were actually afraid of the police because of corruption. Policemen here are polite and do not push people down. Freedom is very important in ones life! People in America have religious freedom, freedom to worship God, freedom to receive education, and the freedom to work and rest after work.

The constitution protects US citizens and the laws benefit people, too. I am thankful for everything. Those are my reasons for why I want to become a citizen of America and be able to have the right to vote.

**Author Profile.....**

Mariya Gnatyuk was a pastor's child in the Ukraine in September 18, 1951. She came to America with her youngest daughter as a refugee. Her husband Yaroslav couldn't adjust his life in America and returned to Ukraine later. Now, she lives with her daughter in Tacoma. Mariya has attended a KWA Citizenship Class since June 2006. She has already filed her citizenship application and is waiting for the interview. According to her Citizenship teacher, Antonina Adamov, Mariya is well-respected by other students.

\*\*\*\* KWA citizenship department had a writing contest during month of May. More than thirty students entered the contest. Among them, this story was chosen as the best story and Mariya received \$100 as a prize. \* (Editor's note)



# 시민권자 1백18명 새로 탄생

## 대한부인회 시민권반 졸업식 거행

대한부인회를 통해 시민권 수업을 받은 각국 새 시민권자들의 미국 시민으로 새로 태어나는 기쁨을 누렸다.

17일 낮 타코마 마니토 커뮤니티 센터에서 열린 제5회 시민권반 졸업식에는 한국인 76명을 비롯한 베트남 24명, 필리핀 10명, 사모아 6명, 러시아 2명 등

총 1백18명이 미국 시민으로 새로 태어나는 행사가 거행돼 성황을 이룬 가운데 진행됐다.

대한부인회 수강 노인 합창단이 미국 국가를 합창하는 가운데 이들은 미국 시민권자로 대한부인회가 수여하는 졸업증서를 수여 받았다. 대한부인회

는 타코마에서 올림피아, 웨드렐웨이, 어번 지역 각국 민족들을 위한 총16개의 시민권반을 진행하고 있으며 그동안 총 4백54명의 각국 시민권자들을 탄생시켰다.

이날 박영실 대한부인회장을 비롯한 대한 부인회 임원 전원, 신호범 상원 부의장, 박영민 웨

드렐웨이 시장, 레이크 우드 시장 등 내빈들이 참석해 새로 탄생한 시민권자들을 축하했으며 한인들중 최고령 노인인 박복남(91세)옹이 한국 수강생을 대표해 인사말로 대한부인회에 감사의 뜻을 전했다.



대한부인회가 시민권반을 통해 배출한 금년도 1백18명의 각국 시민권자 졸업식이 17일 성대하게 거행됐다. 새 시민권자들이 참석 내빈들과 기념 촬영한 모습



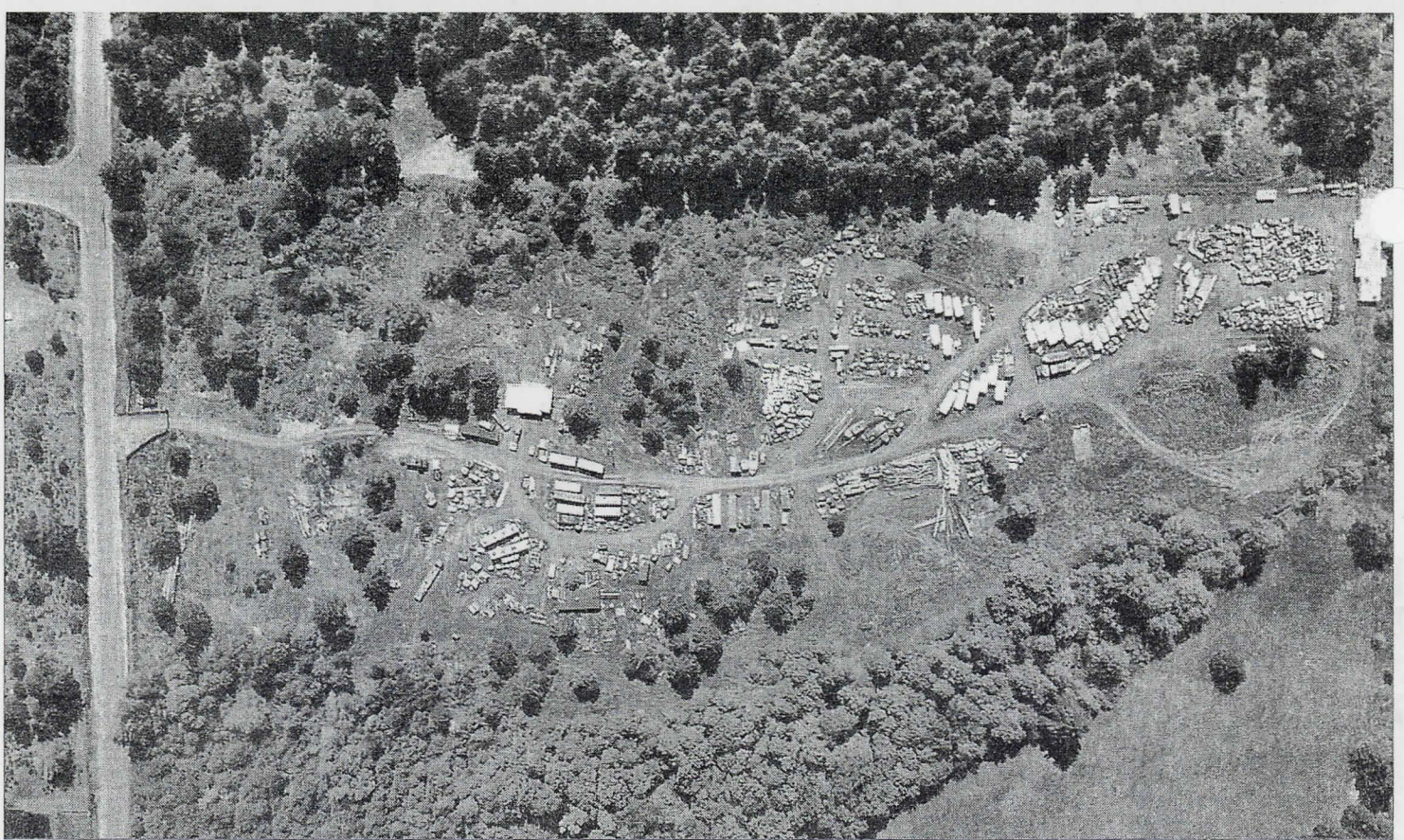


Photo courtesy of Pierce County

An aerial view of The Orchard property in 1983 shows acres of semitrailers without the cabs, junked cars and other unidentifiable trash. Today, the land is home to a small low-income housing development and a fruit orchard. The first harvest is expected in 2010.

