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Morris Dees to Highlight JACL Sayonara Banquet

Renowned civil rights attorney Morris Dees will keynote the JACL's Sayonara Banquet at its 37th biennial convention at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas. The famed attorney will highlight the final event of the convention on Saturday, June 29.

The co-founder and chief trial attorney for the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., has been at the forefront of civil rights legal challenges for over 30 years. Along with Joseph Levin, a fellow Alabamian equally dedicated to racial equality, Dees founded the Southern Poverty Law Center to fight for the poor and those victimized by racial discrimination. Since its creation in 1971, the SPLC has undertaken landmark legal cases that have been instrumental in changing the face of social justice in America.

Dees is perhaps best known for his courageous challenges of white supremacist organizations like the Ku Klux Klan, the Aryan Nation, and militia and "patriots" groups. With a unique and innovative legal strategy, he has driven some of these groups into bankruptcy through multi-million dollar lawsuits on behalf of the families of victims. Without funds and

resources to operate, these groups have been driven out of business, have been rendered powerless and shown for what they are — ignorant racists.

While the Southern Poverty Law Center has gained national recognition for its work against white supremacists and hate crimes, it is also recognized for some of its landmark legal cases which have shaped American perspectives on issues of equality. It was Dees and the SPLC who were instrumental in presenting legal challenges to segregation cases that were responsible for changing social relations in the South. The SPLC fought for and won the challenge to integrate the state troopers to include African Americans, the result of which is that today the Alabama state troopers police force is the most highly integrated state police force in the country. It was also Dees and the SPLC who fought to eliminate sex discrimination in federal government, leading to equal access for women in federal and state jobs. Morris Dees has been instrumental in all of these cases.

Describing himself as "one of Dees' greatest admirers," JACL Public Affairs Vice President Ryan Chin stated in the last issue of the *Pacific Citizen* ("By the Board: The Main Attraction," April 5-18) that one of his first actions as a national board member was to introduce a resolution commending Dees for his courageous actions against the Aryan Nation in Idaho. It was Chin who suggested Dees as the keynote, stating that Dees immediately came to mind upon reflecting who in this nation best exemplifies what the JACL is about and what we stand for.

"We are extremely lucky to be able to get Morris Dees as our keynote speaker for the Sayonara Banquet," stated Chin. "I'm aware that he no longer does much public speaking, and I'm personally grateful that he has agreed to appear at our convention dinner. One can't help but admire his

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Washington State Bans Use of 'Oriental' in Government Documents

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

Oriental. Oriental medicine. Oriental rug. Starting this July, you won't be seeing the word "Oriental" used to describe persons of Asian ancestry in any new document of the Washington state Legislature.

Deemed offensive and antiquated, the use of the term "Oriental" when referring to Asian Pacific Americans has been banned by the state after Gov. Gary Locke signed into law Bill 5954 on April 2. From now on "Asian" will be used in all official documents of state and local governments.

"I find [the term 'Oriental'] to be offensive," said Senator Paull Shin, D-21st legislative district, the prime sponsor of the bill. "For us to accept the use of this term in the 21st century is unthinkable."

A Korean American, Shin has spent the last two and a half years working on legislation to ban the use of the word "Oriental" in the state of Washington, now the first

state to pass such a bill. A former history professor with 31 years of teaching under his belt, he has studied the origins of this now banned word.

"Like the word 'Negro' is kind of a slave language, 'Oriental' has the implication of Western colonialism," said Shin. He explained that the word originated in England dur-

Although a small handful of his fellow legislators voted against the bill, Shin sees this as a lack of understanding behind the meaning of the word. "They see the word 'Oriental' as being poetic without understanding the meaning of the word," he said.

In addition to prohibiting the use of "Oriental" for persons of Asian ancestry, Bill 5954 also "urges all state and local entities to review their statutes, codes, rules, regulations, and other official documents and revise them to omit the use of the term 'Oriental' when referring to persons of Asian descent."

The bill also immediately changes a statute that deals with the solicitation of minority contractors for the construction of city water mains. Taking out the word "Oriental," the statute now reads: "Minority group members include, but are not limited to, blacks, women, native Americans, Asians,

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ing the 17th century and encompassed a number of connotations including: "flat-nosed, Asian-eyed, mystified, fanatical ... not to be trusted."

Shin first introduced the bill in February 2001 and although it was initially a struggle to even get a hearing for the bill, members of the house and senate have since given their overwhelming support, passing the bill almost unanimously earlier this month.

Donations Show Support for Resisters Ceremony, Organizers Say

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

Organizers of a JACL ceremony recognizing the World War II resisters of conscience say they have received over \$8,000 in donations to go towards the May 11 event to be held at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCNCC) in San Francisco.

Donations have come both from within and outside of JACL, with individual members, chapters, districts, current and past national JACL officers, veterans and community members-at-large contributing, said Andy Noguchi, planning committee co-chair and president of the Florin chapter.

"Our planning committee has been uplifted by the generosity of grassroots JACL members and community people," Noguchi said. "We were initially concerned and delayed by the lack of financial support from the national JACL during its budget crisis."

Despite this crisis, the planning committee has received two anonymous \$1,000 donations, the largest so far, as well as a \$500 donation.

Contributions are being used to cover the expenses of the program, and any leftover monies will be used to promote further public education about the resisters.

"I am very happy with the donations we've received so far and have been surprised by the large contributions. I think it's great that people feel that strongly about the ceremony," said Alan Teruya, planning committee co-chair and NCWNP governor. "I think it means that

these members, chapters and districts in JACL are continuing the support they gave the resolution when it passed in Monterey."

The controversial resolution, which recognized the stance taken by the Nisei resisters during WWII, was passed by a two-to-one vote by JACL chapters at the 2000 National Convention in Monterey, Calif.

"We need to remember what the resolution does," Teruya said. "It apologizes 'for not acknowledging the resisters' stand of protesting the denial of constitutional rights and for the pain and bitterness this caused.'"

"The advances in civil rights made in the second half of the 20th century have shown us that there can be more than one way to stand up to an injustice, without one way being 'right' and another way being 'wrong,'" he added. "The national council's resolution recognizes that the resisters made a principled stand in fighting for the rights of the Japanese American community."

Noguchi added, "As the resolution states, though the JACL took a valid position supporting military service, its failure to recognize the resisters' right to protest the mistreatment of Japanese Americans contributed to the ostracism they suffered."

He likened it to an estranged family working out its differences: "When a mistake is made in a family, you apologize and try to move forward with an eye towards keeping your family united and strong. That's what I believe the JACL is doing today for the well being and defense of our community. In an era of increasing racial backlash, Japan-bashing and hate crimes, we can't

afford to be divided. If the U.S. government and President Reagan can admit a mistake and apologize, why can't the JACL do so also?"

Noguchi also insisted the ceremony is not meant to be an affront to Nisei veterans or veterans groups who believe an "apology" is not necessary. "The JACL is not asking any other organization to make an apology. This wouldn't make sense since few Japanese American organizations today existed back then."

Speakers confirmed for the Recognition and Reconciliation Ceremony are Congressman Mike Honda, JACL National President Floyd Mori, Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee leader Frank Emi, as well as resisters, veterans and religious leaders.

Commemorative gifts will be given to each resister or family member of a deceased resister who attends the ceremony, while educational displays will highlight the story of this often misunderstood group.

Sen. Daniel Inouye, a 442nd RCT veteran, will also send a videotaped message to be played at the ceremony, according to Patty Wada, NCWNP regional director. ■

To make a financial donation by May 1, make out and send checks to "NCWNP-Resister Ceremony," c/o 1580 Franquette Drive, Yuba City, CA 95991. The JACL will recognize donations in the written program at the following levels: Bronze (\$100+), Silver (\$250+), Gold (\$500+) and Platinum (\$1,000+).

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From the Director

John Tateishi, JACL National Executive Director

Countdown to Convention

At the end of the Monterey convention in 2000, a friend said to me, "Wow, how are you going to top that?" referring to my having gotten then-Attorney General Janet Reno as our keynote for the Sayonara Banquet. I had no answer at that moment because I felt then that it would be difficult to top such an inspiring and significant speaker for the JACL.

Well, I'm pleased to be able to say that the keynote speaker for the Las Vegas convention is yet again a remarkable and significant individual, famed attorney Morris Dees, co-founder and chief trial attorney for the Southern Poverty Law Center of Birmingham, Ala. Why am I so excited about Dees as our keynote? Primarily because this is an individual who is a great human being, someone who has devoted his life to fighting for the poor and victims of racism, and someone who is dedicated to honoring the rights of individuals in an excep-

tional fashion.

You can talk about civil rights attorneys, whether they come from our own community or from others, but it would be rare that you would find anyone of the caliber of a Morris Dees. Here's a man who grew up on a rural farm in Alabama, the grandson of a Ku Klux Klan member but rejected the racist views of his grandfather. Dees was a millionaire by the time he was 30-years-old, yet rejected a future of guaranteed riches to practice law fighting for the poor and the victims of racism through a nonprofit law firm he created with his law partner Joseph Levin. And here is a man who has taken on some of the nation's worst hate groups and brought them to their knees at the risk to his own life, and he did so only because he wanted to help families who had been victimized by these hate groups. And here is a man who does not care about recognition but only cares about the rights and

well-being of people.

Others can talk about "doing" civil right and about being civil rights attorneys and advocates, but it is rare that you'll ever find someone as humble about himself and what he does as you would find in Dees. This man is one of the most effective (if not the most effective) and significant civil rights advocates in the country.

The Las Vegas convention is shaping up to be one of our more interesting conventions. We will be addressing the report and recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Committee, which could ultimately lead to some significant changes in the way we do business and in the look and configuration of the JACL. I understand that some significant By-Law amendments will be introduced, which will have impact on the organization. And word is that there will be some contested races for some of the elected offices. And on Friday night of the convention,

the Sacramento chapter is hosting a dinner to pay tribute to the World War II leaders of the JACL and to recognize their sacrifices and achievements during a difficult time in our history. This will be the first time that the JACL will have recognized and honored Mike Masaoka, Saburo Kido, and George Inagaki for their courageous leadership during the war. And finally, there will also be a "new" and much improved (and exciting) 1000 Club Wing Ding.

And of course, we will be honored by Morris Dees as our keynote.

The convention is now only 10 weeks away. So if you haven't registered yet, get your registration form to the Las Vegas chapter. I encourage you to make your room reservations with your registration to make sure you don't miss out on any of the great events coming up at this convention. Ten weeks to the convention. We've begun the countdown to Las Vegas. ■

Letters to the Editor

Veterans' Response to N. Ota

Many veterans of World War II who read Mr. N. Ota's letter (P.C., March 15-April 4, 2002) shake their heads, taking great offense at his slanderous remarks that veterans are akin to "bigots and scoundrels of World War II" in "fanning patriotism over truth and being champions of the witch hunt," making reference to our objecting to an apology for WWII draft resisters. What a pitiful shame Mr. Ota doesn't understand that the many hundreds of cream-of-the-crop Japanese American youths of that day fought and gave their lives on enemy battlefields in defending our principles. For us surviving veterans, our commitment to those fallen buddies is to uphold the integrity and truthfulness of their sacrifices. We were all young then, and we did what we felt we had to do for ourselves, for our future generations and for loyalty to our country.

