By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—An apology was made and a challenge posed. After more than a decade of bitter internal debate, the JACL held a public ceremony on May 11 to apologize to the Nisei resisters of conscience, a group of men and women who refused to serve in the U.S. military during World War II until the civil rights of Japanese Americans were restored and their families released from U.S. concentration camps. Because this stand defined JACL’s wartime policy of proving loyalty through military service, JACL’s wartime leaders actively opposed the resisters and often vilified them in the pages of the Pacific Citizen.

The May 11 event, which was held at the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern California, attracted an estimated 350 people.

“Today’s ceremony is a clear recognition that JACL neglected to support the resisters of conscience, in their protest against injustice,” said National JACL President Floyd Mori, who at one point became emotional. “In passing this resolution at our last convention, JACL offers a sincere apology for the painful experiences and memories caused by this neglect. I know that words cannot sufficiently restore that which was lost nor erase the suffering that has occurred. But it is my hope that JACL has been shown a sense of pride and honor for having been here today. May all of us remember these events as a lesson that will improve our understanding and increase our resolve to forgive and move to the next step in our lives.”

Mori, who lost an older brother during WWII, experienced first-hand the horror of war, but he also took issue with those who continue to accuse the resisters as being “cowards, troublemakers and hooligans” who evaded the draft. “We recognize those who were guided by the moral dictates of their conscience to protest injustice,” he wrote. “We do not condone any of the physical and mental harassment that was perpetrated by some who called themselves resisters nor does today’s ceremony apply to them.”

At the same time, Mori did not forget the contributions of the Nisei soldiers. “For those who served in the Armed Forces, we are proud of the legacy that they left us. We honor them today as we have in many local and national events in the past. Their service and valor is in large measure responsible for the positive image that we in the Japanese American community are blessed to enjoy today.”

Drawing parallels to the terrorist acts of today, Mori exhorted Japanese Americans to mend the rifts from more than six decades ago, saying that the consequences of not reconciling were too great.

“May we as individuals and as an organization strive to develop a new understanding and its accompanying virtue of compassion. The threat of terrorism today can find us with

inselves to express compassion in any form. The legacy of resisters in our history must have filtered into the horrible blasters of terrorism that we witness today. May we learn from their folly in reason and heart. Let us leave any wounds that have occurred in the past where they belong and from which we can learn. Then let us bring in the future agents to a more sullen set of eyes that seek for understanding and a heart that has the capacity for

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Solo Resister From Jerome Attends Historic JACL Ceremony
By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

For Nisei resister Joe Yamakido, the 80, May 11, JACL resisters ceremony was the first JACL function he’d ever attended.

Yamakido is believed to be the solo resister to come out of the Jerome War Relocation Authority camp, which had been in operation for only 624 days, the shortest among the 10 WRA camps.

But even before the draft issue came up, the FBI had Yamakido pegged as a troublemaker.

Just 11 days after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, See RESISTER/page 7

JACL Jr. Olympics to Celebrate Golden Anniversary
By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

As a high school track athlete in 1977, Brian Motooka once competed against the best in the world.

He took a bronze in the 330-yard low hurdles at the California Central Coast Section championships against Andre Phillips, who would go on to become an Olympic medalist.

Only five years earlier did Motooka, at the age of 12, compete in his first race at the 1972 JACL Junior Olympics, where he won an "Athlete of the Division" award.

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eBay Still Using 'Jap' on Auction Site
By CAROLINE AYAGI
Executive Editor

Almost a year after various Asian American groups, including JACL, first protested eBay’s use of the derogatory term "Jap" as an abbreviation for all things Japanese and Japanese American on their auction site, little has changed.

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of World War II Japanese and JA memorabilia such as "Pearl Harbor/Stop the Dirty Jap 78 Specialty WWII Jap Landing Forces Cup," and "Newspaper WWII Jap Planes at MCH 942," "When Pacific Citizen broke the story last June, over 2,000 items using "Jap" in their titles or descriptions were listed on the international site. Of this week there were more than 2,800 list-

ings containing the derogatory word.

"What eBay is doing is dancing around the First Amendment, but frankly, I think it has more to do with their arrogance and racist atti-

dudes than with their belief in any sacred principle of the Constitution," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director, who has personally spoken with eBay representatives to no avail. "It comes down to their unwillingness to do something they’re fully capable of doing: banning the use of "g" racist and derogatory word. If that isn’t racist, then I don’t know what it is."

"eBay is the world’s largest online auction site, and they have 46 million registered users selling and buying fancies of items from comic books and clothing to electronic equipment and cars. When registered users want to auction off their items they simply fill out a form listing the item, its description, and include any photos. Once this happens, the bidding begins.

"eBay policy is that the term "language that is racist, hateful, sexual, or obscene in nature ... eBay relies on its customer service and a response is forwarded usually between 12-36 hours.

"I know many consider the term [Jap] derogatory but we need to balance the interests of those who find it derogatory with those who have a legitimate right to sell items on the site," said Kevin Panghong, eBay senior director of communications. He added, "We will continue our education process.