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received the 2006 Community Development Award from the National Association for County Community and Economic Development.

"Many people visit here, and they say, 'Oh, we want to stay here,'" said Sun Dang, 62, resident manager of the property. "It's so peaceful here."

Volunteers last year planted 340 apple and plum trees. Now they're 6 to 8 feet tall. A full harvest is expected in 2010, although some trees already have first fruits on them.

Sok Dang, 66, Sun's husband, is the primary caretaker of the trees. He fixes hoses that have been nibbled on by critters, checks the health of the trees and picks up rocks and carries them in his hands to a pile he has created.

The ground is not level enough for him to use a wheelbarrow.

"I worked even on July 4," he said as he smiled. "It's a lot of work."

The Dangs came to the United States in 1971 from South Korea following Sun Dang's sister, who already had immigrated. Sok Dang, who ran an auto-body shop in Federal Way, had two years of

**THE ORCHARD TIMELINE:** The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department acquired the former junkyard through sheriff's foreclosure. The property was listed by the state Department of Ecology as a hazardous waste site.

**1999:** The health department approached the county Department of Community Services about cleanup. The concept of turning it into housing and a fruit orchard was developed.

**2000:** The health department donated the property to the Pierce County Community Development Corporation, a municipal non-profit entity created to provide funding for affordable housing and economic development using federal money.

**2000-01:** The site was tested and cleaned.

**2002-03:** The site plan was developed using low-impact development principles, and was approved.

**2003:** The county advertised the property for potential ownership and operation. Korean Women's Association was chosen for the task.

**2004-05:** Development began, and the trees were planted.

**May 2006:** The project was completed and dedicated.

experience in the 1960s at a flower farm in the far eastern country, but not much knowledge about caring for an orchard.

So, Sok Dang is learning about it on the Internet, and, when leaves turn colors that worry the couple, Sun Dang puts them in a sandwich bag and takes them to the garden center at Home Depot.

She also takes care of a small patch of community garden where she grows lettuce, radishes, cabbage and other vegetables for the residents.

The total project cost was almost \$1.6 million with the majority coming from federal Department of Housing and Urban Development grants. About \$90,000 came from the state Housing Trust Fund, said Bryan Schmid, a loan officer with Pierce County's Department of Community Services.

Private donors helped out, including general contractor Scott Bergford of Olympia, Milgard Windows and Tacoma Truss Systems.

Residents pay 30 percent of

their income in rent, and the rest is covered by the federal low-income housing program.

The Korean Women's Association owns the project after paying \$960,000 to the county.

The group, which began in 1972 as a domestic violence victim advocate center, operates senior and other housing services.

The homes at The Orchard are built with energy efficient walls and are equipped with radiant heat systems, which county officials hope will heat the houses for between \$300 and \$400 annually, said Rand Bullinger, rehabilitation specialist with the county's Community Services.

It'll be a while before the Dangs can bring in a tractor to level the ground so that Sok Dang can use a lawnmower instead of weeding by hand. It's a lot of work before the trees mature enough so that not much care is needed.

But the couple said they enjoy the labor and living in the country. And they know their work will mean a lot to others eventually.

"It's a blessing to help other needy families," Sun Dang said.

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LITTLE TREES WILL FEED MANY SOMEDAY



Resident managers Sok, left, and Sun Dang check young plum trees Wednesday in an 18.3-acre former junkyard near Roy. An award-winning Pierce County project has turned the land into a six-home low-income housing development and a working orchard that will eventually supply food banks and meal sites. RUSS CARMACK/The News Tribune

## From eyesore to place of life, growth

**A Pierce County project that transforms a former junkyard into an orchard and low-income homes wins a national prize.**

BY EIJIRO KAWADA  
The News Tribune

From the air it used to look like a mobile-home park; only what seemed like homes were semitrailers without the cabs. Junked cars and trucks surrounded them, as well as piles and piles

of who-knows-what.

Aerial photos from the early 1980s painted such a picture of the 18.3-acre property just outside the city of Roy.

Today, six homes sit neatly surrounding a cul-de-sac, and an orchard covers the majority of the property.

The junk is gone. In June, six families moved

in. One-of-a-kind project, Pierce County turned a former junkyard into low-income hous-

ing plus an orchard. The residents take care of the farm, and its produce will supply 74 food banks and meal sites across the county.

"There were just random mounds everywhere," said David Ottey, executive director of the Emergency Food Network, recalling how the property looked before the project. "You had to hike in."

The project is named The Orchard. It recently

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## Rusting junk will yield bounty

### Recluse's roost becomes The Orchard, a unique low-income project

**Pierce County and nonprofit agencies are turning a former junkyard near Roy into a low-income housing development and orchard to supply food banks.**

BY EIJIRO KAWADA  
The News Tribune

A man named Rosch used to live on an 18-acre property south of Roy, where he collected truckloads of scrap metal, barrels of unknown substances and surplus materials from Fort Lewis and elsewhere.

He was a recluse without family members nearby, according to one neighbor. He was rarely there, said another.

The description of the man is sketchy, and no one seems to remember his first name. But what neighbors agree on is that he died some time ago and left junk scattered all over.