Contrary to Mr. Ota's description, we veterans describe ourselves rather as: quietly level-headed senior citizens, generally mellow, family loving, sincere, truthful, who have experienced the rigors and traumatic transitions of America over the past several decades and fought for recognition and acceptance in our society. Our families look upon us as old retirees, quite sedentary, friendly and enjoyable; but certainly we are not the "bigots and scoundrels" Mr. Ota paints us to be. We all take pride in the fact that we have properly raised our children and influenced our grandchildren to be truthful, honest, integrity-oriented and patriotic.

Mr. Ota states that we "are not guided by facts but by [our] opinion of facts not dissimilar with the American Legion." Yes, many of us do or have belonged to the American Legion, the Rotary Club, the YMCA, the Chamber of Commerce and others. Regardless of the organization, this has not altered our principles or endeavors to follow truth and honesty. Mr. Ota implies that veterans were

not truthful in identifying activities of dissidents in the internment camps or had made accusations simply based on our opinion. Many vets were indeed set upon by the dissidents and resisters because of our action to join the U.S. Army. (Would Mr. Ota deny that JACL President Saburo Kido was beaten in camp?) Fortunately, we did not follow the leadership of these dissidents, or the records and JA history in WWII would surely have been a different story today.

In the discussions and opinions of many veterans, generally they do not object to what the resisters of conscience did during WWII; They paid the price. The vets accept and acknowledge that the dissidents did what they did because of their beliefs. However, veterans DO find objectionable the decision to apologize and to ceremonially honor the dissidents. Can you face the Nisei families of the heroic 800 killed in action? ■

T. Tanaka

In Response to Satow's Comments

Sus Satow's commentary (P.C., April 5-18, 2002) contains these errors. 1) The "yes-yes" response is misleading so far as segregation at Tule Lake is concerned. It was only question 28 that determined segregation. 2) The draft resisters resisted the draft after they had been called up by Selective Service from several camps. 3) The draft resistance was independent of segregation at Tule Lake. 4) Those resisters, who happened to be interned at Tule Lake and were charged with violation of Selective Service, went before Judge Louis A. Goodman in federal court, and Judge Goodman dismissed the charges against them. 5) The fact that Kiyoshi Okamoto was sent to Tule Lake does not imply he answered no to question 28. The WRA shipped people whom the WRA deemed to be "troublemakers" to Tule Lake and without any

due process. 6) Only U.S. citizens were drafted from the camps. Nisei (U.S. citizens) cannot repatriate to Japan. Some Nisei did decide to renounce their U.S. citizenship and to expatriate to Japan. This was completely independent of draft resistance.

Finally two comments. First, I was delighted when in the 1980s I first learned of the draft resistance by internees. It was good to know that some of the internees had actually protested their internment through civil disobedience — in anticipation of what would happen in the civil rights movement.

Second, paragraph 362 of the Selective Service Act of 1940 states: "In Class IV-F shall be placed any registrant who...is being retained in the custody of any court of criminal jurisdiction or other civil authority. In the event such court or other civil authority releases such registrant from custody, upon final adjudication or otherwise, such registrant may be reclassified." The word "registrant" applied to all those registered for the draft. And the War Relocation Authority was "other civil authority," under whose custody we were kept in the WRA camps. Thus, a strong case could have been made for illegality of not classifying inmates of the camps as IV-F. Men classified IV-F were ineligible for military service. One of the demands of the draft resisters at Heart Mountain was "Free us before you draft us." And that demand was legally correct.

William Hohri
Lomita, Calif.

Slippery Slope of Oblivion

I read with deep foreboding the "Open Letter to the Draft Resisters..." (P.C., March 15 issue) for it reflects my feelings and possibly of others. My worst fear is that the "apology" scheduled for May 11 could have far-reaching conse-

quences; that it may terribly wound, or possibly sow the seed for the final self-destruction of one of our great institutions, the JACL. The organization has survived numerous crises in the past, but no institution can fight itself and survive for long. Do the present JACL leaders truly represent the sentiments of its members? Do the resisters seek the demise of JACL?

I sincerely hope the resisters are above that, but we are fast approaching an event which I believe will put into motion consequences that may well spiral beyond anyone's control. If a trace is not possible at this point, Members of the Board, it appears to me that we have an impasse.

Do you have the mettle to declare an impasse and the case closed as far as the organization is concerned? Personally I do not see an apology as the solution; I see it as the first step down the slippery slope of oblivion. Morbid? Perhaps, but it's only my personal opinion.

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National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff
and Associated Press

Chinatown's Economy Still Suffering

NEW YORK—Chinatown is still reeling from the Sept. 11 attack, with thousands of workers laid off or working reduced hours, according to a report released April 4 titled "Chinatown After Sept. 11: An Economic Impact Study."

The report states that 7,685 workers, or 23 percent of the neighborhood's 33,658 work force, were laid off in Chinatown in the three months after the World Trade Center attacks.

The report, prepared by the Asian American Federation of New York, found that more than 40 of Chinatown's estimated 300 garment factories closed. Jewelry sales dropped by half and restaurants lost 30 to 70 percent of their businesses.

Among the study's recommendations were new government assistance programs that target affected Chinatown businesses, and workforce development for immigrants with limited English proficiency.

Police Teach Citizens Academy for Asian Community

ARLINGTON, Texas—Cpl. Hugh Trinh and other Arlington Police Department officials have begun hosting a citizens police academy—an eight-week class teaching residents about law enforcement basics—specifically for the city's Asian community.

About 40 people have been attending the academy each Saturday to learn how officers investigate murders and robberies, enforce traffic, respond to domestic violence calls, handle juvenile crime, deal with gangs and inform someone of a relative's death.

"Before, I know about the law very little," said Thomas C. Nguyen, who moved to the city 13 years ago. "I hunger for knowing the law, how to respect the law, how to keep the law."

Since police have reached out to them, some immigrants have started reporting robberies and assaults, now that they know they won't face deportation just because they are crime victims or witnesses.

Arlington, with more than 332,000 residents, has a 6.2 percent Asian American population, according to the 2000 census.

Wong Wins Houston Runoff

AUSTIN, Texas—Only 90 votes separated Houston Republicans Martha Wong and Mark Cole in their bid for the House District 134 nomination.

Wong, a consultant who could become Texas' first Asian American female state representative, received 51 percent of the votes cast in the April 9 primary election runoffs. Cole, a lawyer, got 49 percent.

"We've been trying to get Asians

involved in the political process because we're all a part of this country," said Wong, who will meet Democratic incumbent Debra Danburg in November.

College Paper Stirs Uproar with Racist Parodies

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—The March 29 "April Fool's" issue of Colorado College's *The Catalyst* featured a fake news brief that made demeaning references to Asian women and an article which used racial parodies of the Nickelodeon cable television channel's name.

Some are demanding that the editor of the student newspaper, Audrey Thompson, resign after publication of the April Fool's issue.

College president Kathryn Mohrman issued a letter saying, "We expect the members of our campus community to treat one another with tolerance and respect. Attempts at humor that come at the expense of others are simply not funny," Thompson said in the April 5 issue. "I did not stop the printing of this highly offensive article; therefore, I personally am to blame for the entire incident." Campus officials will decide whether Thompson will keep her job.

Eduardo Garbieloff, an editor of *The Cipher*, a sister publication of *The Catalyst*, said racism is prevalent on campus. "The feelings in the article are expressed in different ways on campus, but usually more subtly."

Former Internees Honored with Plaque

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, Wash.—Sixty years ago, 227 Japanese Americans from Bainbridge Island marched toward the Eagle Lake ferry landing, led by armed guards. They were the first of 120,000 JAs to be sent to internment camps during World War II.

Several hundred people, including about three dozen who were on the ferry, gathered March 30 to unveil a plaque on a two-ton, 4-foot-tall granite stone and hear about efforts to create an interpretive center teaching the historical legacy of the internment.

The plaque reads: "We dedicate this site to honor those who suffered and to cherish their friends and community who stood by them and welcomed them home. May the spirit of this memorial inspire each of us to safeguard constitutional rights for all."

Honored at the recent ceremony were the late Walt and Millie Woodward, publishers of the *Bainbridge Review*, the only newspaper in the country that consistently opposed the internment.

Project to Restore 'Ellis Island of the West'

ANGEL ISLAND, Calif.—

Details of Angel Island's difficult past—as the main gateway for the first Chinese immigrants in the early 20th century—are being uncovered by researchers examining the site and sifting through the National Archives and National Park Service records as part of a restoration project.

Discoveries of a segregated hospital entrance and barrack carvings of melancholy poems by Chinese immigrants, who were shuttled by ferry to Angel Island in the middle of San Francisco Bay, reveal early stories of discrimination and grim circumstances at the station, which operated from 1910 to 1940.

About one million immigrants were processed on Angel Island. But unlike Ellis, where immigrants usually waited three to five hours to be processed, the average stay on Angel Island was two to three weeks.

Albert Wong was 11 when he made the 21-day journey from China to join his father, a U.S. citizen and owner of the Oriental Café in San Jose, Calif. When Wong arrived in June 1934, he and 30 other Chinese were put in barracks, where doors were locked, armed guards patrolled the halls and chain-link fences covered the windows. Detainees were allowed out only for meals and to exercise in a dirt area surrounded by a 12-foot barbed-wire fence.

Saved from demolition in 1970 when a park ranger noticed Chinese calligraphy, researchers have since discovered dozens more than the 135 poems that had previously been translated. One poem reads: "How was I to know I would become a prisoner suffering in the wooden building? ... When my family's circumstances stir my emotions, a double stream of tears flow."

UC System Sees Minority Admissions Rise

SAN DIEGO—For the first time since it abolished affirmative action, the University of California system has admitted more minority students than it did during the last days of its race-based admissions policies.

Following the ban on race-based admissions policies in 1998, the level of underrepresented students admitted to UC schools dropped sharply. Since then, the numbers have returned to 1997 levels at some campuses.

UC San Diego saw the greatest leap in admissions of underrepresented minority students, to 14.4 percent in 2002 from 11.5 percent last year. Asian Americans continue to be well represented, comprising 33.8 percent of next year's freshman, roughly the same percentage as this year.

But despite the gains for the system as a whole, the total of minority admissions in the new freshman class at UCLA, 1,675, is still below the 2,010 the campus accepted in 1997. UC Berkeley and UC Irvine also have not returned to pre-ban levels. ■



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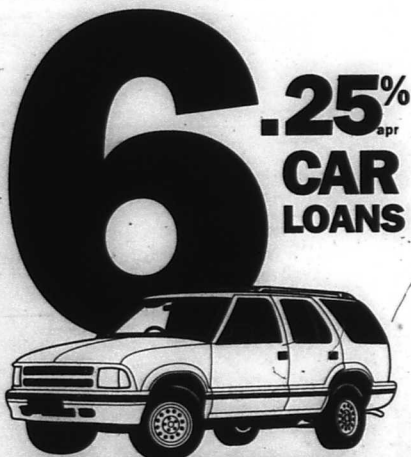
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CASIC Internship Applications Available to JACL Students

The JACL Pacific Southwest District recently announced it is partnering with CAUSE-Vision 21, a nonprofit organization promoting political empowerment for Asian Americans, and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance for the California Asian American Student Internship Coalition (CASIC) Summer Internship Program.