According to Panghong, since P.C. contacted eBay last year, the company has worked to inform its users that Jpn is the preferred abbreviation for the words Japan and Japanese. Although eBay’s customer service agents do their best to filter out blatantly racist statements from users in the United States and countries, when Jap is used as an abbreviation for the words Japanese and Japan with no intent

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Japanese Schools

I am working on a book about Japanese language schools and the attack on Pearl Harbor during World War II. I have visited several archives and read nearly everything published about this subject, but I greatly appreciate any help in creating a picture of the students' experiences.

I would be grateful if your readers could share their memories and images of their experiences. I am particularly interested in how the language of school changed over the years and if they know when their community reacted to the schools. Please mention the name of the school attended and the years in which they attended.

I am not quite sure how I will use this opportunity — perhaps the last — to honor the memory and contribution of those who were living during the worrisome wartime years. Larry was our voice when we were silenced. She was an American who lived in concentration camps, his intellectual integrity and passion for the cause of justice and courage. Surely, there is space for one more vacant chair at the honor table for gallant ghosts.

Sachiko Salt Lake City, Utah

A Response to Prof. Muller

While Professor Eric Muller (P.C., Letters to the Editor, May 3-16, 2002) was very descriptive of the America-Japan relations, I am Japanese American and am following the attack on Pearl Harbor, I question his statement that the 1872 treaty was signed in arriving at some of his statements. It was negotiated under the stand that the "resisters" took during World War II. We have today very devoted Japanese people in our own VFV organization (Sacramento) who at one time or another took a similar negative stand under the circumstances existing at that time and have subsequently fulfilled Federation purposes.

Muller states: "The JACL leaders worked closely with federal government officials to hold the resisters and to demolish the career of a Nisei newspaperman who published their views." The resisters and the Nisei newspaperman were after that statement that had anything to do with actions taken by the JACL leadership whereas, with sedition laws in the States and the Japanese American public's sense of "Kimi on." (obligation). The resisters were sent to prison as a consequence of their actions, later were pardoned but unfortunately for the newspaper.

From the Director

John Tateishi, JACL National Executive Director

Final Countdown to Las Vegas

If you haven’t signed up yet for the convention, I urge you to do it before the registration packets disappear (I believe by the end of May). We’ve blocked rooms at the Riverwalk Hotel for delegates, supporters and urge you to sign up at the convention hotel.

We’ve guaranteed a block of rooms at the Riverwalk for our delegates, supporters and friends to make sure you don’t run out of rooms if you don’t sign up. Please make sure you let them know that your reservation is for the JACL convention.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Las Vegas.

Letters to the Editor

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If you have moved, please send information to:
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San Francisco, CA 94115

Allow 6 weeks for changes to be made.

To avoid interruptions in receiving your FJC, please notify your postmaster not to continue to send your change of address in your change of address (EFS Form 3579).
Man Found Guilty in Attacks on AA Women CHICAGO—The man charged in a series of attacks against Asian American women was found guilty of sexually assaulting a teenage girl.

Mark Anthony Lewis, 35, was convicted May 2 of one count of home invasion and eight counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault for repeatedly raping the girl on June 12, 2000. The girl, who is Vietnamese, was 15 at the time and the youngest of his alleged victims.

Lewis posed as a police officer and handcuffed the girl as he raped her in several rooms of her parents' home.

He is awaiting trial on charges that he sexually assaulted eight other women — most of them of Asian descent — between April and July 2000 in Chicago and its suburbs. He allegedly posed as a census taker, an FBI agent, an immigration official and a police officer to get into women's homes.


The Hmong, a hill tribe in Laos, received refuge in the United States after the U.S. troops pulled out of Vietnam and it fell to communism in 1975. Hmong soldiers helped U.S. pilots shoot down planes over Laos during the war, served as spies and disrupted supplies going to North Vietnamese troops.

The Lao Veterans of America want federal law changed to define some 45,000 HMong veterans, including 2,000 in Wisconsin, as U.S. veterans so they can receive military funeral honors.

said Wangvee Vang, national director for the group headquartered in Fresno, Calif.

Other veterans groups support the idea but say changing the federal law is unrealistic given that the military honor guard system at funerals is already overloaded.

Still, state Rep. Terry Musser, R-Rock River Falls, is exploring what the state can do. "I think we owe it to them," said the Vietnam veteran and chairman of the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee. "It's just a small way to acknowledge their service to our country, a final thank-you for helping us in a time of need.

Go Center Honors Legacy of Hiroshima Survivors SEATTLE—The Seattle Go Center's outside sign is an over-sized game board which commemorates the survivors of the Hiroshima atomic bombing.

Black and white Go stones have been placed on the sign board in the exact pattern that had emerged in a champion's game being played seven days outside of the Japanese city on Aug. 6, 1945, by Kaoru Iwamoto, a renowned Go master.