Now Pierce County and area nonprofit agencies are turning the land into something they see as one-of-a-kind: a low-income housing project with fruit trees and a garden that would supply the county's food banks.

It is called The Orchard.

"We have never done anything like this," said Gary Aden, administrative program manager for Pierce County Community Services' housing program.

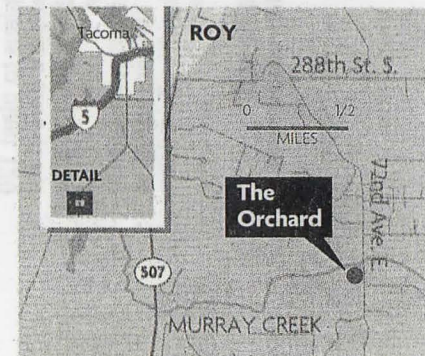
The project will include six 1,195-square-foot, three-bedroom rental homes for low-income families, a 12-acre orchard and a 2,500-square-foot garden.

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#### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Whether you want to pitch in or live there, where to start looking. **BACK PAGE**



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own and oversee the housing project, the Emergency Food Network will run the orchard and residents there will grow what they want to eat.

Aden said site work is under way, and home construction should begin in a few weeks with completion planned for July. The cost of the \$1 million project will be covered mostly by federal dollars, along with labor, material, cash and other donations from local businesses and residents.

The Master Builders Association of Pierce County is trying to build all six houses with donated labor and materials from its members, said president Dave Graff.

"Our mission is to provide affordable housing," he said. "This project is right down our alley."

Lua Prichard, executive director of the community service group Korean Women's Association, said she'll begin accepting tenant applications this month.

Aden said a family of four with an annual income of \$45,000 or less can apply. The monthly rent runs around \$1,000 for a three-bedroom house, and the program requires a qualified family to put 30 percent of its gross income toward rent. The federal Section 8 voucher program picks up the difference.

After hearing rumors that the county was bringing criminals to the property, some neighbors are anxiously waiting to see what happens. Others in the area have praised the county's effort to revitalize the land, which it acquired some 20 years ago.

In the 1970s, Rosch collected castoffs including hundreds of airplane seats, countless Jeep windshields and miles of submarine wire used to drag boats.

Neighbors worried about possible contamination of groundwater and a nearby creek from whatever was stored in those barrels. They brought it to the county's at-

**Want to donate?** Those with materials, labor, cash or other items for The Orchard project should call Gary Aden at the Pierce County Community Services' housing program, 253-798-6912.

**Want to live there?** Those interested in living in these houses should call Lua Prichard at the Korean Women's Association, 253-535-4202.

tention in the early 1980s.

In the end, Aden said, sheriff's deputies, health officials and state Department of Ecology representatives, along with a SWAT team, went out to the property.

"The story that I got was that Mr. Rosch came out and gave up the keys," Aden said.

Some time later Rosch died, and the county ended up with the title to the property without money to clean it up.

In 2000, the county community services department eyed the property and came up with a plan to clean it up and develop it for low-income housing. Along the way, other agencies got involved.

"The Orchard is a logical extension of what the Emergency Food Network has become in the county," said David Ottey, network executive director.

Ottey's group also runs an 8-acre farm near Puyallup to distribute fresh produce to county food banks. The Orchard could do the same, as well as provide apples to the network's cannery project where volunteers pack and distribute cans of food to food banks.

The group plans to plant 120 plum trees in about a third of the orchard, and 260 apple and pear trees in the rest.

Residents will be encouraged to get involved. "We are trying to make it community effort down there," Ottey said.

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**Korean Women's Association members donned hard hats and traditional dresses Wednesday at groundbreaking for a retirement housing project in Tacoma's South End.**

# A building for the future

## Korean association breaks ground for retirement housing

By DEBBY ABE  
THE NEWS TRIBUNE

Members of the Korean Women's Association dug dirt and feasted with friends on Wednesday.

And with each shovel of earth turned and each friendly word passed, they built toward their future while celebrating their past.

Under racing clouds and wind-driven drizzle, the association's members broke ground Wednesday afternoon on a \$2 million retirement housing project in Tacoma's South End, then dashed to a banquet in downtown Tacoma to commemorate their 25th anniversary.

At the groundbreaking, association members, dressed in billowy fuchsia and peach "hanbok" gowns, tiptoed through the mud and tossed spades full of dirt in the air to symbolically signal the start of construction.

"It's raining, but we feel great," said an ebullient Sulja Warnick, who heads the association's retirement housing effort.

State Sen. Rosa Franklin told the association members, "You have worked hard; you've made great contributions to the community. And this housing for seniors is so important. It's a wonderful day."

The fanfare represented another benchmark for the thriving social service agency.

The group started in 1972 as a social club of Korean women married to American servicemen. But as more Koreans moved to Pierce County, the club began to provide translation, transportation and other services to Korean families and later to other Asian immigrants and Pacific Islanders.

The group eventually expanded its reach to the general public, especially when it received state and Pierce County grants in 1987 to provide home care services and hot lunch programs. In 1992, the group bought its own office on a 2.6-acre site at 125 E. 96th St. in the South End.

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## Future

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Today, the association operates with a \$4.8 million budget and employs 336 part-time and full-time workers, assisted by 89 volunteers. It specializes in providing culturally appropriate services to ethnic minorities but offers its services to people of all nationalities.

With the help of state and county grants, it offers 17 programs, including three ethnic meal sites, a senior day-care center, a domestic violence outreach project, and personal home-care services for hundreds of disabled and elderly clients throughout Pierce County.

The retirement complex will mark the group's entry into another venue. The association is building the 25-

million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The complex is behind the women's association office.

Once it opens in November, Pacific Villa will offer multicultural amenities, said Warnick, president of the Pacific Villa Housing Development Council, a subsidiary of the women's association.

Cupboards and sinks, for instance, will be placed lower than in mainstream facilities to accommodate shorter people, Warnick said. The complex will have a commons area to house the association's day-care program for elderly Asian and Pacific Islanders and other activities for residents. A community computer room will give residents the chance to send e-mail and surf the Web.