The program will select eight to 12 college undergraduates and high school seniors for the May 2002 program. CASIC interns, selected for their commitment to public service, will receive a

\$1,000 stipend to attend a two-day conference in Sacramento with other AA student leaders and to meet with API Legislative Caucus members and staff.

Its goals are to provide training and education in the democratic political process through exposure to how various offices of elected officials operate.

"We are excited to work with CAUSE-Vision 21 on the CASIC Summer Internship Program. For an advocacy organization like JACL, it seems to be a nice fit where we can cultivate leadership beginning now and for future gen-

erations," said Gerald Kato. "Politics affects us in everything we do, from the laws that are in place to whether or not a street light is placed on a street. If we can help students realize this at a younger age, we have taken a giant step."

JACL currently has two spots open to student members who wish to apply to the CASIC summer internship program.

Those interested can download an application and obtain more information at www.cv21.org or by calling Gerald Kato at 213/626-4471. ■

APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments, Announcements

California Assemblywoman **Wilma Chan** (D-Oakland-Alameda-Piedmont) was named as the new California Assembly Majority Leader, according to Daphne Kwok of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies. Chan becomes California's first woman to hold a key position in the California Assembly.

Paul Murakami, a Honolulu attorney, was appointed a District Family Court judge April 2 by Chief Justice Ronald Moon. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the state Senate. Murakami has been in private practice since 1989, specializing in family law and criminal defense. He was a public defender from 1984 to 1988. He was nominated by the Judicial Selection Committee after Judge Diana Warrington retired.

Roger Shimomura, University of Kansas Distinguished Professor of Art, is this year's recipient of the Artist Award for Distinguished Body of Work for his four-year, 12-venue touring exhibition, "An American Diary," announced the College Art Association. The exhibition includes 30 acrylic paintings related to the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II as seen through his grandmother's diaries. Since the summer of 1998, the exhibition has been shown in Pennsylvania, New York, Washington, D.C., Wisconsin, Mississippi, Indiana, Arizona, California, Idaho, Illinois and Washington state.

Phillip Tagami, 36, of Oakland, has been named by California Gov. Gray Davis as a member of the California State World Trade

Commission, which coordinates activities to expand international trade for the state. Currently president of the Board of Port Commissioners for the Port of Oakland, Tagami also serves on the boards of the International Diplomacy Council and of the East Bay Conservation Corps.

Debra W. Yang, 42, of Los Angeles, former federal prosecutor and Superior Court judge, has been nominated by President Bush to become the U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles. If confirmed by the Senate, she would become the first Asian American to hold the seven-county post. Yang would replace former U.S. Attorney Alejandro Mayorkas, a Democrat, who stepped down last April after almost all the 92 U.S. attorneys in the country were replaced by the new Republican administration. Yang was recommended for the job by the White House counsel's office.

Benny Y. Yee was named by California Gov. Gray Davis to the Contractors State License Board. Yee, 69, of San Francisco, previously served on the license board from 1982 to 1994. He has been president of Benny Yee & Associates, a real estate corporation, since 1984. He also serves on the San Francisco Redevelopment Commission, has been a member of the Chinese American Citizen Alliance since 1976, is vice chair of the Chinatown Neighborhood Center, and a former director of the San Francisco Association of Realtors. The board's mission is to ensure that all construction is performed in a safe, competent and professional manner. Members serve without pay, and appointments require confirmation by the state Senate. ■

Nat'l JA Memorial Foundation Elects New Chair

The National Japanese American Memorial Foundation recently elected a new chairperson, Dr. Warren N. Minami of Potomac, Md., and board members at its quarterly meeting in Seattle.

Minami, a retired executive at the International Monetary Fund, is an expert in financing and data management in the private sector and the federal government.

"We cannot let this nation forget the message of those Japanese Americans who experienced the struggles and sacrifices of World War II," Minami said. "They vowed that the injustice they endured should never happen to any other American again. It's up to us to get

the job done."

Other officers elected were first vice chairman, Norman Mineta; vice chairs, Mas Funai (Chicago), Helen Kawagoe (Carson, Calif.), Tomio Moriguchi (Seattle), James Mukoyama (Glenview, Ill.), Cressley Nakagawa (San Francisco), Dr. Margaret Oda (Honolulu), Shiro Shiraga (Northbrook, Ill.), Robert Sakata (Brighton, Colo.) and Elizabeth Yamada (La Jolla, Calif.); treasurer, Mike Shimizu (Culver City, Calif.); secretary, Phil Ishio (Silver Spring, Md.); senior advisor, George Aratani; and chairmen emerita, William (Mo) Marumoto (Washington, D.C.) and Dr. Melvin Chiogioji (Rockville, Md.).

Newly elected board members include Dr. Craig D. Uchida (Silver Spring, Md.), John Tagami (Washington, D.C.), Kathleen Buto (Washington, D.C.), Dr. Chirinjeev Kathuria (Chicago) and David Burge (Honolulu).

"We are extremely proud of the new board members," said Mukoyama, chair of the nominations committee. "Each brings a broadly diverse set of skills."

At the Seattle meeting, Mukoyama said the board passed a plan to launch Phase Two, an educational program which includes developing "materials and media events which will raise the nation's consciousness about wartime injustices." ■

Alliance Remembers WWII Soldiers Killed in Po Valley Campaign

In early April 1945, the 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team were preparing for an assault on a key German position in the rugged Apennines mountains of Italy that had resisted Allied troops for five months. This secret mission, which would become one of the most daring feats of the highly decorated unit, included the scaling of a 3,000-foot mountain in the dark with full fighting gear. In just 32 minutes, the 100th/442nd broke through the Gothic line in a surprise attack.

This month marks the 57th anniversary of the critical Po Valley battle campaign in Italy, which was the last major battle leading to the end of the war. More than 100 Japanese American soldiers and their Caucasian officers lost their lives over 24 days of combat.

The Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial

Alliance seeks to remember the soldiers in an educational CD-ROM, "Echoes of Silence," which is due out this Memorial Day. There will also be an accompanying website at www.ajawarvets.com.

In all, 812 men of the 100th/442nd died in World War II, and the CD-ROM will profile each of these individuals. It will provide the history of the 100th Battalion, the 442nd RCT, the Military Intelligence Service, the 1399th Construction Engineers and the allied units in which JAs served in WWII. "Echoes of Silence" will also present background information on the battles in which the men fought as well as the story of the JA women who served in the Women's Army Corps.

Project director Jim Yamashita said that the biographical sketches of those from the Hawaiian islands are almost complete, but the

Alliance is requesting help from friends and relatives of approximately 160 enlisted men and officers from the mainland whose profiles are still missing.

On the first day of the Po Valley campaign, 19 men were killed. "Having experienced all of the battles of the 442nd Regiment, I feel the first day's attack has to go down in the 100th/442nd history as the most daring and costly," said Yamashita.

To insure that each soldier is properly honored in time for the CD-ROM's Memorial Day release date, contact the AJA WWII Memorial Alliance, P.O. Box 1945, Montebello, CA 90640. Project Director Jim Yamashita can be reached at 562/691-0383, fax: 562/691-9959 or by e-mail at jim@adelphia.net.

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'ORIENTAL'

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Eskimos, Aleuts, and Hispanics." Although the legislation as it stands only affects the use of the word "Oriental" when used to refer to APAs, Shin would like to eventually see the use of the term banned for even commonly used phrases such as Oriental medicine. "I'd like to change it eventually," he said.

But practitioners in the field of Oriental medicine are not happy with this idea and several lobbyists made their opposition loud and clear to the Washington legislature, a main reason why Bill 5954 bans the term "Oriental" only when used for persons of Asian ancestry.

Hirohisa Oda, D. Med., president of the Meiji College of Oriental Medicine in Berkeley, Calif., has been practicing Oriental medicine for more than 20 years. He chuckles when he learns of Washington's latest legislation to ban the term "Oriental."

"I've never heard of such a complaint," he said. "It's only one person's opinion and not the opinion of the whole population." He added, "I don't know why the word 'Oriental' is bad. It's only a word."

Professor Steve Given teaches acupuncture and Oriental Medicine at Bastyr University in Washington. Although he was unaware of the passage of Bill 5954, he says the discussion of whether to continue using the term "Oriental" in his profession has been ongoing.

"We're all aware of the derogatory nature of the word when applied to a person," he said. "Although I use 'Oriental medicine' for clarity, I would not refer to one of my colleagues as Oriental."

Both Given and Oda believe that if legislators eventually decide to ban the phrase Oriental medicine, coming up with a new term won't be easy. Alternative choices such as "Chinese medicine" would exclude other Asian countries like Japan and Korea who have a long history of Oriental medicine; "Asian medicine" would exclude European countries; and "Acupuncture" only describes a small part of what

Oriental medicine practitioners do. "We're caught between a rock and a hard place," said Given. "We haven't been able to come up with a good alternative so far."

Assigned to study whether a name change for common phrases like Oriental medicine should be made is Washington State's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA). They are currently working with state and local governments to help identify and revise all obsolete racial language in official documents.

Asked what CAPAA's recommendation would be, CAPAA Interim Executive Director Thuy Vu said, "we don't know yet" emphasizing that they are conducting a thorough study of the proposal and will present their findings later this year.

Vu agrees with the current legislation to ban the use of the term "Oriental" when used to refer to a group of people. "I don't like it. The term was used during the time of the railroads," he said. "Whenever you refer to a person of Asian ancestry you should try not to use it."

But he personally does not see a problem when the word "Oriental" is used in common phrases like Oriental medicine. In this case he sees the words as being "neutral."

David Masuo, PNW district governor, was surprised to learn of Washington's recent decision. "Quite frankly I have never felt offended by this term but certainly can understand some people feeling that it may be offensive to them," he said, admitting that having grown up in Hawaii where AAs are the majority, his perspective is somewhat different. "If those among us feel offended by a term, then we should try our best not to use it."

Asked whether he felt offended when people used the word "Oriental" in reference to AAs, JAACL Executive Director John Tateishi said, "Personally, I'm not necessarily offended as much as I view the person using the term 'Oriental' as being ignorant, much in the same way I would view someone who uses the term 'Colored' to describe a black person."

But if a person is informed about the more preferred use of "AA" over the word "Oriental" but continues to use the latter, then Tateishi considers the use of the term offensive. "The reality is that we're not Oriental; it's an archaic sense of who we are as people whose ancestors came from Asia," he said.

It is not yet clear whether other states will follow in Washington state's footsteps. But Shin is already seeing some interest from other states, especially California. He spoke recently with Rep. Mike Honda, D-San Jose, who has shown interest in pursuing a similar bill.