The title match ended amid shattered windows and streams of injured refugee's fleeing the bomb.

"He quit playing and eventually dedicated his life to promoting peace in a way that made sense for him, which was to teach people to play Go," said Chris Kirschner, an officer at the center.

"The last time I saw him, he was here in 1996 for our third anniversary, and he told me, 'OK, 96,'" Kirschner said. He was very happy to see what we had here because he saw all people playing Go, including an Korean, Japanese, Chinese and Caucasian.

Iwamoto founded the Go Center in New York, which currently owns a four-story brownstone on 529 West Street, near the United Nations building.

Poll: California Voters Support 'Racial Privacy Initiative' SAN FRANCISCO—A proposed ballot initiative that would allow the state to classify people by race is backed by nearly half of California voters, but most also say they don't know much about it, a new poll says.

Conservatives champion the "Racial Privacy Initiative" as a step towards a colorblind society. Liberals blast it as an attempt to undermine anti-discrimination laws.

It would ban state and local government from recording race on everything from high school dropout rates to whether a city's police force is as diverse as its population.

The poll, released May 1 by the Field Institute, showed 48 percent said they supported it and 34 percent oppose it, with 18 percent undecided.

Half of the Hispanics and whites surveyed supported it, while blacks were split at 42 percent yes and 41 percent no. Asian Americans were the only group to oppose it — 42 percent were against it and 35 percent approved.

"It's the Asian that is surprising to me," said sponsor Ward Connerly, the University of California regent whose Proposition 209 abolished race-based affirmative action six years ago. "A large volume of (petition) signatures were turned in by Asians.

Connerly's group submitted 900,000 signatures on April 19 and needs 670,000 of those to be certified by June 24 to see the measure on the November ballot.

Report Reveals Insurance Policies on Slaves, Chinese Laborers SAN FRANCISCO—The California Department of Insurance released on May 1 the names of companies that issued policies insuring the lives of slaves, a move activists say could bolster the case for reparations for descendants.

Ace USA, Aetna, AIG, New York Life, Penn Mutual and Royal Sun & Alliance were named in the department's report as companies that provided records indicating half or more of their policies may have issued policies showing black slaves were considered property.

The report also found evidence that the practice was not limited to Africans. Life provided one policy that insured shipper's of their cargo of 700 Chinese laborers on a journey from China in 1854.

The workers were valued at $120 each. After three of the "cooless" jumped overboard and 11 others died of disease, Manhattan Life paid $408, according to a 1961 speech made by the company's president, the report said.

California appears to be the first state to require insurers and companies to submit data on slave policies they issued before 1865, according to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

In April, three descendants filed suit against Aetna, puddleton Financial Corp., and railroad giant CSX on behalf of themselves and millions of other blacks, claiming the companies—or their corporate predecessors—unjustly profited from slavery.

Vietnamese History Taught in California WESTMINSTER, Calif.—Junior high and high school instructors in Orange County, home to the nation's largest Vietnamese American community, are teaching an education in Vietnamese history.

Five hundred copies of "Vietnamese Americans. Lessons in American History" were distributed to the Anaheim Union High School district by the Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance. The group spent $2,500 to develop the curriculum, said Michael Matsuda, the group's chairman and a high school teacher.

A timeline of events that occurred in Little Saigon fell, and in both Vietnam and the United States after 1975.

Westminster's "Little Saigon" erupted in protests in 1999, when the City Council voted to allow a video owner for hanging up communist icons. The protests are also part of the history taught.

Vietnamese Americans numbered 135,548 in Orange County in 2000, according to the 2000 Census, and the group is highly concentrated in Little Saigon.

Saipan Hotel Accused of Discrimination SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands—The back of an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission file revealed a discrimination suit May 1 against the Dai-Ichi Hotel Saipan Beach.

The lawsuit alleges the hotel discriminated against Filipinos because they were Filipino. It also claims the hotel denied promoting to non-Philippine nationals, even in a brochure against a cook for filing a discrimination claim against the company.

The EEOC filed the suit in May 1998 following a union organizing campaign. An investigation found the hotel hired only Filipino workers from Nepal because the hotel believed the Nepalese workers would not form a union.

The National Labor Board ordered a new election of the hotel to take back 38 employees.

As of May 1, 23 had returned to work, but 15 had not. The hotel was overturned on appeal, so the workers could lose their jobs again, the attorney says.

The lawsuit seeks permanent reinstatement of the workers, cessation of suffering and punitive damages.

YWCA, JA Churches Settle Dispute Rooted in California History SAN FRANCISCO—A dispute that recurred a time when Asian immigrants were prohibited from owning land became a legal battle with the YWCA selling a landmark building to a community daycare center.

On May 8, official ownership was transferred from the YWCA to Nihonmachi Little Friends, a community daycare and preschool program that already occupies the building in the city's Japantown neighborhood, said Cathy Inamuro, the group's executive director.