Wednesday evening, 350 community members attended the group's anniversary banquet at the Sheraton.

Warnick said members were sorry

ty members but there wasn't enough room.

The dinner was a chance for the organization to thank the individuals and community groups who have helped the agency over the years. The association singled out for special recognition Tacoma City Manager Ray Corpuz, Pierce County, Key-Bank, Pierce College and HUD.

It was a heartfelt day for longtime association members. Warnick said later in an interview she nearly cried during the groundbreaking.

"We grew so much from 20-some years ago, struggling," she said. "It's a thrilling day for us. We really feel like now we can give something to the community."



# KOREA TO

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## KWA has social, health programs for Koreans

The Korean Women's Association has grown increasingly successful in servicing the multi-cultural and multi-lingual public of Pierce County. The agency was established in 1972 with the hope of reaching and assisting wives of U.S. military personnel.

In the 1970's, as the KWA became more popular with the public, its board of directors decided to expand its mission to assist the general public and offer multi-lingual services to limited English speaking Asian immigrants and Pacific Islanders.

There are 13 different projects under the KWA umbrella. Two of the most successful are the In-Home Care Services Project and Asian-Pacific Meal-Site Project.

The In-Home Care Service Program consists of four state-federal programs: the CHORE Services Program (funded by the Pierce County Aging and Long Term Care Agency); the COPES Personal Care Program (funded by the State Dept. of Social & Health Services); the Title XIX (Medicaid); and Personal Care Services (funded by PCALTC).

The KWA In-Home Care Project provides multi-cultural and multi-lingual services for clients from either the Pierce County or the state DSHS office.

To qualify for these programs, one must be already accepted as a client by the state DSHS office or the Pierce County Aging and Long Term Care Agency.

Currently, KWA's In-Home Care staff is made up of ethnic backgrounds including Caucasian, Korean, Black American,

Cambodian, Spanish, Japanese, Samoan, Fijian and American Indians.

In Korean culture, citizens care for and respect their elders and those in need. Among the Korean Women's Association's mottos are "care for the elders," and "serve with care." Therefore, great care and compassion is expected of every KWA employee.

KWA as an In-Home Care Services Agency is one of the most highly respected agencies in Pierce County. In fact, KWA offers services in a dozen zip code areas in Pierce County.

The KWA Asian-Pacific Meal-Site Project began in January, 1988, and consists of three ethnic meal-sites. The Korean meal-site is open each Wednesday at the Lakewood Community Center. The Filipino meal-site is Fridays at the Lake City Community Center.

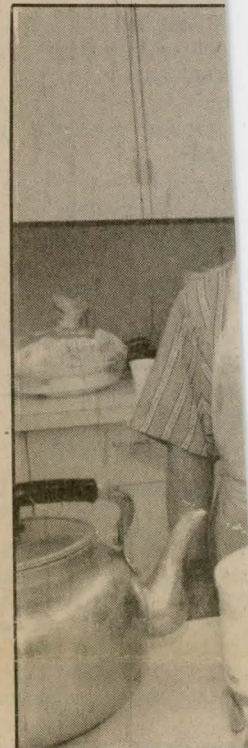
The Koreans, like the Filipinos and Samoans, take full advantage of the meal-site programs and come together to socialize in the same language, share traditional foods and make friends.

For most participants this is the only chance to get out of the house and socialize.

Meal-Site participants enjoy different games, music, dances and other recreational activities.

Participants from all three sites took part in the Senior Citizens Awareness Day, sponsored by the Tacoma-Pierce County Senior Services Agency, at the Tacoma Dome.

The KWA Ethnic Meal-Site Programs are open to any senior who is interested in joining.



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Community Center every We

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# 워싱턴주대한부인회관 건립기금 모금의 밤

Korean Women's Association  
1992. 6. 26.







Board is shown here in 1992 when the organization first purchased the building used today as a senior day care for clients with Alzheimer's and dementia.

ing, pulling ivy, collecting roadside trash. Just last week, Greg Newkirk of Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful handed me a pickaxe to excavate a trench in the rock-packed clay of a homeowner's front yard on 112th Street East.

It was too late.  
I had drifted into deep sloth.  
I'd lost focus and was flunking retirement, the

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**By Matt Nagle**  
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What started four decades ago as a small social club for area Korean women has since grown to be one of the largest social service agencies in the state, serving an average of 150,000 clients a year. Its name is the Korean Women's Association (KWA) and on Oct. 10, KWA's 40th anniversary will be celebrated with a "friendraising and fundraising" luncheon at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center to which the public is invited.

The luncheon will feature a Northwest celebrity giving the keynote address – Jesse Jones from KING 5 News. Known widely as local hero "Get Jesse" for his investigative consumer reports, Jones is a KWA ambassador because his mother receives home-care services from the non-profit organization.

"Jesse is a perfect fit for our theme 'Hand in Hand,' meaning together we extend our hand to people in need, creating a greater reach and impact," said KWA Executive Director Peter Ansara.

Under the theme "Hand in Hand: A Voice for the Voiceless," the luncheon and benefit will offer cultural food and entertainment, guest speakers, client testimonies and networking opportunities with the nearly 700 people expected to attend. Organizers are calling the event a "friendraiser" with the aim of building more partnerships with the broader community.

"We are looking forward to sharing the life changing impact of our program with the community," said KWA board member Chong Dameron. "From breast cancer navigation to low-income housing, we are about helping people in need."

**FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS**

Back in 1972, a small group of Korean  
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PHOTOS COURTESY OF KWA

**FOUNDING MEMBERS.** Among KWA's early visionary founders were (left to right, top to bottom): Myung Allard, Sulja Warnick, Kim Namhee, Oksun Wilson and Park Songja.