"[Rep. Honda] supports the bill in Washington," said Ernest Baynard, press secretary for Honda's office, confirming that the representative is indeed interested in looking into the possibility of similar legislation in the state of California. Although he's not sure whether Honda would pursue legislation on a national level, Baynard thinks he would not be opposed to such an idea.

Like Shin, Honda believes the term "Oriental" in reference to APAs is just not appropriate today. "It's a term that's not reflective of the APA community today," said Baynard. "It's an anachronistic term from the past and it's a term that should be put in the past."

Although Tateishi would like to see other states follow Washington's lead, he's not so confident that there would be enough legislators who have the courage to attempt similar legislation. "[Bill 5954] is important as a social experiment because language dictates perception and shapes thoughts, and awareness is the first step to changing how people think of us or any segment of society," he said.

Tateishi is also aware that there could be accusations of oversensitivity by AAs especially if the use of phrases like Oriental medicine are eventually banned, but he added, "I'm always wary of anyone who complains about the ways in which minorities are overly sensitive. Yeah, well, we happen not to like being called by names that offend us, and by now, 'Oriental' should be among those words that are offensive to Asians." ■

COMMENTARY

Dispelling Continuing Myths Spread About Resisters of Conscience

By Frank Emi

This is in response to Sus Satow's misleading statements he made in the *Pacific Citizen* (April 5-18, 2002).

I was one of the organizers of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee (FPC), which mounted the only organized constitutional challenge to the drafting of inmates from the U.S. concentration camps so I am fully aware of what transpired at Heart Mountain. I can say with absolute certainty that there was no harassment, intimidation, threats or beatings of volunteers or draftees at Heart Mountain. In fact, some FPC members did respond to the draft. We had no problem with that. That was their choice, and we respected them for it.

Satow makes the statement: "I was in Poston War Relocation Center, Camp II, some 59 years ago when riots and beatings of JAACL leaders took place. What we veterans object to is this 'now' generation, with no apprehension of the past, seeking to 'honor' them for their action."

Fifty nine years ago would be 1943, which means there were no draft resisters because Selective Service was not implemented in the camps until Jan. 14, 1944. The reason some JAACL leaders were beaten was because they were informants to the U.S. government (Read the Lim Report).

Satow's next statement: "The claim is made that they answered 'Yes-Yes' on the loyalty questionnaire. That is a farce because if they had originally done so, Selective Service would have called them up along with those who had volunteered to fill the ranks of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the MIS. What actually happened was that the resisters originally answered 'No-No' on the loyalty questionnaire."

The Army was opened to Nisei volunteers only on Jan. 28, 1943,

and as stated earlier, the Selective Service Act was not implemented until a year later, so there was no way that the resisters could be drafted during the time period that Satow alleges. Also, the Heart Mountain resisters answered 'Yes-Yes' to the loyalty questionnaire. For proof, please search through the documents housed at the National Archives.

Satow continues his barrage of misinformation saying that "the top leaders (referring to Kiyoshi Okamoto) was removed from Heart Mountain and incarcerated at the Tule Lake Segregation Center which would indicate he was a 'No-No.'"

The fact is, Okamoto was a "Yes-Yes" and was removed from Heart Mountain because as FPC chairman, he was perceived by the War Relocation Authority as a "trouble maker" for his outspoken stand on civil rights.

Satow also states: "The second man in command was a graduate of Meiji University. Since he had fluent command of the Japanese language, his assignment was to reach out to the Issei parents of draft-age Nisei to discourage compliance with the Selective Service Act."

Satow was referring to Mr. Kubota, who was neither "second in command" nor a member of the FPC since only U.S. citizens were eligible for FPC and Mr. Kubota was not a U.S. citizen. He had nothing to do with the policies of the FPC. He translated our English articles into Japanese for the benefit of the Japanese speaking parents of the young men.

It is amazing how Satow can make such misstatements and accusations, and expect the reading public to take his statements seriously.

As a veteran, his type of outburst does not enhance the image of the Nisei veterans.

Enough is enough with the lies and misinformation by irresponsible people and organizations. ■

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Their Fate Was With Shovels and Picks: The 1800th Engineer Battalion

By MICHAEL MATATALL
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During World War II, a group of American soldiers were sent to a segregated unit called the 1800 Engineer General Service Battalion. This battalion was a special unit for Japanese, Italian, and German American soldiers placed by the government to keep them under observation for a number of reasons.

One reason was that the Japanese American soldiers expressed their anger about the mass evacuation of their community to concentration camps and their own segregation in the U.S. Army. Some of the JA soldiers were angry with the government because they were denied the right to see their families after basic training while on furlough. They were denied because of the government's unfounded concern that the JAs were spies for the Japanese government and the soldiers would tell secrets to their families.

The JA soldiers and internees had to answer the government's loyalty questionnaire. Question No. 27 read: Would you go overseas for combat duty for the United States if you are able and ordered to? and Question No. 28: Are you loyal to the United States and will you defend America? This appalled the JAs, for as one JA soldier said, "Didn't the Army believe me when

I said that?" referring to his swearing in to the Army.

Many of the JA soldiers answered "no" to Question 27 and "yes" to Question 28. They answered "no" to Question 27 because they did not believe their war was overseas; it was here in the United States, a war to fight for liberty, because they were being treated as if they were the enemy of their country. All the negative answers were looked over and the soldiers were scheduled for an interview. The soldiers who answered negatively were sent to the 1800th.

Upon their arrival, the soldiers were issued mops and brooms, shovels and picks. The Nisei had already been stripped of all their weapons after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor so they did not have any weapons to forfeit when they entered the 1800th. Their task was to repair roads, bridges, and fences damaged during military training maneuvers held in the southern United States. No matter what rank they had held, they were lowered to private upon entry in the 1800th. Many of the soldiers became skilled in their positions but they were denied all promotions.

They could be "moved up" to positions of responsibility — if they wielded a shovel and pick they could be moved up to a truck driver, truck driver to acting motor pool sergeant, and so forth, — but they would never be officially promoted



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The First Platoon of the 1800th Engineer Battalion.

to anything above the rank of private.

The soldiers of the 1800th were also not permitted to transfer anywhere unless cleared for a transfer, which meant they could not go anywhere unless they had permission from the government.

The 1800th had an excellent overall performance record and the government considered the 1800th for an overseas assignment to repair some of the destruction from the war. Most of the 1800th would have gone, protesting perhaps, however, the government did not follow up on the assignment.

After the war, each soldier of the 1800th had to attend a special military hearing to determine the degree of discharge the soldiers would receive: honorable, without honor, or dishonorable discharge. Many of the members of the 1800th received

"blue" discharges, or discharges without honor.

In 1985, 31 members of the 1800th who had received "blue" discharges brought a class action suit against the military to have their discharges overturned and honorable discharges instated. Attorney Hyman Bravin, who had represented many JA soldiers in the initial hearings after the war, agreed to represent these 31 men. As a result of a board rehearing, all 31 men had their military records changed to reflect honorable discharges.

The men of the 1800th were loyal to their country, the United States of America. They were sent to this segregated unit because of their frustration and anger about the treatment of their families and the violation of their civil rights due to their appearance and ethnic origins. ■

DEES

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courage, his legal brilliance, and all that he's done for this nation. He truly is a champion of the poor and those who are victims of social injustice."

John Tateishi, JAFL national executive director, stated of Dees: "In life, we are so fortunate when we have the honor to meet someone of Morris Dees' caliber. This is indeed a rare human being who has dedicated his life to ensuring the equality and well-being of the poor and those victimized because of the color of their skin. I'm looking forward to hearing him speak at the Sayonara Banquet."

"I hope our members appreciate how incredibly lucky we are to have someone of his stature speak at our convention," Tateishi added. "If they don't now, they certainly will after the Sayonara Banquet." ■

Correction

The website for Morris Dees' Southern Poverty Law Center was incorrectly printed in Ryan Chin's "By the Board" column (*Pacific Citizen*, April 5-18 issue). The correct Web address is splcenter.org.

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In Sports

PGA

Woods Wins Second Masters, Third Overall

AUGUSTA, Ga.—Not the best players in the world, not a toughened-up Augusta National, could stop **Tiger Woods'** march to Masters history.

An early burst of birdies gave Woods control of the redesigned course April 14; and he never let anyone closer than two strokes the rest of the way. He closed with a 1-under 71 to claim a three-stroke victory over U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen to become only the third player to win back-to-back titles.

"I was kind of surprised, no doubt about it," Woods said about no one making a run. "But that doesn't deter me from my concentration."

While the tournament was a disaster for perennial challengers Phil Mickelson, Jose Maria Olazabal, Ernie Els and Vijay Singh, Woods sailed into the 18th with an 18-foot birdie putt that just missed, but then tapped in for par and walked over

to hug his parents.

He finished at 276 and won a green jacket for the third time in six years. He became the first player to repeat as Masters champion since Nick Faldo in 1990. Jack Nicklaus was the only other, in 1965-66, and Woods' victory put him halfway to Nicklaus' mark of six Masters.

Last year, Woods battled Mickelson and David Duval down the stretch to win the Masters and become the first player to sweep four professional majors.

Goosen, Woods' closest challenger this year, didn't make a birdie until the 15th hole and moved into second. The South African closed with a 74 and finished at 279.

"I was asking one of the officials, do I get the green pants for finishing second?" Goosen said.

Woods earned \$1,008,000 for his 31st career victory, and he became the first two-time winner on the PGA Tour this year. ■

PRO BASEBALL

Suzuki's Expectations High in Second Season

PEORIA, Ariz.—**Ichiro Suzuki**, all 5-foot-9 and 160 pounds of him, surprised himself last season.

A superstar in Japan, he was a superstar in his first year in the major leagues. The Seattle Mariners right fielder was the American League MVP, the AL Rookie of the Year, led baseball with 242 hits, led the AL with a .350 batting average and led the majors with 56 stolen bases.

"I didn't imagine that someone who played my style would have that much impact on the fans of baseball, and obviously it did," Suzuki said.

At age 28, the former Orix Blue Wave star is still improving.

"Obviously, I'm more comfortable last year," he said through a translator. "But there will still be some difficulties, things that I have to overcome. I had expectations of myself last year and I have them again this year." ■

Ishii Leads Dodgers to 3-0 Win Over Padres, Nomo Posts Loss

SAN DIEGO—Los Angeles pitcher **Kazuhisa Ishii** wasn't worried that he had a rough spring training. The former Japanese All-Star knew what he was doing April 12 as he pitched six shutout innings to lead the Dodgers to a 3-0 win over the San Diego Padres.

"I've always had a lot of confidence in my pitching," said Ishii, who struggled throughout spring training, raising some concerns.

That confidence showed as the left-hander held the Padres in check with an assortment of fastballs, curves and changeups in just his second major league start.

Ishii (2-0) limited the Padres to two hits in six innings, extending his scoreless innings streak to start his American career to 11 2-3 innings.

Ishii, who struck out five and walked three, won his major league debut April 6 by allowing two hits, striking out 10, in five 2-3 shutout innings in a 9-2 victory

over Colorado.

