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## DAY OF REMEMBRANCE 2002

### Law Experts, New Book Reflect on Internment Legacy at UCLA DOR Event

By TRACY UBA  
Writer/Reporter

Prominent Asian American law experts from around the country shed light on the Sept. 11 fallout through lessons learned from the Japanese American internment on Feb. 16 in a Day of Remembrance public forum commemorating the 60th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066.

The forum, "Learning from the Internment in a Post 9-11 World," was co-sponsored by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center.

"When we saw the tragedy of September 11th, we all felt enormous outrage at the loss of innocent lives. We felt sadness, profound sadness; for the victims, the families,

the friends," said keynote speaker Dale Minami, a civil rights attorney in the Fred Korematsu coram nobis case.

JAs were particularly affected by the aftermath of 9-11 in which Muslim, Sikh, Arab Americans and others were targeted in hate incidents because they too had been targets of discrimination and government racial profiling after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Minami said.

"Both groups were a racial minority. They were born with the appearance that sometimes is not recognized by others as American and have ancestral ties to countries responsible for the unexpected and devastating attacks on America. They were subject to stereotyping in media images, they lacked political

power," he pointed out.

But things have changed since 1942, Minami said. In the 1980s, the redress campaign largely broke the silence, gave JAs a political voice and enabled them today to speak on behalf of other victims of racism and discrimination.

"We gave a gift to this country in 1988. It was a gift of education. It was a gift of strengthening our constitution," he said, "and in 2002, we are in a unique position to say we will stand with our Arab American brothers and sisters, we will speak out with you against violence and discrimination, we will reject racial profiling, we will dissent when our conscience demands and we will be

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### Impact of the McCarran-Walter Act on Arab Americans Today

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA  
Assistant Editor

Most Japanese Americans are familiar with the McCarran-Walter Act as the law that granted U.S. citizenship to the Issei.

For Michel Shehadeh, however, the McCarran-Walter Act (also known as the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952) has been at the core of the U.S. government's 15-year attempt to deport him.

While Shehadeh, the Western regional director of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), did not go into detail on this pending case when he keynoted the Los Angeles Day of Remembrance on Feb. 16, he nonetheless broke from his immediate post-Sept. 11 silence on U.S. foreign policy and urged attendees to examine American action in the Middle East in an effort to make some sense out of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Referring to those living in the Middle East, Shehadeh, a legal U.S. permanent resident who immigrated from Palestine in the 1970s, said, "They long for justice, peace, security and freedom but many have been denied these rights, and often

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PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

More than 400 people attended the L.A. Day of Remembrance held at the Japanese American National Museum on Feb. 16. It was presented by JANM, JACL PSWD and Nidei for Civil Rights & Redress (NCR).

The JACL PSWD Community Achievement Award went to the Korean Immigrant Workers Advocate (KIWA) for their efforts in fighting for workers rights, particularly for Korean and Latino workers. Pictured above (l-r): Roman Vargas and Elizabeth Sunwoo, both from KIWA, and Dan Ichinose, representing PSWD-JACL.

The NCR Fighting Spirit Award was presented to Isamu Carlos Arturo "Art" Shibayama, a Japanese Latin American former internee who is suing the U.S. government to secure comparable reparations for JAs to that given to JAs. Casey Peeks, who completed a documentary on Shibayama, accepted on Shibayama's behalf because Shibayama recently underwent knee surgery.

NCR also gave special recognition to various redress litigants and advocates. They included Carol Higashi, Wendy Hirota, Kay S. Kato, the Ogura family, Robert Murakami, Carole Song, Janet Saisho, Henry Shima and Jane Yano.

The event was hosted by Tiritia Toyota and Christina Shigemura. Performances were presented by Shida Pegahi, Zero 3 and Denise Uye-hara.

### Ownership Dispute Over San Francisco YWCA Settled

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO—A legal battle that evoked painful memories of a time when Asian immigrants were prohibited from owning land has been settled, with the YWCA agreeing to transfer ownership of a Japantown landmark building to a community daycare.

A YWCA board member on Feb. 22 said it would transfer ownership of the Julia Morgan-designed building to Nihonmachi Little Friends, a community daycare and preschool program that already occupies the site.

It's the conclusion of a lawsuit filed in San Francisco Superior Court in September 1997 by a group of Christian churches serving the Japanese American community. The suit sought to enforce a promise the YWCA allegedly made to Japanese women in the 1920s.

At the time, the churches and the Issei women formed the Japanese YWCA and raised money to buy the property at 1830 Sutter, according to the lawsuit. But because Japanese immigrants couldn't own property under California's alien land law, they turned to the YWCA, which said it would hold the building in trust for the Japanese YWCA, the lawsuit alleged.

But in 1996, the YWCA put the

building up for sale for \$1.65 million, saying it was the owner.

The ownership dispute had become a rallying point for many in the JA community, said John Tateishi, JACL national executive director.

"It's our history. It's who we are," Tateishi said. "To have that ripped away from us so unjustly by the Y — an organization that's supposed to exemplify a kind of kindness ... was just unconscionable."

Tateishi praised the settlement. "This is a great resolution," he said. "It's so symbolic that a building of such significance from our history and our past is becoming the edifice for our future."

The YWCA of San Francisco and Marin is "very pleased with the settlement," said board member Michele Stratton.

"The history of the dispute is no longer material," she said. "We're looking to the future."

The ownership transfer will likely be completed in 30 days, according to a statement from Soko Bukai, the group of churches serving the JA community.

The group was pleased to reach a resolution that should ensure the building "will continue to be used for the community," Soko Bukai attorney Ben Riley said in the statement. ■

### Judge Dismisses Defamation Case Against Wen Ho Lee

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—A federal judge has dismissed a defamation lawsuit against former Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee after government attorneys warned that national security could be compromised if the case went to trial.

Notra Trulock, the Energy Department's former security chief, sued Lee and two government investigators. Trulock claimed they damaged his reputation by claiming that he singled-out Lee because of his ethnicity as the prime suspect behind a series of security breaches at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Lee, a Taiwanese-born naturalized U.S. citizen, was arrested in December 1999 on suspicion of spying for China and indicted on 59 felony counts alleging he transferred nuclear weapons information to portable computer tapes.

Although Lee denied giving information to China and never was charged with spying, he was held in solitary confinement for nine months. As the government's case crumbled, Lee pleaded guilty to a felony count of downloading sensitive material and was set free. President Clinton apologized for Lee's treatment.

U.S. District Judge Claude Hilton dismissed the lawsuit Feb. 12 after government attorneys said state secrets could be compromised.

Thomas J. Fitton, president of the conservative group Judicial Watch, which represents Trulock, said the

case could have gone forward without jeopardizing classified information. He said Trulock would appeal.

"This is payback to Notra Trulock for being critical of the intelligence establishment in this town," Fitton said. "The government has done nothing but try to throw a monkey wrench into this case and they've done it to avoid embarrassment."

Justice Department spokesman Charles Miller would not comment on Fitton's claims.

Lee's attorney, Frank Volpe, said it is unfair to accuse the government of meddling. He said Lee's defense hinged on information in Trulock's initial report that identified Lee as the most likely source of security breaches at Los Alamos.

But the government said the report could not be released without compromising state secrets, making it impossible for Lee to defend himself.

"Dr. Lee is obviously very pleased that this case is over, at least for now," Volpe said.

A recently declassified Justice Department review of Lee's case was harshly critical of Trulock's initial inquiry, but said Lee was not singled out because of his race.

Lee is suing the government for violating his privacy by allegedly leaking his name to reporters.

In the past several weeks Lee has been touring the country promoting and speaking about his new book, "My Country vs. Me" co-written with Helen Zia. ■

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**A Thank-you From the Pacific Citizen**

A few weeks back you might remember a column in the Pacific Citizen by JACL Executive Director John Tateishi announcing P.C.'s Wish List, a compilation of much-needed computer equipment and software.