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF ACTIVISM**



PHOTO BY CAROL WOLFE

**20TH ANNIVERSARY.** At the Tacoma Neighborhood Councils' 20th anniversary celebration at the Asian Pacific Cultural Center, Tacoma Fire Department Medical Services Officer, Roger Edington, left, and Assistant Police Chief Mike Ake, far right, held the councils' banner as a backdrop for Bill Baarsma, Nancy Davis, Ginny Eberhardt, Skip and Laura Vaughn and Elton Gatewood, who have been with the councils from the start.

**By Kathleen Merryman**  
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How would you like to have a Walmart instead of 83 acres of parkland and trails at Wapato Hills?

Nuclear waste moving through the Port of Tacoma?

No?

Well, how about neighborhoods without speed bumps, banners, planters, murals, street lights or a strong voice at every level of local govern-

ment?

No again?

Then thank the determined Tacomans who fought for – and occasionally over and at – the neighborhood councils that celebrated their 20th anniversary Sept. 27.

Those councils have accomplished exactly what their founders wanted, and more than a few people in Tacoma's city government feared: They have been the framework through which

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**KOREAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**WHEN:**  
Wednesday, Oct. 10

**TIME:**  
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**WHERE:**  
Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center

**TICKETS:**  
www.kwahandinhand.com



# TACOMA WEEKLY

24 YEARS OF SERVICE BECAUSE COMMUNITY MATTERS

## STAFF CUTS, NEW TAXES PROPOSED FOR TACOMA

■ DEPARTMENTS RE-ORGANIZED ■ HOSPITAL TAXES INCREASED ■ MORE MEETINGS SCHEDULED

By John Larson

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City Manager T.C. Broadnax has proposed eliminating 217 jobs as part of his plan for a balanced budget for the 2013/14 biennium. Broadnax proposes

a \$398.4 million General Fund budget, which he discussed with Tacoma City Council on Oct. 2. His plan would close the \$63 million shortfall for the next two-year cycle facing the city.

Of the jobs targeted for elimination, 64 are vacant positions. Broadnax said he

has spoken to union representatives about union positions that could be cut. Staff in the Human Resources Department is also talking with employees on the list, to either help them shift to other jobs within city government or to prepare them for the possibility of unemployment.

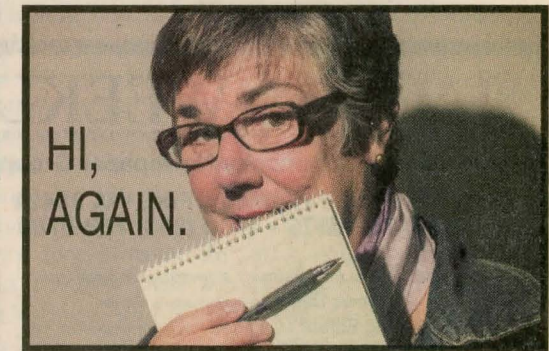
"I would hope there are no surprises," he said.

For employees who will remain, Broadnax offers no cost of living adjustment for non-union members. He would restore pay cuts made this year, and

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# 'A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS'

## KWA celebrates 40 years of service



By Kathleen Merryman

In August, after 29 years at The News Tribune, I thought I could retire.

I loved – love – the paper and the family of colleagues. But I did need a break, and when I got the chance for it, I took it.

For nearly three decades, News Tribune editors gave me the opportunity to tell some of your best stories, the ones about how you face and fix problems. You took on crime, grief, shabbiness, injustice and the sense that in Pierce County, we settle for less. Your efforts served as patterns for the next neighborhood to use and adapt. You made this place lovely in aspect and in attitude.

With your typical grace, when you heard I was leaving The News Tribune, you invited me to join you – gardening, talking up the town, paint-



# ON THE MOVE



Wednesday, Oct. 3, 1990 LP

The KWA began its work in

## Korean Women's

Imagine relocating to a foreign country where you don't speak the language and don't have the foggiest idea about the culture.

It was to help Korean women in just such a position that the Korean Women's Association was established in 1972.

The past 18 years has seen many changes in the KWA's focus, however Today, the Korean Women's Association reaches out to the public and actually provides more services to non-Koreans than Koreans.

In the late 1970's, the KWA's services were expanded to include and provide multi-cultural and multi-lingual services to limited English-speaking Asian immigrants and Pacific Islanders. Since 1987, the agency's services have diversified to provide for the general

## Association helps those in need

### THE FACTS

**What:**.....Korean Women's Association

**Where:**..... 9112 Lakewood Dr. SW

**Director:** ..... Lea Armstrong

**Mission:** To provide multi-cultural and multi-lingual services to limited English-speaking members of the public.

public.

"We provide services to Caucasians, Blacks, Hispanics, Cambodians, Chinese, Samoans, Japanese, and Laotians," said Lea Armstrong, KWA's executive director. "We want people to

know that we are thankful for the help we've received from the American public."

KWA's expanded list of activities now includes Asian-Pacific meal sites (for Korean's, Filipinos and Samoans), CHORE services, COPEs personal care services, Title XIX (Medicaid) personal care services, English as a second language classes, job placement, interpretation and translation services, Korean language library, foot care services for seniors, Korean language classes and a written driver's license test.

Only the governing body of the KWA is Korean. The association employs people from all different backgrounds. Armstrong joined the association in January 1976.

She said they used to meet in an apartment and had no budget. She now spends much of her time in Olympia accumulating funds which now total more than \$876,410.



# Asian American Alliance taps Warnick as top citizen for community service

Sulja Warnick of Tacoma has been named Citizen of the Year by the Asian American Alliance in recognition of her contributions to the community.

The award was to be presented at the group's annual luau Saturday.

Warnick is a past president of the Korean Women's Association and a member of the governor's Commission on Asian American Affairs and the Korean Sister City Committee for Tacoma, said Liz Dunbar, an Asian American Alliance board member.

Dunbar said Warnick also has nurtured coalitions between various Asian American groups.

"Through all these activities, she has been working to promote positive relations between the



Sulja Warnick

Korean community in particular and the Pierce County community in general," Dunbar said.