"Because they are regular season games, my concentration has gone up," Ishii said. "Because a lot of the American writers were writing that I didn't have control, I wanted to do well."

Meanwhile, Brian Lawrence outdueled **Hideo Nomo**, leading the Padres to a 1-0 win over the Dodgers April 14.

Lawrence held the Dodgers to four hits in seven-innings. He struck out two and walked one.

Deivi Cruz singled to open the seventh, advanced on Tom Lampkin's sacrifice and scored on D'Angelo Jimenez's liner into center field.

"In terms of changing speeds, I thought I did a good job," said Nomo, who kept the Padres off-balance with his split-finger fastball. "But I chose to throw him a fastball. Unfortunately, he hit it." ■

LPGA

Pak Wins Office Depot Championship

LOS ANGELES—**Se Ri Pak** defeated the LPGA's dominant player, Swede Annika Sorenstam, to win the Office Depot Championship April 7.

Pak, who began the final round with a three-shot lead, had a 1-over 73 to finish at 7-under 209 for the 54-hole tournament.

Sorenstam, who charged from 10 shots off the lead on the final day last year and beat **Mi Hyun Kim** in a playoff, shot a 71 to come close to

making another dramatic comeback.

Her winding 30-foot birdie try on No. 18 curved just past the hole, and Pak's birdie putt from 20 feet stopped one rotation short of the cup, leaving the 24-year-old from South Korea to tap in for par and her 14th LPGA victory.

"It was really fun because there were so many Koreans out there," Pak said. "They were excited and clapping and cheering. I felt a little

bit at home."

This victory, worth \$150,000 of the \$1 million purse, was her first of the year. Last year, Pak won five times, was second behind Sorenstam on the LPGA money list and ranked second in the world.

Sorenstam had won two of the four earlier events she played this year, including defending her title in the year's first major, the Kraft Nabisco Championship, against **Kim** and **Pat Hurst**. ■

Roberts Gets Big Break Starting for Dodgers

Former UCLA standout **Dave Roberts**, 29, has already played professional baseball for nine years, but he recently got his big break as the Los Angeles Dodgers' opening-day center fielder.

During spring training, Roberts batted an impressive .400 in 17 games, but the 5-foot-10, 180-pounder was not the frontrunner for the starting outfield position. Manager Jim Tracy said Roberts made an impact with his instincts and work ethic and eventually gave him the top spot over three better-known players, Marquis Grissom, Tom Goodwin and McKay

Christensen.

After playing in the minors for two years, Roberts made his major league debut with the Cleveland Indians during his third full season in 1999, splitting time with Triple-A Buffalo.

Roberts, born in Okinawa to a Japanese mother and a black American father, was a three-sport star in football, basketball and baseball at Rancho Buena Vista High School in San Diego. He was also a three-time All-Pac 10 outfield pick from 1992 to 1994 at UCLA, where he compiled a .325 average. He and wife Tricia have a son, Cole David. ■



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Uwajimaya Hoping for Mariners' Success

SEATTLE—Tomio Moriguchi is counting on Mariners stars Ichiro Suzuki, closer Kazuhiro Sasaki and new relief pitcher Shigetoshi Hasegawa to keep the Japanese tourists coming to his Asian grocery and gift store Uwajimaya, which has flourished in the city's International District for decades.

With an aisle of live seafood and section of rare Asian fruits, the giant store is popular with the Seattle Asian community.

An advertisement in the store gives fans a chance to get a life-size Ichiro painted on their living room wall. It costs \$60 an hour and takes an average of three days.

The faces of the Japanese players are featured on the covers of many Asian publications sold in the store.

A Mariners display in the gift department is prepared for the season, with plenty of Ichiro and Sasaki shirts and hats. The Ichiro bobbleheads are going fast. Signs with Japanese characters that hang above the checkout registers read Ichiro and Daimongi, Sasaki's nickname.

"It's a devil, in a good sort of way," said Moriguchi, 65, chief executive of the family business.

Ichiro, Rookie of the Year and American League MVP last season, no longer comes himself to Uwajimaya to buy Washugyu beef. His wife and staff shop for him.

"He used to come before he got famous," Moriguchi said. "Now he can't do it without being recognized." ■

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WHEN A COLOR picture of a Nisei our good friend Mas Hashimoto, Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL) appears on the front page of a major California newspaper (*San Jose Mercury News*), that's a great eye-catcher. The caption: "Mas Hashimoto, a retired history teacher, conceived the 'Liberty Lost ... Lessons in Loyalty' event (WWII internment of Japanese Americans to be re-enacted April 27)."

Looking at *Mercury News* writer Ken McLaughlin's story, I said to Mas, it will generate TV and print media coverage and more headaches as a result.

Mas acknowledged getting interviewed by local radio stations and getting calls from other newspapers. He was especially hoping to hear from Japanese television, NHK in particular, as this re-enactment now is the last chance to dramatize the story with people who lived through the internment.

The program Mas envisioned was a dozen or so families in costume walking on the sidewalk, escorted by "1942" police officers from the public library in the center of town to the Veterans Memorial Building two short blocks away.

Vets Hall was the location from which 725 Issei and Nisei were

evacuated on April 27, 1942, to board the bus to the Salinas Assembly Center at the California Rodeo Grounds. On April 27, 2002, in front of Vets Hall, the entire street will be blocked off for registration tables and a grandstand for the program.

"East Beach Street in Watsonville will look like a movie set with vintage costumes, sedans, a police car — even a Greyhound bus built six decades ago."

A newspaper "reporter" with microphone and a movie newsreel crew will conduct interviews as they board the bus.

Sandy Lydon, a JACLer and historian emeritus from Cabrillo College, will speak around noon, recounting the historical circumstances of Evacuation. Ken Tanimoto will play Saburo Kido and explain JACL's role.

This ambitious undertaking concludes at the Henry J. Mello Center for the Performing Arts Auditorium (also Watsonville High School's auditorium). A Portuguese American, Mello, class of '41, was a state senator and a friend of JACL.

On stage, generic family incidents of Evacuation will be related: #1—Father arrested by the FBI; #2—A family split because of Highway 1; #3—A family farm lost; #4—High school seniors not

allowed to graduate with classmates; #5—No pets; #6—Where are we going?; #7—Children's needs; #8—What we can pack; #9—Reclassification to 4-C (enemy alien); #10—Banking needs; #11—One-sixteenth Japanese blood; #12—The Ben Torigoe story (A local sporting goods story); #13—The Norman Mineta Cub Scout incident. (A 10-year-old Cub Scout is introducing this story.)

Also, relatives and friends will focus on stories of Watsonville's own: Henry Izumizaki, KIA in the battle to rescue the Lost Battalion; Mitch Miyamoto, who designed the 442nd patch at Camp Shelby before the 442nd went overseas to combat; Harry Madokoro, KIA-DSC; Shig Kizuka (Co. L), Henry Arai, Distinguished Service Cross recipient and Thomas Sakamoto [of Sunnyvale], the MISer aboard the USS Missouri to witness Japan's surrender.

Following will be stories of friends in the community who supported the Japanese: the Marshalls, Tomasellos, Skillicorns, MacQuiddys, Mehls, the Chinese Americans and others. It was revealed that one Chinese American philanthropist was contributing \$10,000; the Watsonville JACL kicked in \$5,000; other donations have been generous. The Community Foundation of

Santa Cruz County has provided \$10,000.

County Supervisor Tony Campos, the son of strawberry sharecroppers who was taught by Hashimoto at Watsonville High, told the *Mercury News*: "I knew how they never wanted to talk about this because they felt like outcasts and just wanted to forget about it. So, I think an event like this is long overdue."

As vital support are the sound and lighting technicians, house manager, security, ushers and performers. Over 150 people from UC Santa Cruz, Cabrillo college students, firefighters, teachers, police officers and city officials, and half of them Nikkei, are involved. A closed-circuit TV hookup for the high school gym next door will accommodate the audience overflow.

For the outdoor morning program, the chapter secured permits to stage the re-enactment from CalTrans, City of Watsonville's police, fire, parks and recreation, and there will be sound technicians, a giant TV screen, snacks for the performers, a grandstand, 400 seats, portapotties, etc.

Mas has devoted five to six hours a day in the early planning stages. When I bumped into him in mid-March at San Francisco's Benkyodo over a cup of coffee, he quipped about the number of days until re-enactment.

"We're not a big chapter like Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Fresno, San Jose, Sacramento. We're *inaka*. But we have heart," he stressed.

As Mas was reading over Bill Hosokawa's "JACL in Quest of Justice" about the days after Dec. 7, he wondered, "What if there was no JACL around? We'd really be up the creek. And the resisters and the no-nos wouldn't have a JACL to kick around."

If one is serious, there would be, I suppose, FDR, the Army's Provost Marshal troops (the M.P.s who rode the trains and buses with evacuees and manned the guard towers and gates), and local and state minions. Uncle Sam has already apologized and survivors of what the drama of re-enactment depicts have received reparations.

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Troubled in Paradise



Brian Niiya

A Role to Play

I've been in Hawai'i for a little more than five years now and have slowly come to consider it my home. One thing I've yet to figure out, though, is how to be Japanese American here. You don't have to be here long to realize that things are very different here versus the 48. To grow up JA in California is to be aware of being a minority. You get used to looking different, spelling out your last name, and getting strange looks when you eat raw fish. Here, most people look like you, people can spell your name without being told, and everyone eats sashimi. Japanese culture permeates local culture, Japanese words and phrases pepper local dialect and high profile JAs are everywhere you look. Since World War II, local JAs have enjoyed a relatively privileged position, both in the political and economic realms.

But that relative-privilege also brings with it some challenges. Perhaps because of my kotokn baggage, it is those challenges that make me wonder. Did JA gains come at the expense of other groups? Can we use our relative privilege to improve things for groups below us in the local racial hierarchy? And what exactly does being JA mean in the context of the Hawaiian sovereignty movement?

I think the answers to the first two questions are clear: most likely and yes. While it may be overstating things to say that JAs have gained at the expense of other groups, it is certainly true that we enjoy greater opportunities than others here, just by virtue of being

JA. I think it is also clear that we must use our position to work with other groups, not only to their benefit but to ours as well. That's one of the reasons I joined the Honolulu JACL; they have always been a group that has been involved in civil rights related issues for all people here, not just JAs.

The question of the role we as JAs can or should play in the Hawaiian movement is the one I don't have a clear handle on, nor do many people with far more experience and knowledge about the issues. Certainly, there are many JAs who work with specific Hawaiian organizations or communities as well as many who are immersed in Hawaiian cultural activities. But it is also true that many (and probably most) JAs here are indifferent to the Hawaiian movement and a good number actively oppose it.

When I first got here, one of the things I found a bit strange was that there seemed to be much more interest in JA history and culture in the 48 than here. There, you have a number of major JA historical organizations, various small and large memorial groups, camp reunion groups, camp pilgrimage committees, prewar community reunion groups and so on. You see much less of that sort of thing here, at least outside the Okinawan community and the various Nisei veterans related groups.