A few days after the issue was published, calls of support came rushing in. As mentioned in the letter to the editor in this issue by Ted Namba, the Arizona chapter of JACL has launched a challenge to the other chapters by generously donating \$2002 to go towards P.C.'s wish list. They are hoping that others will also join in supporting P.C.

In addition to the Arizona chapter's generous donation, John Tateishi received a call at national headquarters from an anonymous donor who indicated that he wished to give a total of \$14,100 towards P.C.'s equipment needs. Other individuals and chapters have also showed their support including a donation of \$1,000

from the San Fernando Valley chapter, and donations from Audrey Mizokami, Edna Chung, and Masayuki Ishihara.

The P.C. staff would like to say a huge thank-you to all of our generous donors. Your continued support means a great deal to us. After only a few weeks we have already received enough monies to begin purchasing much-needed computer equipment, software, and camera equipment.

Over the past several months you may have noticed several articles in the P.C. reporting on JACL's current financial situation. The national organization has been struggling with its finances due to a drop in membership and the stock market downturn, especially hard hit after the events of Sept. 11. As JACL's national publication, P.C. is directly impacted by this financial situation.

In response to JACL's financial problems, you've seen P.C. go

from a weekly to a semi-monthly, and now with additional budget cuts, the newspaper has gone from a 12-page semi-monthly to only eight pages.

With your continued support we are hopeful that we will be able to increase the number of pages in our issues and eventually the frequency of the publication.

The P.C. staff is committed to delivering a high quality newspaper. You may have noticed some of the recent changes to the paper including a new banner, a new easier-to-read type face, and new sections including a regular sports and entertainment section and our popular book page. We've received positive responses to these changes and we will continue to update and innovate the paper as we look towards the future.

Again, thank you to all our generous supporters and readers.

*Caroline Aoyagi*  
Executive Editor

**Letters to the Editor**

**'\$2002 Challenge'**

In response to National JACL Executive Director John Tateishi's request to financially help the Pacific Citizen, the Arizona chapter would like to not only make a donation to the P.C., but to also encourage other chapters to do the same.

We believe that since we are the oldest Asian American civil rights organization in this country, it is important for us to have open lines of communication for all of our members. In many areas of California, JACL members have an opportunity to interact with members from other chapters on a regular basis. In other chapters, i.e., Arizona, some members may rarely have an opportunity to interact with members from other chapters. The P.C. is our vehicle to enable all of us to hear what is going on throughout national JACL.

The Arizona chapter is donating \$2002 to the P.C. and would like to "challenge" other chapters to consider making a similar contribution (how many newspapers today are without a digital camera?) We have heard about districts losing regional directors. If we lose our district voices and perhaps later on our national publication, what do we have left? Let's all do what we can to support our P.C. ... it will only help us all down the road. Thanks!

*Ted Namba*  
President, Arizona chapter

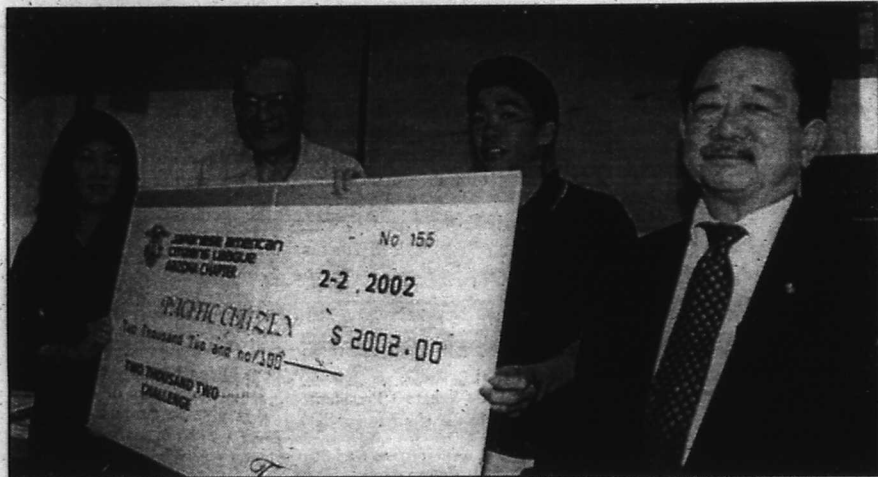


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Randy Nakagawa (third from left), representing the Arizona chapter, presents a check for \$2002 at the PSW district meeting as part of the Arizona chapter's 2002 challenge to fund the Pacific Citizen's wish list. Accepting the check are (l-r): Pacific Citizen Editor Caroline Aoyagi, P.C. PSWD Representative Deni-Uejima and P.C. Editorial Board Chair Ken Inouye.

**Jaywalking in Seattle**

Your continued attention to the jaywalking incident in Seattle is surprising to me. While I understand the discomfort of the students to the behavior of an aggressive police officer, I do not think it is more than that.

Seattle is very much concerned about equitable police behavior, and their study of this incident and the local press coverage verifies this. I support your anti-discrimination efforts, but I do not think the incident is worthy of your continued emphasis. Please continue your excellent reporting.

*Bill Salmon*  
via e-mail

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By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

## Lee Becomes First AA Woman to Serve in State Legislature

WASHINGTON—Susan C. Lee was appointed Feb. 18 by Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendening to a vacant seat in the House of Delegates. She is the first Asian American woman to serve in the state legislature, filling the seat vacated by Nancy K. Kopp, who was elected state treasurer this month.

"It is a great honor and privilege to serve as delegate to the Maryland House of Delegates," Lee said. "I will work hard to be a strong and effective advocate for my district and Montgomery County in the state legislature. But I will also strive to ensure that all our communities are represented, particularly the Asian Pacific American, Latino, African American and other communities who have been underrepresented in our state legislature."

Lee's district is located just above the Washington border and includes Bethesda, Glen Echo, Garrett Park and Somerset. She will complete a four-year term that began in January 1999.

Lee has never held elected office but has been an attorney with Gebhardt & Associates, a Washington, D.C.-based employment and civil rights firm, since 2001. She is also the co-chair of the Montgomery County NAACP Multicultural Community Partnership and a co-founder and board member of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS).

## Matsunaka to Run for Congress Instead of Governor

DENVER—Senate President Stan Matsunaka dropped out of the race for governor Feb. 18 and said he will instead run for Congress, where he believes he can make a bigger difference.

Matsunaka said he changed his mind about running for governor after he received calls from friends, neighbors and House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, who said he could accomplish more for Colorado by representing the 4th District.

With a 10-vote difference between Republicans and Democrats in the U.S. House, pollster Floyd Ciruli said Democrats only have to win a few key seats to take control.

"Congressman Gephardt talked to me about the issues that I care

about deeply and which I have championed even before I went into politics — health care, education, rural issues and transportation," said Matsunaka, who was heading to Loveland to explain his decision to supporters.

"My great-grandparents originally settled in this district. I grew up in this district, raising my family in this district and working for this district. After listening to my friends in rural Colorado, I believe they want better representation in Congress. It's time for me to get back home to where my roots are and help jointly achieve our goals in Congress," he said.

Others running for the congressional seat include state Sen. Marilyn Musgrave, R-Fort Morgan, and Republican attorney Jeff Bedingfield of Greeley.

## Portland's AAs a Diverse, United Group

PORTLAND, Ore.—There is no dominant ethnic group among Portland's Asian Americans, making it one of the most diverse in the nation, U.S. Census figures show. AAs make up 6 percent of the area's population.

Roughly equal segments trace their heritage to Vietnam or China, and similar numbers are from Korea, the Philippines, Japan or India. There are also significant numbers from Laos, Cambodia and even Micronesia. Portland has had Chinese and Japanese American residents since the 1800s, but the vast majority of Asian immigrants came after 1970.