Nihonmachi paid $733,000 for the building, concluding a lawsuit filed by the Japanese Historical Society of the Central California, a group of Christian churches serving the Japanese American community. The suit sought to enforce a promise the YWCCA allegedly made to Japanese women in the 1920s. At the time, the group, which formed the YWCA and raised money to buy the property, was the YWCA.

But because Japanese immigrants couldn't own property under California's alien land law, they turned it over to the church, which it held the building in trust for the Japanese YWCA, the lawsuit said.

In 1966, the YWCA put the building up for sale for $1.65 million, saying it was the owner, and the Japanese church group sued.

PHOTO: KIRSTEN MIRMAN
**APAs in the News**

Reed Fujii was one of 64 winners selected by the Associated Press News Educators Council for an annual contest honoring the best news writing and photography by AP member newspapers in California and Nevada. Fujii, of the Stockton Record, was honored in the business writing category for his piece "What Price Power?" Awards will be presented at the annual APNEC Conference May 18 at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, Calif. Winners were chosen by editors from AP member newspapers in Indiana from more than 1,000 entries submitted to 2001.

Wilfred W. Hu, 43, of Hilsboro, Calif., was appointed by California Gov. Gray Davis as a member of the board of the Chapman University Board, which regulates the practice of architecture in the interest of public health, safety and welfare. Hu has been the CEO of Group Azure LLC, a real estate development company, since 1998. He is a member of the California International Relations Federation, California World Trade Commission, San Francisco Human Rights Commission and the Midtown Neighborhood Association.

Chang-cue Lee, 36, award-winning Korean American author, was appointed to Princeton University's Humanities Council and creative writing program. He joins other acclaimed authors and Princeton faculty, Toni Morrison and Joyce Carol Oates. Lee's 1995 debut novel "Native Son" was the Ernest Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award and the American Book Award. His second novel, "A Curious Gesture," the story of an elderly medical doctor who treated "comfort women" during World War II, was the Anisfield-Wolf Prize in Fiction and the Asian American Literary Award. In 1998, he became director of the MFA program in creative writing at Hunter College of the City University of New York and was an Old Dominion Fellow of the Columbia University at Princeton last fall.

Joanne Lee, director of the journalism program at Queens College University, was hired as the dean of the University of Nevada's journalism school in Reno. She was the first AA hired for on-air television news in Sacramento at KXTV and has worked at stations in Chicago and women as well as CNN's New York bureau. Born in Hong Kong, Lee grew up in Manhattan's East Side. She is the author of several books, "Asian Americans" and "Asian American Actors" and a novel, "Virtual Escape."

Ted Lies, 52, of Toronto, was named director of the Public Safety Committee. He became the first AA on the army committee since George Nakano, who ran for state assembly in 1998. Lies previously served on active duty as a U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate (JAG). He has prosecuted and defended military courts-martial cases and served as Chief of Operations for military operations. He currently serves as captain in the Air Force Reserve at March Air Force Base and is an attorney at the law firm Munger, Tolles & Olson.

Judith K. Sakaki, 49, vice president for student affairs and dean of students at California State University, Fresno, was named vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of California, Davis. With more than 25 years of experience as a higher education administrator, Sakaki previously held several positions at CSU-Hayward in student academic services, educational psychology and outreach counseling for battered women and children. She is currently a co-chair of the CSU Council of Vice Presidents for Student Affairs.

Joan Shimogashira received a City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works recognition award for spearheading the West Los Angeles Sawtelle corridor project, which helped to beautify and enhance a community originally built by JA families in the early 1920s. Shimogashira, a JACL member, received financial support from the organization to plant trees and curbs the neighborhood.

Jeanette C. Takamura was recently named Columbia University's 17th dean of its 103-year-old School of Social Work. Takamura was assistant secretary for aging at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 1997 to 2001. Since June 2001, she has held the Edward R. Royal Endowed Chair in Applied Gerontology and Service at California State University Los Angeles. On July 1, 2002, Takamura will be the first female dean at the nation's oldest school of social work.

Gov. Davis appointed Dr. Tim Yu, 53, of Palo Verdes, Calif., and Dr. Jimmy Yue, 43, of La Canada, Calif., as members of the Osteopathic Medical Board of California. Yu has more than 20 years of experience in the environmental field. He previously worked for TRW, Inc., where he studied the environmental impact of alternate energy sources, and was the chairman of the Year Award in 1995 and 1996. Yue is an osteopathic doctor in private practice in Fullerton, with a focus in nephrology (treatment of kidneys) and internal medicine.

More Minorities Graduating from California Colleges

**By ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ANAPOLIS, Md.—Minorities earned 62 percent more college degrees in Maryland last year, according to a recently released report.

The Maryland Higher Education Commission found that Asian Americans, Hispanics, blacks and American Indians earned 6,780 bachelor's degrees last year, up 4,133 in 1992.

The state's public and private schools awarded 1,601 bachelor's degrees to AsAs in 2001, compared with 1,038 in 1992. Hispanics' earnings bachelor's degrees increased from 393 to 599, while blacks jumped from 2,657 to 4,428. American Indian graduates rose from 45 to 72.