As I've written before, I've attributed this mostly to the fact that "normal" people don't really think much about culture, history, and identity unless they think those

things are endangered. That sense has been palpable in the 48 for the last 20-plus years, given the much lower population density, the demise of some communities, out-marriage and many other factors. In Hawai'i, there is little sense of endangerment, given the continuing numbers and influence of the local Japanese.

My sense is that this could change soon. We are clearly approaching the end of an era here. The Nisei political and economic leaders who spearheaded the rise of local Japanese fortunes in the 1950s and 60s are beginning to pass from the scene in increasing numbers. The days of multiple JAs in the highest political offices seem numbered, and Daniel Inouye, the symbolic leader of that community, will be past 80 when his current Senate term ends. Changes such as these could inspire more reflection among JAs about our place in Hawai'i and greater interest in our past and future as a community.

If this does happen, we need to be ready to help guide those impulses in a good direction, to try to turn them outward, rather than just inward. The documentation of what JAs have done in Hawai'i since the war is important. But so is the application of the lessons we might learn from this history to the present situation, to our role in a multicultural society and our role as descendants of settlers in a Hawaiian nation.

Our job is to spearhead that discussion on what that role should be, for as JAs, we do have a special role to play here. ■

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Nanka Nikki Voices: Turning Points, Volume II
By Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California
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Yonsei to Shin-Issei, and include individuals such as former anchorwoman Tritia Toyota, California Assemblyman George Nakano and P.C. Editor Emeritus Harry Honda. Books are \$18 each plus shipping and handling (\$3 for first book; \$3.50 for two books, \$4 for three books, \$4.50 for four books and \$5 for five books — since copies are limited, maximum order is five per person.) Checks should be made out to JAHSS and mailed to P.O. Box 3164, Torrance, CA 90510-3164.



Wherever I Go, I Will Always Be A Loyal American: Schooling Seattle's Japanese-Americans During World War II
Edited by Yoon K. Pak
Routledge
224 pp., \$80 paperback

While a graduate student at the University of Washington, Yoon Pak, now an assistant professor of education policy studies and Asian American Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, accidentally reversed two digits on a request form for archival material and found herself reading through letters from Japanese American seventh- and eighth-grade students mailed to their homeroom teacher as they prepared to enter the Puyallup Assembly Center during WWII. Pak was so moved by the letters that she ended up changing her doctoral dissertation to focus on the experiences of these JA students from Washington Junior High and the school's response to racial issues. Pak also tracked down several of the students, who are now in their 60s, and includes their interviews in the book. The title is taken from one of the letters written by a female student.

POETRY

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By John Yau
Penguin Books
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In John Yau's latest collection of poetry, the reader encounters artists (Hiroshige and Eva Hesse), poets (Marina Tsvetayeva and George Trakl), actors (Boris Karloff and Peter Lorre), and other memorable figures such as a retired wrestler and a private eye named Genghis Chan. In many of his new poems, Yau tackles the postmodern issue: if the "I" cannot be representative, what or who can it represent?



Kid's Korner

Thanksgivings at Obaachan's

By Janet Mitsui Brown
Polychrome
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A young Japanese American girl describes her family's Thanksgiving celebration and explains why her Obaachan (grandmother) makes it so special. Anyone whose family has expanded this American holiday to include reminders of their cultural heritage will appreciate this little girl's Thanksgiving.

Japanese American Internment Camps

By William Dudley
Greenhaven Press
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Grade 7 and up

The book is divided into three chapters: "The Decision to Relocate West Coast Japanese Americans," "Constitutional Questions Raised" and "Legacies and Lingering Disputes." Each chapter includes four to six documents with a notation on the author of the document and his/her role in history. The book does not include oral interviews with former camp internees, but provides a list of books for further reading.

The Japanese

By Kathleen Fahey & Greg Nickles
Crabtree Publishing
32 pp., \$21.28 hardback
Ages 9-12

This book discusses how the early Japanese immigrants came to America to work the railroads, mines and farms. It touches upon the Chinese Exclusion Act, which allowed the Japanese to enter America; the bombing of Pearl Harbor; the camp experience; and cultural traditions still celebrated today.

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This book covers some of the forces in Japan that prompted thousands of Japanese to seek a better life in United States, the conditions on the trip over, surviving in the new country, the camp experience during World War II and the current attempt to keep certain traditions alive. The book also includes brief biographical information on five notable JAs: Patsy Mink, Pat Morita, Yoko Ono, George Takei and Kristi Yamaguchi. This volume is part of the "Coming to America" series, which, in addition to the Japanese immigrant experience, includes volumes on the Chinese, German, Irish, Italian and Scandinavian immigrants.

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JACL COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

NEW YORK CITY

Wed., April 24—Japanese American Social Services Annual Benefit Dinner; 6 p.m.; Hilton Hotel, Mercury Room; performance by Tokiko. Info: 212/255-1881, fax 212/255-3281.

Fri., April 26—Fifth Annual Cultural Bridge Awards ceremony and dinner; 6:30 p.m.; The Players, 16 Gramercy Park South; co-chaired by Celeste Holm; classical Japanese dancer Sahomi Tachibana, violinist Midori, and choreographer-director Ping Chong to be honored. Info: Frank Hrubant, 503/297-7582.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sat., April 27—JAVA Tribute Dinner to Senators Akaka and Inouye; 6:30 p.m.; Ft. Myer, VA. RSVP, info: Phil Ishio, Washington, D.C., JACL.

Wed., May 1—APA Heritage Council Scholarship Dinner; 6:30 p.m.; China Garden Restaurant, Roslyn Va.; Info: Mary/Mark Au: mlauc@erols.com.

Thurs., May 2—Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) Eighth Annual Gala Dinner; 6:30 reception, 7:30 dinner; Capital Hilton, 16th & K Streets NW.

RSVP by April 24: 202/296-9200. Info: www.apaics.org; e-mail: apaics@apaics.org.

Fri., May 3—Asian Pacific American Forum; 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Capital Hilton, 16th & K Streets NW; presented by Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) & National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA). **RSVP by April 24**: 202/296-9200. Info: www.apaics.org; e-mail: apaics@apaics.org.

Sun.-Tues., May 19-21—Annual convention: The National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development; Registration, 12 noon-5 p.m. Sunday; pre-registration tour of local AA community projects. Info: Aleyamma Mathew, 202/223-2442, info@nationalcapacd.org.

Midwest

CLEVELAND

Sun., May 19—7th Cherry Blossom Festival; 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Cleveland Metroparks/Brookside Reservation. Info: Diane Asamoto Grant, dasagram@htmail.com, or JACL WV, 216/556-2277.

DAYTON/KETTERING

Through April—Art display of the works of Pete Hiranoaka; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; Charles Lathrum Senior Center, 2900 Glengary Dr.; sponsored by the City of Kettering.

Mountain Plains

SANTA FE, N.M.

Camp, April 20—Santa Fe Internment Camp historical marker dedication ceremony; 10 a.m.; Frank Ortiz Park; photos and memorabilia still being sought for a pictorial history of the camp. Info: Joe Ando, 505/292-1858.

WYOMING

Thurs.-Mon., Aug. 30-Sept. 2—Heart Mountain Reunion 2002. Info: Raymond Uno, 801/355-0284.

Intermountain

IDAHO State

Through April 28—60th Commemoration of the Camps events in Boise, Pocatello-Blackfoot, Idaho Falls, Coeur d'Alene. Info: Jeff Gross, Bureau of Reclamation, 208/378-5059, or Les Bock, Idaho Human Rights Education Center, 208/345-0304.

Mon.-Tues., April 22-23—Living Voices (Seattle) and author Ken Mochizuki; presentations in schools in Buhl, Flir, Twin Falls and Jerome.

ONTARIO, Ore.

Wed., May 1—Snake River JACL Annual Graduation Banquet; 7 p.m.; Four Rivers Cultural Center, 676 SW Fifth Ave.; speaker, Max Mohammadi, Iranian American of Boise. **RSVP by April 26**: Mike Iseri or Mary Ann Shimojima, 541/889-8691.

POCATELLO, Idaho

May 1-31—Traveling exhibit of paintings done by Kenjiro Nomura while interned at Minidoka; Bannock County Historical Museum, Upper Ross Park. Info: Mary Lien, 208/234-0434.

Sat., May 11—JACL IDC Min Yasui

Oratorical Contest; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Bannock County Historical Museum, Upper Ross Park. Info: Josh Spry, youth representative, 801/547-9284; Micki Kawakami, 208/234-1654 or 241-3215.

SALT LAKE CITY

Tues., April 30—Mount Olympus and Salt Lake JACL joint high school scholarship dinner; 6:30 social hour, 7 p.m. dinner; Salt Lake Community College, Oak Room, Student Center, 4600 S. Redwood Rd. Info: Dick Mano, 801/972-6395, e-mail: DickMano@aol.com.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Sun., May 5—Civil Liberties Celebration; 12 noon-5 p.m.; Seattle Central Community College; statewide high school art and essay contest winners, art exhibits, films; guest speakers include U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye.

Northern California

BERKELEY

Wed., April 24—"Love Gathers All" poetry and book sale fund raiser; 7 p.m.; Pusod Center, 1808 Fifth St.; Filipino and Singaporean poets present poems on love and eros. Info: 510/883-1808.

Sun., April 28—Berkeley JACL Scholarship and Pioneer Awards luncheon; 12 noon; Silver Dragon Restaurant, 835 Webster St., Oakland; guest speaker, award-winning KTVU reporter/community activist Robert Handa. **RSVP by April 20**: Ron Tanaka, 925/932-7947.

EL CERRITO

Sat., May 4—Sakura Kai Health Fair; 8:30-2 p.m.; El Cerrito Open House Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave.; free health screenings, brochures, etc.; Contra Costa and Diablo Valley JACL chapters assisting. Info: Kimi Honda, 510/524-6338.

ROHNERT PARK

Sat., April 27—Joint Sonoma County JACL/RECA potluck dinner; 6 p.m.; 4H Center, 6445 Commerce Blvd.; Rohnert Park Filipino community members invited.

SACRAMENTO

Sun., May 5—NCWNP District Council Meeting; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; University Union, California State University Sacramento.

SALINAS

Sun., April 21—Salinas Valley JACL 2002 golf tournament fund raiser; Salinas Fairways; cost includes shotgun start, fees, prizes, cart and a BBQ luncheon. Info: Bob Oka, 831/424-9644.

SAN FRANCISCO

Thursdays thru Sundays, April 18-21 and 25-28—"Tokyo Bound," written and performed by Amy Hill; 8 p.m., except Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St.; a one-woman autobiographical multimedia show. Tickets: 415/440-5545. Info: www.asianamericantheater.org.

Wed., April 24—Japan's Ambassador Ryozo Kato will speak on U.S.-Japan relations in the past 9/11 world; 5:30 p.m. registration; World Affairs Center, 312 Sutter St., 2nd Floor. Info: Christopher Sigur, executive director, Japan Society of Northern California, 415/986-4383.

Wed., April 24—Book reading, "American Son," with author Brian Ascalonoley; 8 p.m.; JACCC, 1840 Post St. at Buchanan; presented by Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center's United States of Asia America Festival 2002. Free. Info: 415/440-7148.