In an area that is 80 percent white, AAs outnumber blacks, who make up about 3 percent of the population, but not Latinos, who make up more than 7 percent.

Although leaders of the various AA ethnic communities largely work together over shared concerns — education, respect for native cultures and languages, fair treatment of AA businesses and employees and political empowerment — they say they still get overlooked as a group.

About 100,000 AA and Pacific Islanders, nearly twice as many as in 1990, live in the four Portland-area counties: Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas in Oregon and Clark County, Wash.

## Medal of Honor Recipient Davila Dies

VISTA, Calif.—Rudolph Davila, awarded the Medal of Honor 56 years after he saved 130 American

soldiers during World War II, died of cancer Jan. 26. He was 85.

In 1944, Davila's machine gun platoon was going over a hill near Artena, Italy, as German gunners were about to ambush a company of riflemen.

His platoon hung back, but Sgt. Davila swept the foothills with 750 rounds. Then, after spotting a rifle barrel in a window of a farmhouse about 50 yards away, he grabbed a rifle and two grenades, crawled and ran to the building, tossed the grenades upstairs and shot at the troops inside.

Two years ago President Clinton bestowed the Medal of Honor on Davila and 21 other WWII servicemen, mainly Japanese Americans from the 100th/442nd RCT.

Davila, of Filipino and Spanish descent was born in El Paso, Texas, and raised in Watts. He met his wife of 54 years, Harriet, at the Modesto hospital where he was treated.

Davila is survived by three sons, Gregg of Santa Ana, Jeffrey of Calistoga and Roland of Evergreen, Colo.; two daughters, Tana Lemmenes of Clintonville, Wis., and Jill Link of La Habra; and nine grandchildren.

## JA Council Urges 'Yes' Vote on Proposition to Save Japantowns

LOS ANGELES—The California Japanese American Community Leadership Council urged voters to help save the three remaining historical Japantowns in California by voting "yes" on Proposition 40 that will appear on the March 5 ballot.

Proposition 40 is a \$2.6 billion park bond measure which includes \$267.5 million for historical and cultural preservation. If passed, Prop. 40 would help make the three Japantowns in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Jose eligible for some of the cultural and preservation funds which would help preserve cultural treasures in California.

Prop. 40 is endorsed by a number of organizations and individuals including: the California Chamber of Commerce, California Historical Society, California Labor Federation AFL-CIO, Gov. Gray Davis, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, Senate Pro Tem John Burton, and Assemblywomen Judy Chu, Carol Liu, and Wilma Chen.

For more information, visit [www.californiaheritage.org](http://www.californiaheritage.org).

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as a direct result of American influence or intervention. When we Americans ask, 'Why do they hate us?' very few of us actually seem to be willing to hear the answer, and this is wrong."

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Shehadeh is a lead respondent in the "LA8" case, involving the 1987 arrest of seven Palestinians and one Kenyan in Los Angeles. When the LA8 were first arrested, they were student activists, passing out political literature and raising money for hospitals, daycare centers, schools and other humanitarian programs run by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a group within the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

Since the INS deemed the PFLP as an international terrorist and communist organization at that time, the LA8 were initially arrested and charged under the anti-communist provisions of the McCarran-

Walter Act, a controversial 1952 law passed during the McCarthy Red Scare. The McCarran-Walter Act imposed stricter immigration quotas to the United States, and stiffened existing laws in connection to the admission, exclusion and deportation of aliens considered dangerous by the government. A provision under the act cited the World War II Japanese American incarceration as a precedent in dealing with alleged subversives. While mainstream civil rights organizations such as the ACLU opposed the passage of the act, the only JA group to voice opposition at that time was the Nisei Progressives, who felt the potential infringement on civil rights was a heavy price to pay for Issei citizenship.

Today, the LA8, after going through the federal court system for the past 15 years and being heard before nine judges, are still fighting deportation proceedings stemming from charges made under the McCarran-Walter Act.

"In June, we had a victory because the judge at the immigration court actually dismissed the charges," Shehadeh told the Pacific

Citizen, "but the government appealed in August, and now the case is at the BIA (Board of Immigration of Appeals) and we are awaiting a decision."

The outcome of the LA8 case will be critical because it will set a precedent for the estimated 1,200 Arab and Muslim Americans currently being detained following the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Ours has been the mother of all cases," said Shehadeh. "This is a case that has been establishing precedent for immigrants and other activists. If we allow the government to win now, that means that the whole immigrant community will be jeopardized because through this legal precedent, the government can target anybody without taking them to court and deport them."

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According to information from the law firm of Van Der Hout & Brigagliano, which has been representing the LA8 on behalf of the National Lawyers Guild, the LA8 successfully challenged the consti-

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### By the Board

Ryan Chin, Nat'l V.P. of Public Affairs

## Bidding a Brighter JACL

National JACL is currently gathering items for an auction during the 2002 convention in Las Vegas. Proceeds from this auction will go to national with a portion going directly to efforts to boost membership during the next biennium. You can help in these efforts by taking a minute to think about things that could be donated to the auction.

We are not looking for anything in particular. However, we are seeking items that have an estimated value greater than \$50. The item can be new or used, a good or a service (e.g. stay at a vacation location, airline mileage, time share, golf rounds, etc.).

Please understand that we sincerely want to make this a winning situation for the entire JACL. With that said, we are giving donors the option of splitting the proceeds 50/50 between national JACL and

their chapter or district. JACL wins at all levels — nationally, at the local level and at the single membership level (the winning bidders). This is a terrific opportunity to generate funds for your districts and chapters for your operating revenue during 2002 or special programs (e.g. membership drive, youth, etc.).

I want to encourage you to get creative with this auction. I think often we become trapped in a certain mental state where we fail to think about all the different types of things we bear which others may covet. Think about not only objects that you have in your home or chapters but also things that are not as obvious, such as services that you or a third party can offer, items that you can produce solely for this occasion or items related to leisure.

Just think about some of the

types of items that we already have: redress posters, autographed programs celebrating the appointment of Norman Mineta as Secretary of Transportation, a trip for two to Cancun (via donated airline miles), smoked salmon from Alaska, an already-built website (usable by a district/chapter or individual), the design of a brochure for a chapter/program/project, an autographed ball by Ichiro, dolls and artwork.

Think outside of the box.

If you have something to donate that you estimate is worth \$50 or more, contact me at 206/228-7926 or e-mail rehin3@yahoo.com. As you can imagine, space will be limited, so don't procrastinate. Your odds of selling one of your items during this auction improve the quicker you respond! As always, I eagerly await the opportunity to work with you. ■

## Florin to Host 20th Annual Time of Remembrance

JACL Executive Director John Tateishi will be the featured speaker at Florin JACL's 20th Annual Time of Remembrance program on March 9.

Tateishi will speak about the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II and the similarities with the thousands of Muslim and Arab Americans who have been targets of racial profiling, since the horrific events of Sept. 11.

Born in Los Angeles, Tateishi was interned at Manzanar at the age of 3. A graduate of UC Berkeley and UC Davis, he has taught

at the University of London and the City College of San Francisco. Tateishi was the national JACL director of redress and is the author of the book "And Justice For All."

The program will also include presentation of awards for community service, education and civil rights, followed by a candlelight ceremony conducted by immediate past chapter president Andy Noguchi.

Historical exhibits about the internment will be on display including a replica of a barrack. There will also be a literature

table with several books available for purchase, including "We the People" by Mary Tsukamoto and Elizabeth Pinkerton, and "Japanese Americans in the Sacramento Region" by Wayne Maeda. Several books will also be available for order, including "Free To Die For Our Country" by Eric Muller and "Justice for All" by Tateishi.