Warnick, who came here from Korea about 10 years ago, is the principal of the Korean Language School in Tacoma. Among the accomplishments she considers her most important is the Korean language library she initiated about four years ago while president of the Korean Women's Association.

She believes it is the only such library in the United States.

"I'm very proud of that," Warnick said. "The whole community is proud to have such a library."

The 4,000-book collection is housed in the Lakewood Community Center and is open to the public. She said there are several history books on Korea written in English.

## CAAA 부회장에 설자위닉씨

### 주지사자문...부당대우·교육등도 관여

타코마 대한부인회 이사장 설자위닉씨가 주정부 산하 아시아인 아메리칸 자문위원회(Commission on Asian American Affairs)의 신입 수석 부회장으로 선출됐다.

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# Community group opens center

East

Tacoma:

*\$1.3 million  
facility just  
the start  
for Korean  
Women's  
Association*

BY DAVID WICKERT

The News Tribune

More than 30 years after it was founded as a social club, the Korean Women's Association has moved into new quarters fitting for the major institution it has become.

On Thursday, the association dedicated a \$1.3 million, 10,000-square-foot community service center in East Tacoma that will house 22 social service programs ranging from English classes to mental health services.

It also broke ground on a \$1.2 million emergency domestic violence shelter that will support Asian women – the first

■ *The Korean Women's Association can be reached at 253-535-4202 or at 125 E. 96th St., Tacoma, WA 98445.*

of its kind in the Northwest.

Members called it a milestone for a group that has grown to serve thousands of people of many nationalities.

"This is an exciting day for all of us," said Sulja Warnick, chairwoman of the KWA board of directors. "Finally, we have our own home and building."

The Korean Women's Association didn't have much besides the homes of its members when it was founded in 1972. A



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From left, KWA leaders Ok Sun Wilson, Nam Hi Kim and Sulja Warnick at the group's center in Tacoma on Thursday.

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## WEEKEND

## Yair Ettinger

NEW YORK – Central Synagogue in midtown Manhattan is historic not only because its building is a recognized landmark and its congregation among the oldest in New York State. In 2013, Central also made history by appointing Angela Warnick Buchdahl – the first Asian-American rabbi and cantor – senior rabbi, after she had served as senior cantor there from 2006. Despite being something of a celebrity in the United States, Buchdahl is hardly recognized in Israel, a fact that also illustrates the growing divide between Israel and the Jewish community in the U.S.

Born in South Korea in 1972, to a Buddhist mother and Jewish father, Buchdahl immigrated to the U.S. with her family at age 5 and was raised as a Jew, attending a Reform synagogue in Washington State. During her first trip to Israel, she encountered challenges to her religious identity and decided to undergo an Orthodox conversion at age 21, to “reaffirm” her Jewishness.

Today, serving as the rabbi of one of New York’s most prestigious Reform synagogues, Buchdahl, who was previously unwilling to perform interfaith marriage ceremonies, now has a policy of opening Central’s doors to anyone who wants to live as a Jew – with or without their undergoing conversion. Rabbi Buchdahl sat down with me to discuss her unique congregation, why she reversed course on performing interfaith marriages, the future of tribalism and ethnicity, as well as the future of Judaism as she sees it.

*Rabbi Buchdahl, many Israeli Jews wouldn’t consider you very Jewish based on your looks and your name, yet you are recognized as a prominent Jewish leader in the U.S.. For many, you even represent the realization of an American Jewish dream. How do you reconcile those things?*

“I feel that paradox when I go to Israel. In some way I feel deeply at home there. I also feel...like I am a unicorn or a freak. Being a female rabbi is still a little strange for most Israelis, and being Asian and Jewish – I represent a Judaism that basically does not exist in Israel, one that is deeply, Jewishly grounded and has a lot of ritual elements, and yet doesn’t really grapple with *halakha* [Jewish law] as they see it. Part of what’s really different is that it is much less rooted in a sense of Jewish racial identity. There is still peoplehood, but I bring a whole other cultural identity as a Korean woman. There are many Israelis for whom their identity is nationality and ethnicity... And that part of what I am representing is a form of religious Judaism that is not religious in any way that they understand religious to be.”

*Would it be fair to say that the same things that some Israelis would judge critically are what your community at Central considers important?*



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Gili Getz

# ‘I’m not Jewish window-dressing’

Groundbreaking U.S. Reform rabbi Angela Buchdahl had an Orthodox conversion, but now welcomes to her (worldwide) congregation anyone – even interfaith couples – committed to leading a Jewish life

should we do all those things, we should actually seek out intermarriage because we should be mixing out our gene pool and our idea pool. That took it to the next level and freaked everyone out.”

*What did you think?*

“As a person who officiates at interfaith marriages, I still find it really upsetting, even though I come from interfaith marriage. Something about it, the rejection of particularism to such an extreme, to me, is ultimately about eradication of Judaism. and Judaism is

clear: I’m not there to provide Jewish window-dressing. I require that they take the Judaism course before their marriage. I don’t require them to commit to conversion, but if you say you are committed to creating a Jewish household, you should know what it is.”

*Would it bother you, for example, if the non-Jewish spouse continues to put up a Christmas tree, or even just honor his parents by walking with them to church on Sundays?*

“It’s important, and Jewish, for

ship, while we have something like 800 families on our waiting list. I grew up in a completely different kind of synagogue in Tacoma, Washington. It is a one-rabbi congregation, with 300 families that came from within 30 miles, so every one of us as children was one of two or three Jews in school, or even the only one. What I valued about this experience is that I saw that small-town Judaism can be extremely powerful.”