Sat., April 27—Lecture, "Osteoporosis: Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment"; 1-3 p.m.; Hinode Tower-Nihonmachi Terrace, 1615 Sutter St. at Octavia; presented by Isra Saaded, M.D., assistant research scientist in the Osteoporosis & Arthritis Group at UCSF. Info: Florence Dobashi, 415/661-0413; e-mail: Fhdobashi@aol.com.

Sat., May 4—"Reclaiming the Legacy—Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in United States History"; 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Lone Mountain Conference Center, University of San Francisco, 2130 Fulton St.; exhibits, visual and performing arts, scholars and family historians; tours of participating institutions on Sunday, May 5. **RSVP by April 24**. Info: National Archives and Records Administration, 650/876-9249.

Through May 4—Exhibit, "Bridges," works by contemporary Korean American and Japanese American women artists; National Japanese American Historical Society, 1684 Post St. Info: 415/921-5007; www.njahs.org.

Sat., May 11—National JACL Resisters of Conscience Ceremony; 1:30 p.m., JACCCN; Congressman Mike Honda, keynote speaker. Info: Alan Teruya, NCWNPgov@cs.com, or Andy Noguchi, AndyNoguchi@worldnet.att.net.

SAN JOSE

Sun., April 28—Book reading, slide presentation and discussion: "Topaz Moon: Chiura Obata's Art of the Internment," with author Kimi Kodani Hill; 1:30 p.m.; San Jose JACL Issei Memorial Building, 565 N. Fifth St. Free. Info: 408/295-1250.

Sun., April 28—25th Annual San Jose Nikkei Matsuri; 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m.; Jackson St. between Fourth and Sixth; traditional and contemporary Japanese food; taiko groups and contemporary jazz; arts, crafts, handicrafts, gifts and clothing, historical displays, Nihonmachi run and walk, health fair, farmer's market, children's cultural program, etc. Free. Info: Warren Hayashi, 408/241-0900 or www.nikkeimatsuri.org.

Sat., May 4—West Valley JACL Next Generation's Tenth Anniversary celebration; 6 p.m. cocktails, 8 p.m. dinner, M.C.s: TV newscasters Robert and Arlene Handa; fashion show by Nikkei Traditions; silent auction; dancing; recognition of members of the West Valley JACL, Senior Club and Next Generation who have contributed to the organization. Tickets: Nikkei Traditions or Jim Nagareda, 408/971-6456; Judy Tachibana, 408/621-7715; Pam Yoshida, 408/293-4432.

Fri., May 10—Third Annual Ed Iwasaki Memorial Fund Scholarship Reception; 6 p.m. BBQ & reception; JACL Issei Memorial Building, 565 N. Fifth St., Japan town; honoring the scholarship recipients, contributors, supporters, friends and family; **RSVP by May 8**: Fax: 408/298-7554; e-mail: Adele Iwasaki at masamichan@aol.com; Joyce Iwasaki at joyce@sugimura.com.

SAN MATEO

Sun., April 21—Sakura Matsuri Senior Appreciation Breakfast; 9 a.m.; Miyako Hotel; honoring outstanding volunteers; co-hosts, San Francisco Nikkei Lions and AT&T. No charge for breakfast. **RSVP**: JACL Community Center, 343-2793.

Sun., April 28—Sunday Movie Matinee: "Rikyu"; 1:30 p.m.; JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St. Info: 650/343-2793.

Sat., May 4—Northern California Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society (JEMS) Women's Ministry 13th Annual Luncheon; 9 a.m. registration, 9:45 a.m. program, 12 noon lunch; featuring Ada Lum, Bible teacher, author and missionary. **RSVP by April 20**: 408/578-9357.

SEBASTOPOL

Sup., May 5—Sonoma County JACL's Annual Spring Breakfast; 8 a.m.-noon; Enmanji Memorial Hall.

STOCKTON

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

WATSONVILLE-SANTA CRUZ

Sat., April 27—Re-enactment of the WWII Japanese American internment, "Liberty Lost... Lessons in Loyalty"; 12 noon; Vet's Memorial Hall, 215 E. Beach St., continuing at the Mello Center, 250 E. Beach St.; invited keynote speaker Norman Mineta, U.S. Secretary of Transportation; presented by the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL and the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County. Free, but tickets are required (limit 2); call 831/722-6859, email: libertylosttickets@yahoo.com. Info: <www.watsonvillesantacruzjaco.org>

Central California

FRESNO

Sun., April 28—Fresno JACL Scholarship Luncheon, 12 noon; Sunnyside Country Club; **RSVP**: Ron Nakagawa, 276-7069, e-mail: makagawa@fres-

noebc.com.

Tues., May 7—Fresno JACL Nikkei Service Center Annual Japanese Obento Benefit; raffle; free movie classics, shown at 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Obento tickets must be purchased in advance. Info: 559/237-4006.

Sat.-Mon., May 18-20—Asian Accents Benefit Fashion Show; 1-5 p.m. on Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sun, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Mon.; Fresno Airport Holiday Inn, Valley Center Ballroom; to raise funds to build the Central California Nikkei Foundation skilled nursing facility. Info: Nikkei Service Center, Donna Ishii, 559/237-4006, or Asian Accents, Eileen Tabata Fitzpatrick, 949/854-8822.

MANZANAR

Fri., April 26—Groundbreaking celebration for the Interpretive Center; 11 a.m.; light refreshments provided by the Independence Chamber of Commerce. Info: National Park Service, 760/878-2194.

Sat., April 27—33rd Manzanar Pilgrimage; beginning at 12 noon; "After Dark MADNESS" program at the American Legion Hall in Independence begins at 6:30 p.m. Info: 323/662-5102, www.manzanarcommittee.org; e-mail: sueke@msn.com.

Southern California

Through April 24—NBC4 and American Red Cross Health Fair Expo; full range of free and low-cost screenings for adults at 35 sites throughout Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. For locations and times: 800/488-3976, www.redcross-la.org, or www.nbcrtv.com.

BEVERLY HILLS

Wed., April 24—Seminar, "Television and the War on Terrorism: The Artistic Community Responds to 9/11"; 6:30-8 p.m.; John H. Mitchell Theater, Museum of Television and Radio, 465 N. Beverly Dr.; Irene Hirano of JANM included on panel. Tickets: 310/786-1091.

BUENA PARK

Thurs., May 16—Youth Recognition Night; 7 p.m.; Holiday Inn; featuring TV and screen actor Clyde Kusatsu from Hawaii; honoring Nikkei graduates from Orange and Southeast L.A. counties. For reservations and/or scholarship applications: Dr. Garrett Wada, 714/827-9780, fax 714/484-9203.

LOS ANGELES

Thurs.-Sun., April 18-21—American Cinematheque presents John Woo Tribute in Person; Egyptian Theatre, 6712 Hollywood Blvd. Call 323/466-FILM for schedule.

Thurs., April 25—Documentary film, "Another America" by Michael Cho; 7:30 p.m.; Visual Communications, 130 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo; Free, but **RSVP**: 213/680-4462 ext 58.

Mon., May 6—PSW District board meeting; PSWD Office, Little Tokyo. Info: Carol Saito, 213/626-4471 or office@japsw.org.

MONTEREY PARK

Sat.-Sun., April 20-21—Cherry Blossom Festival; Barnes Park, 350 S. McPherrin Ave.; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday; Chris Ho Band, bachi pageant, taiko, dance, judo, fashion show, martial arts, tea ceremony, flower arranging, Kamekomi dolls, origami, children's day display, puppet troupe, video and film screening, MIS/442nd RCT quilt project, food, handicrafts, more. Info: 626/307-2533, www.mpkrecreation.com/specialevents/cherry.htm.

OXNARD

Sat.-Sun., May 18-19—2002 Oxnard Strawberry Festival; Ventura County JACL to operate a beer concession. Info: Ruby Sumino, 499-4070.

RIVERSIDE

Sun., May 19—Riverside JACL Scholarship/Graduation Dinner; 5 p.m.; First Christian Church, Jurupa and Brocton.

TORRANCE

Sat.-Sun., April 20-21—Torrance Bunka Sai Sister City Association Japanese Festival; 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd.; bonsai, calligraphy, crafts, dolls, door prizes, Japanese food and dance, games for children, tea ceremony, etc.; South Bay JACL will have a beer, teriyaki plate booth on Sunday only. Info: Diane Tanaka, 310/222-5709, e-mail: dihana@yahoo.com.

WEST COVINA

Sat., April 27—Mother's Day Flower

Fund Raiser; orders taken 9-12:30 p.m. to be picked up on Saturday, May 11; East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center Gakuen, 1203 W. Puente Ave. Info: Merle Ahn, 909/396-1060, e-mail: merleahn@linkline.com.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Sun.-Sun., June 25-30—National JACL Biennial Convention. Info: www.jacl.org; Betsy Atkins, 702/221-0414; Las Vegas JACL, 702/382-4443.

PHOENIX

Sun., May 5—Arizona JACL Sarah Hutchings Clardy Scholarship luncheon; Glendale Civic Plaza; John Tateishi, guest speaker; Info: Ted Namba, 623/572-9913, or e-mail: Caseyfolks@aol.com.

Sun., May 5—Arizona JACL picnic; Desert Breeze Park. Info: Ted Namba, 623/572-9913, or Caseyfolks@aol.com.

RENO

Sun., April 28—Video broadcast, "Uncommon Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties"; 10 p.m., KNBP Channel 5; tells the story of the MIS during WWII and the occupation of Japan.

Hawaii

HONOLULU

Tues.-Thurs., Sept. 24-26—Opening ceremony and reception for the JAKWV Korean War Exhibit; Hawaii Capitol Grounds; speakers, retired Lt. Gen. Alan Ono and Medal of Honor awardee Hershey Miyamura; optional tours to Pearl Harbor, the Battleship Missouri, the Arizona Memorial, the Polynesian Cultural Center and the Punch Bowl, etc. Info: 818/591-1269, tonaim@pacbell.net.

Thurs., Sept. 26-Sun., Oct. 6—JAKWV Hawaii tour and cruise on the Royal Caribbean liner, "Vision of the Seas"; departing Honolulu, stopping at Maui, Kauai, Kona, Hawaii Island, docking at Ensenada, Mexico; chartered buses from Ensenada to Los Angeles and San Diego for connecting flights. Info: From the mainland, call Victor Muraoka, 818/897-1533, fax 818/897-1714, or Frank Kamata, 310/515-1369. From Hawaii, Call Stan Igawa, 808/696-8998. ■

AMY HILL PERFORMS IN "TOKYO BOUND," HER ONE-WOMAN AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL MULTI-MEDIA SHOW. VISIT WWW.ASIANAMERICANTHEATER.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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OBITUARY

Actress Nobu McCarthy Dies at 67

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Nobu McCarthy, Hollywood and stage actress and former artistic director of East West Players, died April 6 at the age of 67 while on the set of a movie she was filming in Londrina, Brazil.