Sacramento Assembly Dedication for WWII Nisei Veterans

Assemblymember George Nakano and the California State Assembly are inviting all WWII Nisei veterans and their spouses in California to a special dedication at the state Capitol in Sacramento, June 24.

The California Assembly has never formally recognized the gallantry of the Nisei veterans and would like to personally present their gratitude and appreciation on the assembly chamber floor. The proposed schedule for the event includes a welcome breakfast, Capitol tour, assembly floor dedication, reception, and screening of the documentary, "A Tradition of Honor," created by the Go For Broke Educational Foundation and its Hanashi Oral History Program.

Reservations for the dedication, breakfast and dinner must be made by June 7 by calling the Go For Broke Educational Foundation at 310/328-0070. The deadline is May 22. Checks should be made to "109/442/MS" and mailed to the Go For Broke Educational Foundation, Attn: Sacramento Tour, P.O. Box 2590, Gardena, CA 90247.

For more information, call Don Ishiara or Diane Tanaka at 310/302-0078; or e-mail: esolier@gotobroke.org.

For accommodations only, a special rate at the Clarion has been negotiated. Call 800/443-0880 and refer to the group name, "Go For Broke."
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Many of these participants are competing at the highest levels of competition.

Robert Lee, 52, began competing in the 1970s, while in high school and still holds two records set in 1972 in the 50-yard and 100-yard fly events.

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Yamakido was arrested for violating the curfew and thrown into a Hermosa Beach jail. In jail, Yamakido was forced to strip naked in front of five burly police officers.

"They made me strip completely naked, embarrassing as hell," recalled Yamakido. "It seemed like they wanted to beat the shit out of me. Then the chief of police walked in and threw a white."

It so happened that the chief of police had been of German ancestry whose father had undergone similar treatment during World War I. While Yamakido was released on bail with an apology from the chief of police, he now had a FBI file.

When a mob broke out at the Santa Monica Assembly Center, where Yamakido ended up, he was among the first to be picked up and jailed by the FBI, who falsely accused him of inciting the riot.

By the time Yamakido arrived in Jerome, he was being held and "at times beat up by the FBI." He had been diagnosed as having a "superordinate loyalty questionnaire" and "yes" on two of the FBI's "yes" questions. He was being held because he would be willing to fight to the death for the United States as long as he had a machine gun.

"I was born here so I thought I should be born with the same rights as everyone else," said Yamakido. "I shouldn't have to go to war to prove my loyalty to the U.S."

Yamakido's court trial, like many of the other Nisei draft resisters' trials, was a farce. His public defender never even came to discuss the case with him, and three Caucasian, whom Yamakido had never seen before, were ready to testify against him.

To top it off, the food in the Arizona prison was so bad that Yamakido lost 50 lbs. while awaiting his trial.

Yamakido was eventually sentenced to three years at the Tule Lake federal penitentiary in Texas, where the only other Ninkkei inmate he saw were three resisters from Rohrer.

At Tule Lake, Yamakido nearly lost his life after he got into an argument with a Caucasian inmate and ended up slopping calling him a "dirty Jap." Later, while they were being let out of their cell to go to lunch, Yamakido got jumped by this Caucasian inmate and his friends.

The situation escalated so fast that Yamakido had no idea how many came at him, plus he was so much shorter than the Caucasians that he didn't look over their heads.

"I'm lucky to be alive," said Yamakido, who was a judo expert. "The guards didn't want to stop the fight. They were yelling, 'Kill the Jap. Kill the Jap.' And the guys behind us were racing around me setting me against the wall so nobody could get behind me. If I'd fallen on the ground, they probably wouldn't have stomped on me and that would've been it."

During the fight, Yamakido's clothes were literally torn off him and he was left standing with nothing more than his underwear. But the fight lasted for some time and Yamakido came out physically unscathed. He's not sure how his reputation made it through.

For this incident, Yamakido got thrown in the hole for five days with nothing to eat each day but three pieces of bread and one beet.

On a more positive note, Yamakido's Judeo expertise gained him respect among the inmates and the Caucasian inmate he'd had such a near-deadly argument with even apologized to Yamakido.

Another inmate who took a liking to Yamakido was a former governor of Louisiana, who was serving time for embezzlement. Through him, Yamakido learned how he could restore his constitutional rights (i.e., the right to vote, gain a Legion, etc.) despite his felony conviction. As a result, Yamakido volunteered for the military and served as a cook at the Presidio in California.

Today, Yamakido doesn't much enjoy remembering his past, in part because he feels that some of the accusations against the resisters such as being labeled as cowards, and Yamakido bristles.

"I'd like to see these guys spend one month in jail," said Yamakido. "It is on their conscience the thing they went through, and for what they'd survive."