The Florin program will take place from 2-4 p.m. at the Florin Buddhist Church Hall, 7235 Pritchard Road. There will be a general admission donation of \$10 for the event, \$2 for students. ■

## San Mateo to Co-sponsor '9-11 Community Dialogue'

The San Mateo JACL is co-sponsoring a California Council for the Humanities' "9-11 Community Dialogue" on March 16 from 6-9:30 p.m. at the College of San Mateo, Little Theater, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd., San Mateo, Calif.

The 9-11 Community Dialogue is free and invites all members of the community, particularly youth, to discuss the implications of the Sept. 11 events.

Topics will include: hate crime prevention and understanding and avoiding the impulse to stereotype others; understanding how language and media shape public understanding; understanding and protecting civil liberties and the

right to peaceful dissent.

Other co-sponsors are the San Mateo branch of the American Association of University Women and the College of San Mateo.

The experience of the Japanese American internment will provide a historical context for analysis of current events, and a traveling display of a timeline, quotations and photographs related to the internment will be installed.

Humanities scholars, including Al Avena, dean of Social Sciences and historian, Masao Suzuki, professor of Economics, and Kate Motoyama, professor of Communication Studies, will relate parallels between past and current events.

Patricia Wakida and Lawrence DiStasi will present information on the JA and Italian American evacuation and internment experiences during World War II, and perspectives on hate crimes and their prevention will be offered by Capt. Mike Callagy, San Mateo Police Department.

The 9-11 Community Dialogue is made possible in part by a grant from the California Council for the Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information, contact Kate Motoyama, College of San Mateo, at 650/574-6676 or e-mail her at motoyama@smccd.net. ■

## Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation Announces Internship Program in D.C.

The Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation is seeking promising young Asian Pacific American leaders and potential leaders for a one-week leadership seminar in Washington, D.C.

The "Week in Washington" is scheduled for April 13-20 and includes all expenses (transportation, lodging and meals) during the one-week internship.

Any person of APA ethnicity engaged in the fields of social work, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, mental health, substance abuse, health and human services and related fields is eligible. Applicants must be between the ages

of 26 and 39 and should be interested in assuming a leadership role in the community and nationally.

The seminar will consist of: meeting top administrators and directors of mental health, substance abuse and human services programs; meeting national leaders in the field of administration, policy making, philanthropy, politics, human services and civil rights; meeting and being briefed by the APA congressional delegation on Capitol Hill; participating in workshops and briefings provided by APA leaders in government and private industry; briefing with the White House Office of Public Li-

ability and learning how social changes are brought about.

For information regarding application forms, write, call or fax: Lily A. Okura, Executive Director, Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation, 6303 Friendship Court, Bethesda, MD 20817, 301/530-0945, fax: 301/530-0522.

All applications must be post-marked no later than March 16.

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# In Sports

## 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics

### American Minorities Make Mark at Winter Games

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY—Fourteen years after figure skater Debi Thomas became the first black to win a Winter Games medal, American minority athletes have made an unprecedented showing in Salt Lake City.

With only about a dozen minorities among the 211 athletes representing America, they have combined to win a disproportionate seven of a U.S. record 30 medals.

On the ice, Torrance, Calif.-native Michelle Kwan won a bronze after being upset by Sarah Hughes in figure skating. Julie Chu, a teenager from Connecticut and a forward for the U.S. national hockey team, helped the American women land a silver after a close 3-2 defeat by Canada. And Hapa athlete Apolo Anton Ohno, of Seattle, took home a gold and a silver in short-track speedskating.

Speedskater Derek Parra, of Los Angeles, also owns a gold and a silver, while another Hispanic skater, Jennifer Rodriguez, of Miami, earned two bronzes. Both were previous inline skaters who made the successful transition to ice.

Brakewoman Vionetta Flowers,

the first black Winter Olympic gold medalist, didn't even see the inside of a bobsled until she was 26. She was a track star at Alabama-Birmingham who saw a flier for bobsledding after losing out in a bid for the 2000 Summer Olympics.

"I was just at the right place at the right time because there's no snow in Alabama," Flowers said. "Hopefully, this will encourage other African American boys and girls to give winter sports a try."

The governing bodies for winter sports are required by the U.S. Olympic Committee to try to attract and train minorities if they want to receive Olympic funding.

New USOC executive director Lloyd Ward also plans to bring bobsledders and lugers into the inner cities to try and spark interest among minorities.

Rodriguez, whose father is Cuban, participates in a USOC program to recruit school children. She made the transition to ice just 18 months before the 1998 Nagano Games but had to leave Miami to find a rink for training. Access is key to becoming competitive, she said.

"We need to have more ice rinks all over the United States," Rodriguez said. "All rinks are in white areas and we need to put them where minorities are." ■

### Short-track Speedskating: Ohno Takes Home Gold and Silver

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY—Short-track speedskating sensation Apolo Anton Ohno didn't win four Olympic gold medals as some had predicted he might, but at the end of the games the 19-year-old American came away with a gold in the 1,500-meter and a silver in the 1,000-meter.

"I can't ask for anything more than two medals, that's for sure," Ohno said. "It was definitely the best experience of my life, coming to the Olympics and performing so well. I'm definitely happy."

In his final two races Feb. 23, Ohno was disqualified in the 500 meters for clashing with a Japanese skater. Then he anchored a U.S. team that finished fourth after a fall in the 5,000 relay.

Still, Ohno will be remembered at these games.

"I believe I did an excellent job," he said. "So many people supported me, all my friends and family and the fans, and that's just an unbelievable feeling. My first games and I got two medals. There's nothing better than that."

Many fans wore fake soul patches in honor of the Seattle native, who sports a trademark wisp of hair under his lip.

The crowd was agape as Ohno competed in the 500 semifinals. He sat back in third most of the race before making a move at the start of the final lap. Ohno pulled in behind Canadian Jonathan Guilmette, who was leading, but didn't get to the turn before Japan's Satoru Terao. They collided, sending Terao crashing into the boards.

China's Feng Kai passed the American and crossed the line in third. Ohno was disqualified by the referee for impeding.

"I was waiting, waiting for an opportunity to pass," Ohno said. "The Japanese guy was wide on the corner and I came up on him. I barely touched him. He's so light; I think he was already going down."

Ohno still had a chance for a third medal in the relay, but teammate Rusty Smith clipped a lane marker and fell with 26 laps to go. The Americans finished more than a lap behind.

Canada ended up winning the gold, with Italy taking silver and China the bronze. The Americans were defending world champions in the relay.

Marc Gagnon and Guilmette also gave Canada a 1-2 finish in the Ohno-less 500 final.

Still, Ohno couldn't complain about catching a bad break in a high-risk, fast-paced sport that has been compared to roller derby. In the 1,000, he was leading on the final turn when a crash took out all but one skater. After hitting the board and slicing his left thigh with his own skate, he staggered across the line to get the silver. He got six stitches to close the wound.

Ohno went on to win the 1,500 on Feb. 20, despite crossing the line second behind South Korea's Kim Dong-sung, who was disqualified for an illegal block.

After that race, the U.S. Olympic Committee reported receiving over 16,000 threatening e-mails regarding Ohno, mostly from sources in South Korea. The e-mails have been turned over to the FBI for investigation. ■

### Figure Skating: Kwan Earns Bronze After Upset

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY—Michelle Kwan's medals collection is still incomplete, as she lost the gold Feb. 21 to another American teenager, Sarah Hughes, in one of the most stunning upsets in Olympic figure skating history.

"I made a few mistakes, but I'm just going to keep on going strong," said Kwan, who won the bronze medal. "It just wasn't meant to be."

Russia's Irina Slutskaya took home the silver.

Although she was in first place after the short program, Kwan, 21, did not have a perfect long skate. She fell on a triple flip, two-footed another triple jump in combination and didn't skate with the passion and fire that has become her trademark.