*Yet some of these communities are shrinking or disappearing.*

big responsibility that I’m representing Judaism. After Pittsburgh [referring to the shooting deaths of 11 worshippers at a synagogue, in October], I was on the ‘Today’ show. I didn’t really want to do it, honestly, because I don’t really like being on TV, but I did it because it felt important to talk after Pittsburgh. And then I thought to myself: I am the face of Judaism for hundreds of millions of people in America that watch the ‘Today’ show. It’s kind of nuts.”

synagogue, at least half of the service is in Hebrew, and of the prayer, I think 75 percent is Hebrew. We very rarely do readings in English, but I’m not only talking about language. I was a cantor for eight years, and I felt my job was to educate my community and help them develop a taste for the many eras of Jewish music. I did the traditional *hazanut* and old melodies that we could trace back to the 9th century. Sometimes we sing really old-school melodies like versions of ‘Adon Olam’ that people grew up with in the ‘50s, and sometimes I pick a song that you are going to hear on the radio, or something like ‘America the Beautiful.’ Part of what we’re doing is reminding people of the many communities we are a part of.”

*You used to sing Rav Shlomo Carlebach’s melodies, but took a hiatus following posthumous allegations of sexual misconduct or his part. Why?*

“We did a lot of Carlebach, but we stopped for one year, and that will be over [this month] It is not my job to do *teshuva* [repentance] for him. My job is to listen to victims and to the many Jews in my community, in the wake of the #MeToo movement, who say: I could not go to a single synagogue or single Jewish camp and not hear the music of the person who assaulted me. I felt my responsibility was to hear those victims and say, I hear you. And while I can separate the artist from the art, and I am going to sing Carlebach music in the future, I want you to know that I hear you. I am not punishing Carlebach. I don’t want to get rid of the art of Picasso or Wagner. I actually feel like some of the most incredible contributions to the art world came from the most flawed, complicated people. There is a spark of divinity even in the most corrupt soul.”

*Seeing women in leadership positions is the norm for Jewish children today, even in some parts of Orthodoxy. As the rabbinate becomes more accessible to women, what challenges remain?*

“Our Jewish communities have always reflected societal problems, and if anyone thinks that there isn’t still sexism and sexual violence directed toward women today, after what was revealed through the #MeToo movement, we know that all of it still exists, among Jews too. While it feels powerful that I could be named to a major institution like Central, you can still count on one hand the number of women in roles like this. There is still pay inequality at all levels of Jewish life. Not to mention that [inherent] in Judaism is separation of responsibilities for the sexes. We can feel that we have a place but that’s not what the written word allows for.”

*Let’s talk about Israel. At that same speech in May, Michael Chabon criticized Israel’s occupation in harsh words, denouncing “humanity’s jailers” who use security as an excuse to oppress the Palestinians. What do you think of that?*

“When someone as smart as Michael Chabon takes such a simplistic, one-



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"That's a good question. I think my community takes pride that I'm the first Asian rabbi, and the first woman to lead it in 180 years. I also think that when you have a Jewish community that is intermarrying at a rate of 70 percent plus, the fact that I could be a leader in it – as a product of interfaith marriage from the 1970s – gives them hope, like, 'Oh, we can create Jewish life in America, we can fall in love with non-Jews, we can create Jewish families.'"

*This is also part of your vision.*

"This is deeply a part of my vision. Judaism has a message for the world that should be attractive to anyone, and we should be less tribal in feeling like it is only ours. That so many members of my community are not Jewish but are raising Jewish families is significant. We also have the most robust conversion program of any synagogue that I know of, with over 150 students per year. We don't call it 'conversion'; we call it 'exploring Judaism.' There is no pressure to convert. Most of them who come are in a relationship with a Jew and we make both of them take the class. The interesting thing is that 55 percent of them come to the class saying, 'I'm open to conversion' and when they finish, 77 percent of them actually convert. When they understand what Judaism has to offer, and they appreciate the meaning and joy it gives your life and your family – they want to be a part of it. I guess I represent a Judaism that is not the religion you have to be born into. You choose it."

*How is attracting non-Jews a Jewish value?*

"We just read the story of Abraham and Sarah on Shabbat. What did Abraham do with his hundreds of slaves? He circumcised all of them; he converted them. Judaism didn't start with just Abraham and Sarah and Isaac, it started with hundreds of people, with a mixed multitude. We have this idea that Jews are some kind of pure breed, but especially when we became Diaspora people, and we spread out to all parts of the world, there is absolutely no question that we intermarried."

*Do you agree with novelist Michael Chabon, who recently sparked an uproar by essentially saying that intermarriage is not only a reality of life in the Diaspora, but should be a Jewish goal?*

"Part of the reason that he was so threatening is that he articulated an extreme form of something that is, in some ways, already embraced by progressive Judaism. We have opened our doors to intermarriage, we have embraced the universalism of our values and of other people, and we try not to sit in judgment for that. Basically what he said was, not only

an extreme, to me, it ultimately amounts to eradication of Judaism, and Judaism is too important to disappear. But I could also argue it shouldn't have to stay alive [just] because Jews only marry other Jews and are fearful of everything else."

*So that brings us back to the age-old question: Who is a Jew?*

"Whoever decided that they want to flee oppression and go to a place where they could have freedom and serve a redeeming God – that is what it means to be a Jew. If you want to join us, you also

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have to stand at Sinai. Who says the *ger* [convert] wasn't standing at the foot of Sinai? The idea that our exclusiveness is racially charged is what I think of as the unattractive part of tribalism.

"The reason that Judaism is still here, and a lot of other civilizations are not, is that there has been a resiliency and absorption and understanding and a translation of what is best in the world, that is then made Jewish. And with the people, too, we should be less afraid of absorbing. By the way, my Buddhist Korean mother has made me a much better Jew than my Jewish father. She had this whole spiritual language and my father was not that interested, frankly. I think we feel afraid that somehow this influx of non-Jews to our communities is going to make us diluted or less Jewish."

*Still, you initially opposed intermarriage. What changed your mind?*

"Part of the reason I did not conduct interfaith marriages was that I wanted to send the message that it's good for Jews to marry Jews. I was also strongly influenced by the fact that my mentors didn't do it, so I felt that rabbis of good standing and integrity didn't perform intermarriages. But then people said to me, 'You are my rabbi, I grew up with you and you won't officiate at the most important event in my life. You reject my spouse and me... but then you say, 'We will take your money and you can become members [of the synagogue] afterward.' It just felt so hypocritical.