Over 200 guests attended a "tribute to the Japanese American Flower Growers" luncheon sponsored by the Arizona chapter in Phoenix recently. Seven local JA families who have raised flowers on Baseline Road in South Phoenix for 60 years were honored, including the Iwakobis, Kishiyama, Marynatsis, Nakagawa, Nakamura, Sakato and Watanabe families.

The heyday of the flower growers was from 1950 to 1975, and their gardens were featured in such publications as Arizona Highways, Phoenix Gazette, Arizona Republic, and on the front cover of National Geographic in 1977.

The flower grower family representatives were (l-r): Susan Iwakobi, Craig, George Kishiyama, Nick Nakagawa, Sandi Barton (Sakato), Soo Nakamura, Yoko Marynatsi and Kenya Watanabe.

AsianCineVision seeks Film Submissions

AsianCineVision is seeking works-in-progress of Asian American films for a workshop at the 25th Asian American Film Festival taking place July 30 at the Asia Society and Museum in New York City.

The workshop, which will be moderated by award-winning filmmaker Greg Pak, will provide participants with feedback and support in a supportive criticism from a live audience of filmmakers who will screen works currently being edited.

Filmmakers interested in participating should download the PDF entry form at www.asiancinemavision.org and send their films to: Work-in-Progress, 25th AAFF, AsianCineVision, 133 West 19th Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10011.

The deadline for submission is May 27.
Harry K. Honda

Hark, the Historians of Japanese American Heritage

"KEEP SCRIBBLING!" Those were the exhortations by Sandy Sugiyama, the West Japan Supervisor for the Watervliet several years ago. They were the words of the late Caryllo Calirro, Aptos, Calif., and author of "The Japanese in the Monterey Bay Region: A Brief History" (164 pp., Capitola Book Co., 1997), his dramatic role as the narrator of the Theodore Waddell tape recording, the "Re-Enactment, 2002" — from scenes of evacuations registering at the Veterans' Memorial Building, historically the same site 60 years ago, and dooming us to yet another 1941 Greendale bash for the ride to the temporary detention center, to the mid-forties production of "Dr. Mello Center (Watervliet High School's auditorium) and introductions of Watervliet's Own, the World War II Nisei veterans — was lucrative and factually too much to recount here.

The entire Watervliet-Santa Cruz JACL production has been viewed on the job. It will be shown again. Which means additional funding. Background: Back in the mid-1900s, Japanese communities in Monterey, Salinas, Watsonville, Santa Cruz and Salinas were in the forefront of the concept of on (rhymes with bone) — was the glue that bound the Japanese and their allies during the war. By contrast, a clearer explanation: to Wit: The

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to be derogatory, the usage will be allowed, said Pengrove. He also noted that most users will place a personal spin on it and that he has also heard complaints from British users over the usage of the abbreviated form Brit. Pengrove also explained that eBay's search engine does not have the ability to search each usage of *Jay*; since legitimate words like Japan or Japanese are never categorized in the database. eBay's response thus far has not satisfied members of the JA community, says Nakano. "It's concerning that the issue was brought to his attention earlier this year he immediately called Steve Westley, one of the founders of eBay and a personal friend. Westley referred him to one of the vice presidents at eBay. Although the v.p. was unresponsive at first, a second call to Westley revealed nothing in eBay's change in attitude. Not only did eBay agree at that time to look into the matter, but they did not agree that they would implement a pop-up sign letting users know that "Jay" was derogatory and was not to be used on the site. In addition; the pop-up was to explain why the term is considered racist.

"That item is used exclusively to demean Japanese Americans and Japanese," said Nakano. "Demeaning JAs leads to dehumanizing JAs and that's a precursive step to actually destroying them, there's a historical usage of the word that prompts the dehumanizing of the term."

Although eBay told Nakano that a pop-up system was to be in place, P.C. contacted the V.P. and such a system did not exist on the site. In fact, P.C. contacted several eBay sellers who were using the term to list and they were not informed by eBay to stop using "Jay" as the abbreviation of Japanese but, after being informed, P.C. would no longer use the term. "Nothing has changed," Nakano informed of eBay's policy. Thank you for bringing this to my attention, Nakano added, who had been selling a Celtic Dine CD. "In the future I will use JP for Japanese items only.

In addition, P.C. sent a letter to eBay's customer service pointing out the derogatory term "Jay" appeared frequently on the site. Although they sent a mail acknowledging receipt of the complaint, an explanation of their use of the term "Jay" was never received.

"Nothing has having an effect," Nakano continued. "Apart from the fact that eBay chooses to ignore complaints from the smaller AA community but would not be ignoring complaints from larger minority groups like the African American or Jewish community. It's because of political clout," he said. "They view Asians as's' because they don't have the same political clout."

Nakano plans to hold a meeting with the JACL representatives and JACL. He's hopeful that by sitting down to discuss the issue there will be a clearer understanding over why eBay should stop using the term "Jay" on their site. He also plans to get the Asian Pacific American Legislative Caucus involved with this issue. Important to note the website is owned by the AA community over racist Abercrombie & Fitch (A&F) T- Shirt which states, "Two Wongs Can Make It White", prompted quick action by eBay. Robert Spurlock, Spurlock and Spurlock pulled all the T-Shirts off their site. But the complaints over the use of the term "Jay" was never received little reaction in the company. Tatsuhara believes eBay reacted quickly because A&F was generating a lot of negative publicity, whereas the issue over the use of the term "Jay" didn't hit the mainstream media yet.