Sixteen-year-old Hughes soared from fourth place to first to win the free skate and the title with the performance of her life. She rollicked through seven triple jumps, five in

### JACL Joins Olympic Celebration



Retired Judge Raymond Uno (far left), former national JACL president, joined current JACL National President Floy Mori in Olympic celebrations at Washington Square in downtown Salt Lake City. Also pictured are members of the Raijin Taiko Drum Group, one of many JA groups participating in a cultural event held during the Olympics. Members of the Salt Lake, Mt. Olympus and Wasatch Front North chapters also manned a booth to share the story of JAs in Utah and to pass out information about the JACL.

combination, including a huge triple toe loop-triple loop combo.

Four years ago in Nagano, Kwan lost to another American teenager, 15-year-old Tara Lipinski.

With four world championships and six U.S. titles but no Olympic title, Kwan is unsure whether she will go on to compete at the 2006 Turin Olympics in Italy. ■

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## Commentary

# National JACL to Hold Resisters of Conscience Ceremony May 11

By ALAN TERUYA and  
ANDY NOGUCHI  
Co-chairs, JACL Resisters  
Ceremony Committee

During this time of bigoted backlash against innocent Arab, Muslim, and Sikh Americans for the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, the importance of standing up for people's civil rights has new meaning. With today's crisis as a backdrop, the national JACL will hold a public ceremony to recognize and reconcile with the Nisei Resisters of Conscience who stood up for the Constitutional rights of Japanese Americans during World War II on May 11 at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center, 1840 Sutter Street in San Francisco. The planning committee is asking for your support and donations to carry out this historic ceremony.

### Who are the Resisters of Conscience?

The Resisters of Conscience are a group of over 300 Nisei men who answered "Yes - Yes" on the loyalty oath, with the qualification that they would willingly serve in the military if their families were first released from camp and given their full constitutional rights. When this was not done, they protested by refusing the draft, for which about 282 were tried and sentenced to federal prison. Just as President Truman paid tribute to Nisei veterans for their sacrifices, he also acknowledged the resisters' principled stand for civil rights and granted them a full pardon in 1947. Many resisters later served in the U.S. military during the Korean War.

In July 2000, the JACL national

council passed a resolution by a two-to-one margin. The resolution states that the JACL "recognizes the Japanese American Resisters of Conscience as a group of principled Americans; offers an apology for not acknowledging the resisters' stand of protesting the denial of constitutional rights and for the pain and bitterness this caused; (will) initiate a public education effort; and will recognize them at an appropriate public ceremony during the 2000-2002 biennium."

### Why is this ceremony important?

1. **Recognition** of a principled stand taken in support of constitutional rights, especially in today's era of backlash against racial and religious minorities.

2. **Reconciliation** between Japanese Americans, all of whom the U.S. government unjustly incarcerated and unfairly forced to make decisions about loyalty from behind barbed wire.

3. **Leadership by the national JACL** to heal divisions and strengthen the community in order to more effectively meet today's and future civil rights challenges.

### What issues have been clarified?

1. **Resisters of Conscience are distinct from other groups in the camps:** The resisters answered "Yes - Yes" on the loyalty oath. They were not part of the diverse "No - No Boy" group that answered "No" to loyalty to the United States and to military service, pro-Japan elements, or conscientious objectors who objected to military service on religious or similar grounds.

2. **This resolution does not place the resisters above veterans who**

**served in the military:** Nothing changes the respect and place of honor the JACL will always have for the veterans, both men and women, who served, sacrificed and contributed to our community. The resolution recognizes the Resisters of Conscience as another group that made a principled stand for our civil rights. This resolution does not say that all people should have been resisters.

3. **This resolution includes an apology to make amends and to move forward:** When you hurt someone, you take responsibility, apologize and try to move forward. Though the JACL took a valid position for military service during the war, it failed to also acknowledge the right of the resisters to disagree — to protest the violation of the Constitution. This contributed to the pain and bitterness felt by the resisters and their families due to the ostracism and stigma of being labeled traitors.

### What are the initial plans for the ceremony?

The JACL planning committee is preparing a respectful and educational public ceremony to be held in San Francisco on May 11. We are soliciting input from our diverse Nikkei community, including resisters, veterans, advocates, historians, the religious community and many others. The ceremony shall recognize the resisters, bring together diverse elements in a healing process, and demonstrate JACL leadership for the future well-being of the JA community.

The program will include keynote speaker Congressman Mike Honda, National JACL President Floyd Mori, Nisei Resisters of Con-

science, religious leaders, veterans, interested organizations, and educational displays.

### What support is sought?

People can lend support in many ways. These include:

1. **Financial Donations:** The committee is relying on JACL districts, chapters, individuals and other organizations to help cover the expenses. We will recognize in the written program your generous donations at the following levels: Bronze (\$100+), Silver (\$250+), Gold (\$500+), and Platinum (\$1,000+). Since the Northern California-Western Nevada Pacific District Council will handle finances for this ceremony, please make checks payable to "NCWNPDC/Resisters Ceremony" and mail them to "NCWNPDC/Resisters Ceremony" c/o 1580 Franquette Drive, Yuba City, CA 95991 by March 31. If there are funds left over, they will be used for public education about the Resisters of Conscience. In-kind donations of refreshments, printing,

etc., are also greatly appreciated.

2. **People Power:** Volunteers to organize and carry out this important ceremony are needed.

3. **Forwarding names of resisters or their family members:** The committee is attempting to contact and invite Nisei resisters or their surviving family members to this ceremony.

4. **Helpful Suggestions:** Ideas and suggestions to make this ceremony a positive and educational event benefiting the community are welcome.

To help out, please contact Alan Teruya, governor of the NCWNP district, at [NCWNPDCGov@cs.com](mailto:NCWNPDCGov@cs.com), or Andy Noguchi of the Florin JACL at [AndyNoguchi@worldnet.att.net](mailto:AndyNoguchi@worldnet.att.net).

Steering committee members also include: Mike Kaku (Sequoia JACL), Barbara Takei, Fumie Shimada (Florin JACL), Aeko Yoshikawa of Stockton, Dan Kubo of Cortez and son of a late resister, and Patty Wada, NCWNP regional director. ■

## Gilroy, San Benito County and Watsonville -Santa Cruz JACL Hold Joint Installation

The Gilroy, San Benito County and Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapters held their joint installation of officers Jan. 25 at the San Juan Oaks Golf Club with over 100 members, friends and guests in attendance.

Congressman Mike Honda, D-San Jose, made a guest appearance, while keynote speaker Judge Joseph F. Biafore talked about the events of the

past year, from election irregularities involving President Bush to the tragic events of Sept. 11 and the "war" on terrorism.

Chair Mark Mitani coordinated the three chapters for the event, and Mike Hoshida served as master of ceremonies. Sponsors included the San Benito Bank, Mountain Green Nursery, Yoneko Terasaki and Marcia Hashimoto. ■

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# JACL COMMUNITY Calendar

## East Coast

### PHILADELPHIA

**Sat., March 23**—Philadelphia JACL "Double Header": book talk and signing, "Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White" with author, professor Frank Wu; 4 p.m. at Howard University Law School. Chapter installation dinner, 6 p.m. at Meiji-en Restaurant, Pier 19N, Columbus Blvd. and Callowhill St. The book signing is free; the dinner is \$40 per person. Info: Hiro Nishikawa; 610/896-0538.

## Intermountain

### POCATELLO

**Sat., May 11**—Min Yasui Oratorical District Contest; 10 a.m.; Bannock County Historical Museum; Upper Ross Park. Info: Josh Spry, youth representative, 801/547-9284.

## Pacific Northwest

### SEATTLE

**Sat., March 2**—Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church's annual sukuyaki dinner; 4-7 p.m.; 3001 24th Ave. S.; takeout and bake sale from 2 p.m. Info: 206/723-1536.