"I don't do interfaith marriages for couples that don't want to have a Jewish home, or don't commit to raising Jewish children. I want to make this very

to church on Sundays."

"It's important, and Jewish, for someone to continue to honor their parents, even if they have chosen a different path for themselves or their own family. I would hope that a convert to Judaism would not feel they have to reject their parents or stop visiting them. But visiting parents who may have a Christmas tree and saying, 'this is their tradition,' is different from bringing one into a Jewish home. I know from experience that it is challenging to have a Jewish home with one parent who is not Jewish, but it can be done.."

*How has this new policy of opening up your congregation changed your community in recent years?*

"The community has definitely changed in the number of affiliated, deeply involved, interfaith families because of our incredibly welcoming stance. I haven't done a scientific study, but I see that with marriages I say yes to, the couples are staying a part of the Jewish community. I do their baby naming and... they are raising Jewish families and... then they come to my synagogue, as opposed to what happened to so many of them who I rejected."

*Central is a New York institution, and is one of the most successful and wealthy U.S. synagogues. It must be a very different Jewish experience than that of a suburban Reform community.*

"I do recognize that we are in a serious Jewish bubble. Most synagogues are worrying about how they are fulfilling their budget – and we have an enormous endowment. Others are worried about keeping their member-



A "Day of Rage" against violence against Palestinians, in 2015. "Young [Jewish] people are more upset about the issue of Palestinian treatment and occupation than issues of religious pluralism."

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...shrinking or disappearing.

"I think what's going to happen more and more – and I don't think it's necessarily positive – is that you are going to have more places like Central that will become Jewish centers, that are not only local synagogues. We have a number of out-of-state members, like this guy from Delaware who found us online. He joined, and now he drives and stays in New York for the High Holidays and he joins our live-stream service the rest of the year. He pays his membership dues and he wants us to do his funeral when he dies. We have hundreds of thousands of live-streamers who are watching from all over, and this is their Judaism. It's a whole new world, and this is where I see things going, especially as technology breaks down the barriers of how you build community and how far you can be from your synagogue."

*You have said that hundreds of thousands of people from about 100 countries watched your services during the High Holy Days. How has this changed your role as a rabbi?*

"We have this worldwide community, so we think about how to engage them. We hired a rabbinical student who is interacting with our Facebook Live during holidays. This year, we invited them to send us the names of their [deceased] loved ones, so during the Yizkor service we put 700 names on the screen and you could scroll through them. Part of it is to say to the Jews out there: We see you. I'm thinking about these things all the time and I feel a

day" show. It's kind of nuts."

## In favor of particularism

*On Yom Kippur, you talked about the new threats of anti-Semitism in America, from the right and the left. That was before Pittsburgh. Do you think anti-Semitism makes people feel more ethnically Jewish?*

"I would be blind if I didn't think anti-Semitism forces some kind of identification of who you are, but I would be very

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sad if the perpetuation of Judaism was reliant on an influence like anti-Semitism. We've faced persecution for our entire history, but what we are trying to represent and embody at Central is a Judaism which is joyful, that you want to be a part of, that makes you feel there is hope and resilience in the world."

*So what do you see for the future of Jewish particularism?*

"I do not want us to lose our particularism. I still want us to feel that we are deeply connected to Jews all around the world. I don't want it to be about someone's race or DNA makeup, but I want it to be about a sense of shared history and shared mission for the future. That particularism is important. I'm not saying we have the only truth in the world, but our vocabulary for that truth, which embraces, for example, conflict and dialogue and disagreement, and which really embraces a sense of dignity for every human being and believing that there are other traditions besides our own – these are ideas and values that are deeply needed today."

*Let's talk about prayer at Central Synagogue. You reintroduced a lot of Hebrew, a language that many of the Reform rabbis rejected, but you also sing Bob Dylan in English.*

"As a cantor, I learned that practically everything that is Jewish music was borrowed or stolen, from 'Hatikva' to melodies for 'Birkat Hamazon' [the blessing after meals]. But the bigger thing is that prayer is powerful for people when it speaks in a genre or in the language they understand. The Reform movement for a long time rejected Hebrew, but in my

Chabon takes such a simplistic... one-dimensional view of Israel, am deeply disappointed. Israel needs to take some responsibility for some of its ad choices and for some of the ways it doesn't live up to democratic values, Jewish values. But for him to simply put all the blame on Israel, to me is a willful ignorance about the history of this conflict, its origins and its continued perpetuation of how Palestinian leadership – or lack of Palestinian leadership – embrace the narrative of victimhood that has become a part of their identity. For me, it is incredibly irresponsible for him not to have done the same amount of thinking and talking to people on the Israeli side as he has with the Palestinians. That was upsetting to me, and that he represented Reform Judaism in that way was also upsetting to me."

*You, too, have criticized Israel, even here from the bimah at Central.*

"My critique comes out of deep love, because ultimately if American Jews say, 'Yes, yes, yes' to everything that is happening and we're not actually engaged in what is happening – then we don't understand why our children are feeling distant from Israel. We're not educating them about what is going on, they feel duped by our synagogues, which teach them only one narrative. They go to college and they hear something else, and they say, the Jewish community hasn't been honest with me. Ultimately, I think this could get better and we should be part of this conversation."

*It seems that Jewish young adults have a lot of criticism of Israel. What do you think concerns your young members – the Palestinian issue or the official Israeli policy on the Kotel, and, basically the attitude toward them, as non-Orthodox Jews?*

"From my conversations, I think young people are more upset about the issue of Palestinian treatment and occupation than issues of religious pluralism. I think they are less versed in issues of pluralism and don't hear about them on campus the way they do the Palestinian issue. But when some students learn more, sometimes on a Birthright trip or when the Women of the Wall gets attention it adds to their sense of disappointment or anger that Israel does not feel like a Jewish state for all Jews. I think more adults may be more upset with issues of religious pluralism or the Orthodox monopoly, but they have to be relatively engaged on Israel issues to get that involved."

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