This issue is still relatively quiet and not much has happened or been affected yet," he said. "This is typical of racist attitudes in American culture, as we won't make the issue of bottom-line issues involved because they lack the sense of responsibility to act as a leader. Unfortunately, they just don't care if it's a threat to their image

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Yamasaki to Play First Pro Game with Miami May 30

Ludley Yamasaki, the 6-foot-1 Stanford guard and two-year All-Pac 10 Team pick, will be the first Japanese American woman to go as she was selected in the second round of the WNBA draft by the Miami Sol. She was the 29th pick overall.

In her senior year with the Cardinal, Yamasaki averaged a team-high 17.2 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.2 assists per game. In addition to being a member of the gold-medal winning USA Basketball World University Games Team, an Oregonian, she made the WBCA All-Star Team and was named an AP All-American honorable mention in 2002. Yamasaki will play her first West Coast game on May 30 against the Los Angeles Sparks. The Sol will then face the Seattle Storm on July 7 and the Sacramento Monarchs on July 17.

Wang Adjusting to American, NBA Culture

DALLAS—Wang Zhihao, the first Asian to join the NBA, has averaged fewer than a point a game in the Dallas Mavericks’ current playoff run and doesn’t get many minutes on the court, but his coach—systems coach Patricio—has given him the value he deserves. The next year is going to be a telltale year for him.

Wang, who is learning English, has struggled with the NBA style of play and a language barrier, mostly answering questions with nods or through interpreter Sary Benzi, also an assistant coach.

“The NBA thinking that is the toughest thing,” Wang said through Benzi.

Wang impressed international scouts at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996, where he averaged 11 points and 5.6 rebounds per game as China placed eighth in the games.

Before he was selected by the Mavericks in the second round of the 1999 NBA Draft, Wang scored 25 points and 11 rebounds a game for the Bayi Rockets, leading them to consecutive Chinese Basketball Association championships.

Marlins Defeat Nomo Again

MIAMI—The Florida Marlins beat Hideo Nomo for the 100th consecutive start on May 11 with Ichiro Suzuki getting 3-for-4 to raise his average to .360. Pitcher John LePage (2.0) making his third start of the season, limited the Red Sox to five hits and a walk, with four strikeouts and one hit in the second inning over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Nomo (2-5) gave up seven runs, six earned in 4-2-3 innings and fell to 0-1 against the Marlins on the season. He established a 1-3 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

College Baseball

Komek Makes First Appearance After Injury

LINCOLN, Neb.—All-American pitcher Shane Komek made his first appearance in more than one year on May 10 at Nebraska State Fair, beating Cal Poly San Luis Obispo 7-3 on May 10. Komek saw his first game action since April 5, when he suffered a torn rotator cuff in his right pitching arm. He held the Mustangs to one hit in three innings of relief.

Jamie Rodriguez (6-3) allowed eight hits and three runs in five innings to earn the win. The Huskers are now 34-17.

PRO BASEBALL

Sasakis Signs Contract Extension

SEATTLE—Seattle Mariners closer Kazuhiro Sasakí signed a two-year contract extension May 11 that takes him through the 2004 season and includes an option for a third year.

Sasakí, 34, rejoined the May 11 after returning from a trip to Yokohama, Japan, where he spent May 9 after he was married, because ill. The right-hander pitched the ninth for his eighth save against the second Red Sox in the second game of a three-game weekend series.

“I think two years is about right,” said general manager Pat Gillick.

“I think two years is a pretty good deal for the club and the player. His out pitch is a split (split-fingered fastball). Unless he gets arthropitis in his fingers, he should be fine.”

In 13 appearances this season, Sasakí has not allowed an earned run and has struck out 20 and walked one. He has only given up two hits, three 2-3 outs and six strikeouts, and has seven saves in nine opportunities.

He is the American League Rookie of the Year in 2000, when he set a major league record with 37 saves. In 2001, he broke his own team record and finished second in the league in saves.

Sasakí formerly pitched with the Yokohama Bay Stars from 1990 to 1999 and set a Japanese record with 229 career saves.

PRO BASKETBALL

Shinjo Makes Big Play as Giants Defeat Expos

MONTREAL—Troy-cho Shinjo’s sensational throw was the talk of the Giants’ clubhouse May 11 as San Francisco beat the Montreal Expos 3-2.

Before the largest Olympic Stadium crowd in opening day, Shingo threw out the potential tying run at the plate in the eighth inning after Kent Hrbek double gave the Giants the lead in the top half.

“That’s one of the best plays of the year for us,” said catcher Benito Santiago, who caught the center fielder’s one-hop throw from right and tagged out Troy L’Oeary to protect the Giants’ one-run lead.