## Northern California

### BAY AREA

**Sun., March 3**—Nikkei Widowed Group meeting; for place and time, call: M. Kusada, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

### BERKELEY

**Wed., March 13**—Book signing, "Profiles in Injustice: Why Racial Profiling Cannot Work" with author David Harris, Balk professor of law and values at the University of Toledo College of Law; 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Diesel A Bookstore, 5433 College Ave. Info: Megan Butler, 631-547-0993.

### HAYWARD

**Sat., March 23**—NCJASC Shinrenkai, Annual Seniors Program; Hayward Centennial Hall, 22292 Foothill Blvd.; chartered bus from San Mateo JACL Community Center. Info, bus sign-up: 343-2793.

## MCCARRAN-WALTER

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tutionality of the initial charges made under the McCarran-Walter Act.

But the case didn't end there because Congress repealed the McCarran-Walter Act and enacted the 1990 Immigration Act, which included a new terrorism deportation provision. The government, then, attempted to deport the LA8 under this new law.

The LA8 again challenged the new charges under the 1990 Act with the case going all the way to the Supreme Court. In May 2000, the case was sent back to the immigration court where the LA8 attorneys renewed their efforts to have the 1990 Act charges dismissed.

Last June, L.A. Immigration Judge Bruce J. Einhorn ruled that the LA8 cannot be deported based on charges which were not in existence when they were first arrested, and that the government must continue their prosecution under the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act, although the act has since been repealed.

In August, a month before the Sept. 11 attacks, the government filed an appeal, and the case has been pending since then.

Whether or not the terrorist attacks will affect the LA8 case remains to be seen. "We haven't seen anything concrete," said Shehadeh. "But there is a new law called the PATRIOT Act, and I'm sure that is going to be used to the utmost by the government to try to deport us."

Throughout the proceedings, the LA8 attorneys have pointed out that the LA8 were involved in lawful activities that should be protected under the First Amendment. But Shehadeh has come to discover that immigrants do not always enjoy the

## LODI

**Thurs., March 7**—Book signing with Jeanne and James Houston, authors of "Farewell to Manzanar"; 7 p.m.; Thomas Theater, Hutchins Street Square; moderated by Dr. Edith Sparks, UOP history professor. Free. Info: Robin Knowlton, Lodi Arts Commission, 209/368-8269.

## SACRAMENTO

**Tues., April 2**—Sacramento Nikkei Singles meeting and program, "Remembering Diana"; 6:30 meeting, 7 p.m. multimedia presentation and book signing with author Susan Skinner, formerly of the Buckingham Palace press corps; Nisei Veterans Community Center, 1515 4th St. Info: Esther, 916/686-5995, EstherMats@aol.com.

## SAN FRANCISCO

**Fri., March 15**—National Japanese American Historical Society Awards Dinner, "Paving the Way: Japanese American Visionaries": No-host cocktails and silent auction, 6 p.m.; dinner & program 7 p.m.; The Westin San Francisco Airport, 1 Old Bayshore Hwy.; honoring Hiroshima, Philip Kan Gotanda, Ken Kashiwahara, Yoshihiro Uchida; emcees Sydnie Kohara and Vic Lee. Info: 415/921-5087.

**Sat., March 16**—San Francisco JACL volunteers will anchor the KQED-PBS pledge drive; 7:20-9:30 p.m., directly after the Kooskia program in El Cerrito. Register by March 9: Don Delcollo, 510/223-1352, delcollo@pacbell.net.

## Central California

### FRESNO

**Sat., March 16**—Fresno JAY (Japanese American Youth) Invitational Volleyball Tournament; 10 a.m.; Hoover High School; open to high school and college youth; kickoff by Judge Anthony Ishii. \$20 fee includes snacks and bento lunch, T-shirt, admission to evening dance, student JACL membership. Info: Kimberly Shintaku, 559/449-0273.

## Southern California

### CLAREMONT

**Thurs., March 7**—Comedy film, "After Separation" directed by Xia Gang; 8

p.m.; refreshments from 7:30 p.m.; Pomona College Rose Hills Theatre, Smith Campus Center, 170 E. 6th St.; Free. Info: Lucy.Chang@pomona.edu, 909/607-8065.

## ENCINO

**Sat., March 16**—San Fernando Valley JACL Cherry Blossom picnic at Balboa Lake; 8 a.m.; 10 a.m. nature walk, 11:30 a.m. potluck lunch; 6:00 Balboa Blvd.; Info: Mitzi Kushida, 818/360-6718.

## GLENDALE

**Through May 12**—Exhibit of Tibetan Buddhist Thangka paintings, "Mysticism Demystified: Appreciating Buddhist Art and Meaning"; Forest Lawn Museum, 1712 S. Glendale Ave.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily; includes a film series. Free. Info: 800/204-3131 ext. 4781, www.ForestLawn.com.

## LOS ANGELES

**Sat., March 2**—Book discussion and signing, "Through a Diamond" with author Kerry Yo Nakagawa; 1:30 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St. Little Tokyo; the book covers 100 years of Japanese American baseball — amateur, professional and international. Free with museum admission. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

**Mon., March 11**—Civil Rights Caucus meeting; 7-9 p.m.; JACL Pacific Southwest District Office, 244

S. San Pedro; Room 406, Little Tokyo. Info: 213/626-4471 or Ayako Hagihara, ahagihara@fc.ltscc.org.

**Fri., March 15**—Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (APADRC) Conventy Dinner; 7-9 p.m.; Empress Pavilion Restaurant, 988 N. Hill St. #201; emcee Michael Yamamoto; honoring Warren Furutani. Info: 213/250-8190.

## PACOIMA

**Wed., March 13**—Video showing, "American Sons"; 7 p.m.; SFVJACC, 12953 Branford St., Pioneer Room; shows how racism shapes the lives of Asian-American men. Info: Nancy Gohata, 818/899-4237.

## PASADENA

**Sat., March 2**—"The Historical Panorama of Japanese Dance," performed by Kazuko; 2-2:45 p.m.; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave.; Info: 626/449-2742.

## SAN PEDRO

**Thurs., March 21**—Japan America Society Business Networking Mixer; 5:30-8 p.m.; Holiday Harbor-Cabrillo Marina Club House, 241 Watchcom Walk, Berth 24; host, team leader: Ron Ringling of Team SailVenture Company. RSVP: 213/627-6217 ext. 202, fax 213/627-1353.

## TORRANCE

**Sat., March 9**—Go For Broke Educational Foundation volunteer orientation session; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; 370

Amapola Ave.; volunteers of all ages and skill sets are welcome; internship opportunities are also available in film/video production, communications/public relations, nonprofit management/development, teacher administration. RSVP: Dori Ishiara, volunteer coordinator, 310/222-5704, or e-mail: dori@goforbroke.org. Info: www.goforbroke.org.

## Arizona - Nevada

### LAS VEGAS

**Wed.-Sun., June 26-30**—National JACL Biennial Convention.

### PHOENIX

**Sat.-Sun., March 16-17**—Arizona Aloha Festival; 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Heritage Square; JACL taiko group Kyorei to perform. Info: Ted Namba, 623/572-9913, or Caseyfolks@aol.com.

### RENO

**Sun., March 10**—Reno JACL scholarship benefit tenyaki dinner; Senior Center. Tickets, info: Bud Fujii, 852-0559, or Norm Ikada, 747-7074. ■

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## NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE PROGRAMS

**FLORIN, Calif., Sat., March 9**—2 p.m.; Florin JACL program, "Guardians of the Constitution"; Florin YBA Hall, 7135 Pritchard Rd.; speaker, John Tateishi, JACL national director; includes oral history exhibit and literature table. Info: Christine Umeda, chair, 916/427-2841.