She had just returned to work after recovering from pneumonia and was stricken with an aneurysm in her aorta, said Tamlyn Tomita, who was working with McCarthy on the independent film.

The movie "Gaijin II," about several generations of Japanese immigrants in Brazil, suspended production following her death. "We all liked her," said Mako, fellow actor and founding artistic director of EWP. "She became a very steady actress, although she had arthritis that sometimes made her move in a way that looked older than she was."

Her remains were cremated and funeral services were held April 7 in Brazil.

McCarthy was born Nobu Atsumi in Ottawa, Canada, where her father was a private secretary to the Japanese ambassador. She was brought to Japan as a baby and later trained in ballet and sang on stage and radio. She became a successful model and was named Miss Tokyo.

She married U.S. Army Sgt. David McCarthy in 1955 despite the objections of her parents.

An agent spotted her in Little Tokyo in Los Angeles, and she was sent to an audition at Paramount Pictures that landed her a role in the Jerry Lewis comedy "The Geisha Boy" in 1958. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, McCarthy appeared in "The Hunters," "Wake Me When It's Over" and "Walk Like a Dragon."

McCarthy withdrew from acting in the late 1960s, but after a divorce in 1970 she revived her career by joining EWP in 1971

and playing a number of small stage roles. She served as EWP's artistic director from 1989 to 1993 and received a lifetime achievement award from the group in 1996, along with late husband William Cuthbert.

She brought her calming influence to the group, broadened the outreach, and brought a sense of balance and stability," said former "Star Trek" star George Takei.

Later credits for McCarthy included the landmark TV movie "Farewell to Manzanar" in 1976 and the films "Karate Kid II" in 1986 and "Pacific Heights" in 1990.

For the past 10 years, McCarthy also taught a popular theater class at UCLA's Asian American Studies Program, according to Director Don Nakanishi.

In honor of McCarthy, UCLA's Asian American Studies Center will be establishing a Nobu McCarthy endowment to support theater/performing arts activities focusing on the Asian American experience. Contributions can be made to the "UCLA Foundation/Nobu McCarthy Fund," and sent to UCLA Asian American Studies Center, 3230 Campbell Hall, P.O. Box 951546, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1546.

East West Players will be establishing a separate Nobu McCarthy Foundation. Contributions can be made to the "Nobu McCarthy Foundation," and sent to East West Players, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Cards and koden to the McCarthy family can be sent to the above addresses.

McCarthy is survived by two children from her first marriage, Marlon and Serena, and three brothers. ■



Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Kawamura, Jun, 72, Lodi, March 5; Sacramento-born veteran; survived by son Stephen and wife Vicki; brother Sam and wife Yumi; sisters Mary Hayashi and husband Shig, Lillie Ushijima and husband Jim; sisters-in-law Frances Oka-

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moto, Mary Kamibayashi and husband Ted, Miyuki Inenaga and husband George; brother-in-law Davis Koga.

Kimura, James Shigemitsu, 74, North Hollywood, March 19; Kohala, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Judy, daughters Abigail, Leona; son James Jr., 4 g.

Kimura, James Shigeo, 82, West Los Angeles, March 17; Washington-born; survived by wife Kimi; daughters Diane Eiko Yamano and husband Mike, Edith Chaplin and husband Carl; 3 g.; 5 ggc.; brother Henry Ohmoto.

Kuga, Naohi Bill, 88, Gardena, March 21; Santa Barbara-born; survived by wife Fusaye Betty; son Dennis Naoto and wife Sandi; daughter Naomi Jean Kishimoto and husband Ben; son-in-law Edwin Yoshizawa, stepsons Donald S. Ikeda and wife Beverly, Kenneth Akira Ikeda and wife Jane; 12 g.

Kumagai, Tsutomu Ben, 93, Gardena, March 25; Arroyo Grande-born; recipient of the Order of Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays; survived by son Henry Ichiro and wife Judy; daughters Dianne K. Kitazumi and husband Seiichi, Joanne Gelle and husband Joseph, Nancy Kutnick and husband Paul; 10 g.; 3 ggc.; brother Dick and wife Lily; sister-in-law Mitsuko Muranaka (Yorba Linda).

Kunimatsu, Shiro H., 84, Bellingham, Wash., April 4; Anacortes, Wash.-born, longtime Chicago resident; he directed construction of the Sears Tower, John Hancock

Building and Water Tower Place shopping mall in Chicago; survived by wife Ryoko and many nieces and nephews.

Kurimura, Robert T., 82, Spokane, Wash., March 30; survived by wife Kuni; sons John and wife Kathryn (Spokane), Roy and wife Trina (Liberty Lake); daughter Diane Kurimura (Spokane); 8 g.; 3 ggc.; brother Ted and wife Marie (Seattle); sisters Tayeko Moriguchi (Minnetonka, Minn.), Barbara Matsudaira (Seattle).

Mayeda, Toshiko, 80, Los Angeles, March 16; survived by daughters Karen Mayeda, Joyce Mayeda Jones and husband Tom, Janice Mayeda, Susan Mayeda Johansen and husband Eric; 3 g.; brother Yoshio Minami; sister Masako Minami; sister-in-law Ruth Minami.

Mitsuko, Seiki, 86, San Jose, March 7; survived by husband Richard Sr.; sons Richard Jr., Donald; daughter Arlene Driscoll.

Miyashita, John T., 80, DeSoto, Texas, April 2; survived by wife Imu; sons Craig (Spring, Texas), Glenn (Grapevine, Texas); daughter Laura Thompson (DeSoto); 6 g.; brothers Kazuo, Masal.

Morita, Masaru "Muzzy," 86, Anaheim, March 22; Gardena-born resident of Huntington Beach; survived by wife Alice Fumiye Watanabe; son Allan M.; daughters Dr. Linda Morita, Mona Kelly, Edna Yabu and husband Jon; Patricia Nagai and husband Robert; 5 g.

Nakagawa, Kikuye, 92, Los Angeles, March 14; Hilo, Hawaii-born; survived by sons Marshall Yuji and wife Janice Keiko, Leland Kazuo; daughters Joy Hatsuki Peralez and husband John, Darlene Nobuko Camacho; 4 g.

Natsuhara, Tom Tokomichi, 80, Manteca, March 10; Washington State-born; survived by wife Nancy; son Sterling; daughter Sheryl Tokunaga and husband Rick; 1 g.; brother Jack.

Neishi, Hiroshi, 83, San Leandro, March 1; longtime resident of Hanford and Oakland; survived by wife Michiko; son Ken and wife Carol; daughters Masae, Carol Larsson and husband Peter; 2 g.; brothers Torao, Hideo and wife Julia, Mitsugi and wife Alice, Motomu.

Nishinaka, Akiko, 81, Los Angeles, March 26; Denver-born; survived by daughter Terry Kazuyo Cobb and husband David (Irvine).

Ohara, Noriyoshi, 88, Gardena, March 11; Kagoshima-born; survived by sons Yoshifumi and wife Satomi, Yoshishiko and wife Asano; daughter Fumiko Lorenzo and husband Blenny; son-in-law Katsuaki Matsuda; 8 g.

Okuno, Edward Yoshimi, 80, Pasadena, March 17; Kingsburg-born; survived by wife Alice Mutsu; sons Ken, Dale and wife Ayako; daughters Susan Okuno and husband Richard Wojtzak, Sandra Lee and husband Roger; 9 g.; sister Kimi Fujimoto; brother Shig Okuno.

Oshiro, Alice Misao, 90, Torrance, March 17; Kawai, Hawaii-born; survived by sons James Seiichi and wife Akiko, Matsuchi and wife Haruko, Teruo and wife Yoshiko (both Hawaii); daughters Asako Nakasono Yagi (Hawaii), Alice Sachiko Nakasono and husband Masanori; daughter-in-law Jane Oshiro; son-in-law Saburo Chinen (Hawaii); 29 g.; 32 ggc., 3 ggc.; sisters Kay Kikuye Kaneshiro, Helen Fukiko Nozaki; brother Stanley Kosei Awa and wife Ruth (Hawaii); sister-in-law Ethel Awa (Hawaii).

Oshita, Tadashi Ben, 89, Los Angeles, March 19; Seattle-born;

survived by wife Shigeko; son Thomas Akira and wife Candace; daughter Catherine Kazuko Oshita; 2 g.; brothers-in-law Yoshio Fujimoto and wife Nobuko (Fresno), Hiromu Kawamoto and wife Hideko, Mitsuru Kawamoto and wife Nobuko, Sho Kawamoto.

Ota, Judy Nishimoto, Los Angeles, March 12; survived by children Kazuo Ota, Maria Eugenia Aguilera; sister Kathy Nishimoto Masaoka and husband Mark; father-in-law Hiroshi Ota; sisters-in-law Runkio Ota, Fuyue Ohata and husband Ron (Washington, D.C.), Emily Okano and husband Howard; Linda Ota and brother-in-law Roy Ota; predeceased by parents Dick and Chizu Nishimoto.

Saito, Henry, 91, Oceanside, March 15; Longtime florist in Los Angeles; predeceased by wife Lillian Okura.

Saito, Mitsuko, 96, Los Angeles, March 8; Ibaragi-ken-born naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by husband Takashi; son Nobuo Yokoyama and wife Seiko (Tokyo); 3 g.; 6 ggc.; sister Aiko Kitagawa (Japan); brother-in-law Frank Saito (Chicago).

Tabuchi, Chizuko, 81, Los Angeles, March 21; Gardena-born; survived by husband Takeshige; sons Takekazu and wife Shobu (Japan), Hiroshi and wife Eiko; daughter Kazuyo Jabumi and husband Koh; 8 g.; sisters Sumiko Ishino and husband Kanemasa, Tomiko Nakamura and husband James, Hanayo Oda; brother Yoshio Wada and wife Yoshiko (Japan); sister-in-law Tetsuko Tabuchi (Seattle).

Takeda, Shizuo, 90, Seattle, March 17; Maui, Hawaii-born. Japan-educated; Gila Bend internec. longtime resident of Pasadena; survived by daughter Sylvia Domoto; 3 g.; 1 ggc.; sister Doris Aoyama and husband Tadashi (Port Townsend, Wash.); brothers James Ikeda and wife Dorothy (Hilo, Hawaii), Bennett Ikeda and wife Hatsuko (Okinawa); predeceased by husband Seiichi.

Takemoto, Jim Masaji, 59, Bellflower, March 22; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Angela; sister Michiko Leger and husband Lee; nephew James L. Leger.

Wada, Yukio, 82, San Jose, March 25; survived by wife Yasuko; sons Brian and wife Laura, Rod and wife Grace, David and wife Cathy; 5 g.; brothers Kenmie, Frank; predeceased by son Paul.

Yasunaka, Shizuka, 104, Burlingame, March 21; survived by daughter Haruo Suga and husband Fusako, Gloria Yamauchi; son Kaneaki Yasunaka and wife Emi; 3 ggc.; predeceased by husband Hideichi.

Yoshihiro, Grace Mitsuko, 83, Newbury Park, March 8; survived by son Robert; brother Hiroshi Muto; sister Teiko Sugano. ■

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