**NEW YORK CITY, Sat., March 9**—2-5 p.m.; Multi-media Theater Performance, "Gathering Ground"; candlelight vigil and potluck; Japanese American United Church, 2557 Seventh Ave.; program dedicated to the memory of Michi Weglyn; featuring Mary Leslie Ishij, Michael Ishii, Karen Samski, also Monica Tarazi of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. \$12 admission (\$7 for seniors, students & potluck contributors). Info: Amy Funabiki, 201/447-4979, kikibiki@aol.com, or Leslee Inaba Wong, 212/964-6226, lesleeinabawong@juno.com.

**Thurs., March 28**—6-8 p.m.; Book reading, "By Order of the President: FDR and the Internment of Japanese Americans" with author Greg Robinson; also, "9066," a short film by Risa Morimoto, featuring Mas Inoshita; Kimball Lounge, NYU 246 Greene St. between Waverly & Washington Place. RSVP by March 25: 212/992-9653, apa.studies@nyu.edu.

**STOCKTON, Calif., Sat., April 27**—10 a.m.-1 p.m.; "Sharing the Japanese American Experience and Applying Its Lessons to Today"; Stockton Buddhist Church, 2820 Shimizu Drive; lunch provided by Stockton JACL; RSVP, info: Nelson Nagai, 476-8528.

full rights given to American-born citizens.

"This is why we are fighting," said Shehadeh. "We are fighting to say that immigrants are protected under the Constitution."

The LA8 case also successfully prevented the government from utilizing the concept of secret evidence, which is classified information that federal law enforcement agents share with the judge but withhold from both the accused and his attorney on grounds that secrecy is needed to protect confidential government sources.

Shehadeh said he was amazed that when the Arab and Muslim American community met with the Southern California FBI field agent in October (see P.C. Oct. 19-Nov. 1 issue), the FBI agent denied knowing about the use of secret evidence.

"The FBI agent kept thinking that we were making up the word, secret evidence," Shehadeh recalled. "I kept saying to him that the word, secret evidence, is a book language, a law language. We've been fighting cases under this. So how can you not know about this? But he denied it so I told him I'd send him some information so he will have no excuse."

Shehadeh has been keeping busy as an ADC official trying to locate the estimated 100 Muslim American detainees.

"Our organization is very much involved in trying to locate these people, making sure they have legal representation, finding out what conditions they are being incarcerated under, and where they are being held," he said. "The government is keeping all of this a secret so far."

Christina Shigemura, who co-emceed the Day of Remembrance, likened the current situation to what occurred to JAs immediately following the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

"Hundreds of Arab Americans and Muslim Americans have been arrested and detained for violations that have nothing to do with the

events of 9-11," she said. "Personal and foundation bank accounts have been seized without notice or hearings. These seizures are not unlike the seizure of Japanese American bank accounts in 1942 that caused untold suffering and years of protracted and costly proceedings to resolve."

Added Shigemura, "Today, everyone is implored to become part of a homeland security force and report their suspicions. Then and now, such vigilantism has a chilling effect on freedom of speech, the very foundation of a democratic society. The call for military tribunals and the attempt to obviate American constitutional protections, international law and the Geneva Conventions should give us pause. We cannot and should not forget the wholesale violation of our constitutional rights."

The ADC is in the process of setting up a meeting with the Department of Justice to discuss some of these discriminatory practices, said Shehadeh. ■

## UCLA DOR

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respected as equal in this country."

Panel speaker Ketu Katrack, a literature professor at UC Irvine, added, "The Japanese Americans have taken the lessons of their past and the memories of their own and their parents and grandparents' internment and spoken out at various community forums, candlelight vigils, et cetera, and provided, much-needed solidarity with Arab Americans."

Joining Minami and others to talk about the legal precedents set by the 1942 incarceration of JAs and the impact of the subsequent redress campaign were professors Eric Yamamoto (University of Hawaii), Frank Wu (Howard University), Carol Izumi (George Washington



Dale Minami

University), Margaret Chon (Seattle University) and Jerry Kang (UCLA), who collaborated on the recently published book, "Race, Rights and Reparation: Law and the Japanese American Internment."

The book was funded by a Civil Liberties Public Education Fund (CLPEF) grant. The authors had only 14 months to write and submit their proposal, according to Izumi, but that was preceded by five years of researching over 20 years of activism by community leaders and members.

"We wanted to be able to share something as an educational institution, and we were very pleased that Jerry Kang and the others came together to do this very important book," said Don Nakanishi, director of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. "As someone who's on the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund board, we really saw this as a very important curricular project that went hand in hand with other projects that were proposed for K-12 and for colleges and so forth."

Kang described it as the "first legal curriculum" designed for students and general readers, which documents not only the internment and the reparations movement but the racism against Chinese Americans that preceded it in the early 1900s.

"We wanted to engage students

and readers. We wanted them to be able to come to their own conclusions," said Wu, a law professor at Howard, a predominantly black university in Washington, D.C. "Our focus was to provoke you to think for yourselves, not to persuade you and get you to read this and say the authors are right. ... It is a book of hard questions, questions that will guide dialogue."

The book connects such topics as national security and civil liberties, ethnicity and disloyalty and race and immigration, said Yamamoto, tracing the path from the JA experience to the Wen Ho Lee case, for instance.

"Part of what the book tries to question is that the real legacy of redress is the justice that we will do collectively now and in the future," he said. "What does Japanese American redress have to say about Japanese Latin American redress, about African Americans' claim right now for reparations, for Native Americans, Native Hawaiians, Korean 'comfort women,' Australian Aborigines, all on the table today, all covered in our book."

Also on the table today, said Minami, is the Arab and Muslim detainees still in the government's custody — proof that the work is not yet done. Keeping a watchful eye must be accompanied by continued education, he said.

"The goals of the [redress] campaign were to educate each and every American about the tragedy and injustice of what happened to Japanese Americans," Minami said. "Clearly, we have not succeeded in that score, but we have succeeded in injecting the story of Japanese Americans into popular American history. It's become a part of our popular American mythology so that newspapers, editorials and politicians remember what happened to Japanese Americans and connect that to what is happening today." ■

# Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Hanamura, Kiyo**, Jan. 26 service; Upland-born; JAFL Riverside chapter president, 1984; survived by husband Harvey; sons Michael (Folsom), Stephen (Oregon); 6 gc., 7 ggc.; brother Koji Shoji (Hawaii).

**Hirabayashi, Shizu "Sugar,"** 83, Berkeley, Feb. 4; Placerville-born longtime resident of San Jose; survived by son Jonathan and wife Susan Kai; 2 grandsons Evan and Tyler; predeceased by husband James "Toby" Hirabayashi.

**Ishibashi, James Katsumi "Kat,"** 83, Rancho Palos Verdes, Feb. 2; Los Angeles-born; Strathmore, Calif., internee; WWII U.S. Army volunteer paratrooper; chick sexer and lifelong farmer — he was among the last farmers on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, farming on leased land until it became part of a golf course; survived by son Richard and wife Sande; daughter Yvonne Ishibashi; brothers Tom and wife Maya, Daniel and wife Eiko; sister Yukiko Yumori; sisters- and brothers-in-law Suzuko and Seiji Hashimoto, Naomi and Akira Hamachi; sister-in-law Kimiko Ishibashi.

**Iwai, Mary**, 82, Spokane, Wash., Jan. 26; survived by daughters Leslie Baker and husband Dave, Vicki Liljeborg and husband Terry; 7 gc.; sister Mickie Koga (all are of Spokane); predeceased by grandson Joshua Liljeborg.

**Izumi, Akira**, 83, Westlake Village, Feb. 16; Los Angeles-born WWII Army veteran; survived by wife Koto; daughters Patricia Izumo, Joanne Justus and husband Patrick; son Gary and wife Susan; 7 gc.

**Kazuhara, Rev. Chiaki**, 92, Chicago, Feb. 22 service; pastor of Lakeside Japanese Christian Church for 49 years; survived by siblings Mika Hamai and husband Shigeo, Ikuo, Yasushi and wife Gladys, Ken, Noboru, Emi Furuta, Daniel Kei and wife Terry, Yukiyo Kazuhara, Renko Hisaoka; predeceased by wife Kate Mieko.

**Miyamoto, Kasumi**, Com-

merce City, Colo., Jan. 26 service; survived by wife Peggy.

**Nakano, Calvin Yutaka**, 77, Los Angeles, Feb. 2; Honolulu-born WWII MIS veteran; survived by wife Amy; son Kyle Takeo; brother Thomas; sisters-in-law Mary Tanji (Washington), Esther Kawata and husband Sam, Betty Makimoto and husband James (Loomis), Helen Izuka (Hawaii), Aki Ushiyama (Colo.); brother-in-law Hoover Ushiyama.

**Okubo, Henry "Hank,"** 73, Denver, Feb. 3; Los Angeles-born resident of Centennial, Amache internee and WWII U.S. Army veteran; dedicated to preserving the Amache camp site as a permanent memorial; survived by wife Aiko; daughter Stacey Davis and husband Frank; sons Derek and wife

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Satomi, Craig and wife Lisa; 9 gc.; brother Jim and wife Brenda (Irvine); sisters Ruby (Los Angeles), Helen Nishida and husband Roger (Culver City), Jane (Sacramento).

**Ota, Kikuyo**, 101, Santa Monica, Nov. 18; Hiroshima-born; survived by sons Shigeru and wife Chiyoiko, Isami and wife Chiyoiko, Shigetoshi Taniguchi; daughter Shizuko Taniguchi and husband Shizuichi; 12 gc., many ggc. and ggc.

**Takagi, Harry I.**, 87, Leesburg, Fla., Jan. 14; Wapato, Wash.-born; a lawyer in private practice pre-WWII, staff sergeant with the 442nd RCT in WWII; practiced law with the Veterans Administration in Seattle, Minneapolis, and Washington, D.C.; appointed to the Board of Veterans Appeals by President Kennedy in 1962; first commander of the Nisei Veterans Committee in Seattle; president of Seattle JAFL (1951-52), Washington, D.C., JAFL (1962), chair of Pacific Northwest and Midwest district councils; survived by wife

Helen; sons Clayton (Springfield, Va.) Jim (Hartford, Conn.); daughters Vicki Fornasar and husband Tom (Woodbridge, Va.), Mary (Marlborough, Mass.); 5 gc.; 1 ggc.; sisters Michiko Maebori (Auburn, Wash.), Miyoko Matsui and husband George (Redmond, Wash.), Edith Watanabe and husband Harvey (Renton, Wash.); brother Calvin and wife Naoko (Mercer Island, Wash.).

**Umezu, Bill Shiro**, 84, Waipahu, Hawaii, Feb. 6; Broderick-born WWII U.S. Army Infantry veteran in Australia and Philippines, MIS translator in Japan for 43 years; survived by wife Yoshie; son Art and wife Michiru (Kauai); daughters Kay (Tokyo), Amy Coe and husband John (Waipahu); 3 gc.; brothers Jack and wife Kiyoko (Sacramento), Masao and wife Fumiko (Japan); sister Shizuko Onodera and husband Mikio (Japan).

**Yamashita, Tomiko**, 83, San Francisco, Feb. 12; San Jose-born; survived by sisters Fumiko and Hisako Yamashita, Toshiko Ikeda and husband Hisashi; brother Masaki Yamashita; sisters-in-law Mitsui and Chiyoko Yamashita.

**Yoshioka, Yoshie**, 79, Gardena, Feb. 11; Seattle-born; survived by son Dr. Larry M. Yoshioka and wife Karen; 2 gc. ■

## DEATH NOTICE

### MARY TERUKO KASAMA

UNION CITY, Calif.—Mary Teruko Kasama, 74, passed away at her daughter's home on Feb. 8. She was a resident of Fremont for 38 years. Mrs. Kasama was born in Los Angeles on April 7, 1927. She was a homemaker and an active member of Thornton Avenue Baptist Church. She spoke three languages, enjoyed playing the piano, gardening and Latin American studies. She is survived by her sons, David Kasama of Castro Valley, Richard Kasama of Delaware; daughter, Marie Reykalin of Union City; sister, Lilly Nakamura of Palos Verdes Estates and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Kasama, and brother, Shoji Daita. Funeral and burial services were held respectively at Berge-Pappas-Smith Chapel of the Angels in Fremont and at Skyline Memorial Park in San Mateo. Remembrance contributions may be made to the Frank and Mary Kasama Scholarship Fund, c/o Berge-Pappas-Smith Chapel of the Angels, 40842 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538.

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Frankfurt, Cologne, Hamburg, Berlin, Dresden, Nuernberg, Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Innsbruck	
GRANDPARENTS/GRANDCHILDREN JAPAN TOUR	JUNE 22-30
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ALASKA HOLIDAY CRUISE	JULY 6-13
Vancouver, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE LINE	
JAPAN BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE TOUR	AUG 1-14
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Brazil, Argentina, Option to Peru	
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## KOKUSAI-PACIFICA 2002 TOURS

Mar 25	Uranihon Onsen Kanko - 9 Days - All Meals - \$2995 - Osaka, Awaru, Wakura, Senami, Niigata, Togura & Tokyo.
Apr 01	Japan Spring Classic - 11 Days - 24 Meals - \$3195 - Tokyo, Takayama, Nara, Kobe, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Okayama, Takahashi & Kyoto.
Apr 15	Japan by Train - 11 Days - 25 Meals - \$3595 - Tokyo, Kobe, Karatsu, Takahashi, Shizuoka, Atsumi, Hiroasaki & Tokyo.
Apr 24	China Deluxe - 14 Days - All Meals - \$3495 - SOLD OUT
May 13	Europe - 24 Meals - \$3695 2 days each city - Rome - Florence - Venice - Lucerne - Paris & London
Jun 03	America Once More #3 - \$1995 LA to Monterey, SFO, Eureka, Coos Bay, Portland, Seattle, Bend, Klamath, Tule Lake, Tahoe, Manzanar, Death Valley, LA.
Jun 17	America Once More #1 - \$1995 - SOLD OUT - LA to Yosemite, Reno, Minidoka, Yellowstone, Heart Mt., Mt. Rushmore, Salt Lake, Topaz, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Las Vegas, LA.
Jul 02	Summer Japan Classic - 10 days - 23 Meals - \$2995 - Takayama, Takahashi, Hiroshima, Kobe & Kyoto.
Aug 09	Scandinavia "Denmark-Norway-Sweden-Russia" - 15 Days - \$3895 - Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo, Bergen, Tromso, Stockholm, Helsinki, Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius, Warsaw, Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Rome, Athens, Mykonos, Santorini, Crete, Rhodes, Athens, Rome, Paris, London.
Sep 03	Germany & Danube Cruise - 15 Day - \$3895 - Berlin, Dresden, Weimar, Regensburg, Regensburg, Passau, Melk, Vienna, & Budapest.
Sep 26	America Once More #2 - \$1995 - LA to Poston-Phoenix-Gila-El Paso-San Antonio-New Orleans-Vicksburg-Jerome-Rohwer-Little Rock-Wichita-Amache-Santa Fe-Grand Canyon-Laughlin-LA.
Oct 14	Hokkaido & Tohoku - 11 Days - 24 Meals - \$3695.
Oct 21	Uranihon - Otherside of Japan - 11 Days - 25 Meals \$3595.
Nov 04	Fall Japan Classic - 11 Days - 24 Meals - \$3095
Nov 14	Okinawa, Kyushu & Shikoku - 12 Days - 28 Meals - \$3695.

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