With 29,778 on hand for discount tickets and promotional hot dogs, Olerud singled out with one in the bottom half and tried to score on Fernando Tatis’ double off the right-field wall. The ball bounced away from Montreal catcher Bubba Beatty, who backing up Benard, retrieved the ball.

“I didn’t say anything to Marvin,” he told me, “Home! Home!” Manager John said through an interpreter.

From deep right field, he threw one a outs told.

“If that’s exactly what you’re sup- posed to do,” said Expo manager and Hall of Famer outfielder Frank Robinson. “He did it, though, that’s a run. A lot of outfielders will double back to protect the hit, but he did what you practice doing. The center fielder had to break as soon as the ball is hit and he did that and made an amazing catch.”

San Francisco won its 10th in 12 games. The Expos were leading 2-1 after Toma Okita held the Giants to four hits and one run through seven innings.

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Television

NAATA to Feature JA Stories for APA Heritage Month

The National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA) is bringing Japanese American stories to the forefront at its part of public television lineup for May, which is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Eight programs will be presented, including Stuart Yamamoto’s “Journey of Honor,” which explores the heroism and patriotism of Japanese American military veterans.

Shinjo makes big play as Giants defeat Expos.


To check out NAATA’s website “Exploring the Japanese Internment Through Film and Internet,” visit www.JAinterrnet.org.
All the troops in California except as noted.

Arii, Yukio, 73, Los Angeles, April 20; Terminal Island-born; sur-
vived by wife Virginia, big brother and wife Dayna, Kevin and wife Donna, Don and wife Sachi; daugh-
ter Catherine Rush and husband Bernard; 9 g.; brother Takashi and wife; brothers-in-law George Takemura and wife Chinita, Harry Takemura and wife Mary; Arthur Takemura and wife Mary.

Chichima, Ben Tsutsumo, 79, Mountain View, March 21; Swink, Colo.; born: a 23-year-plus U.S. Army veteran; he served in the 100th Battalion, 442nd, in WWII, and was taken prisoner by the Japanese. Survived by wife; daughters Jan Trevidy and husband Noah, Shizuko Chichima (both Sedro Woolley, Wash.); g.; brother Akira "Buster"; sisters Mary Date and husband, June Masunaga, Moe Chichima; sister-in-law Joyce Chi-

Eddow, Kamako Auye, 75, Los Angeles, April 19; survived by hus-
band Hato; sons Doug and wife Deb; daughter Alyson Popa and husband Mike; 6 g.; sisters-in-law Patricia Kimoto, Yo, Arlene Kishi and husband Ray, Virginia Yomodo; brother-in-law, John Yano; daughters Yvonne and husband Jan.

Fujii, Misora "Mickey," 77, Honolulu, April 18; North Plate, Neb.; born; survived by husband Hato; sons Maci and husband Richard; son-in-law and wife Chimi, Norio Albert, daughters Sachiko Linda Shira and husband Daren Shinya, Hideko Sallie Kane and husband Richard Ill; 3 g.; sisters-in-law.

Fujita, Joseph Iwami, 80, Culver City, April 24; Los Angeles-
born; WWII veteran; survived by companion Sylvia Tang; daughter Lynn Takiyama Akamune and husband Don; sons Gary; g.; sister-in-law (Jean) Yuki; brother Rev. Saake and wife Yasuko.

Hano, Rev., Shinsho, 75, Glen
dale, April 4; Tokyo-born; brother by wife Cecilia; sons Raymond Masami (San Francisco), Don Hiroshi and wife Takehashi.

Higashida, Rev. Kazuo Kay, 81, Los Angeles, April 26; Kamatomo-

ken-born; survived by wife Michiko; sons Makoto, Clyde and wife Nancy; Ken; and wife Yoko; daughters Harumi Yamashita and husband Gary, Hitomi Matsumoto and hus-
band Rocky, Akemi Kamura and husband 

Takamatsu; 9 g.; sister Yoko; brother-in-law Yutaka; sisters-in-law Miki Yasui and wife Takeuchi.

Imai, Shin, 77, Boise, Idaho, April 29; Hood River, Ore.; born; WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Mary; daughters Janie Rush and husband Randy; 2 g.; brothers Shige, Hitoshi, George, Tetsu; sister Akiko Nakamura; pre-
deced by her mother, Masa and sister, Kotoho; sister Molly Marie Lynn.

Inouye, Tomohide, 82, Losita, April 16; Terminal Island-born; sur-
vived by son Donald; daughters Sandra, Joyce, Cindy and husband Marty; 2 g.; brother-in-law George Nakamura; in-laws; brother-in-law Masa and sister, Kotoho; sister-in-law Sakiko Kobokawa.

Isrei, Saburo George, 81, San Francisco, April 18; survived by wife Yoko; sons Don and wife Mary; Greg; 2 g.; sister Haruko; brother-in-law Kenichi Tomo.

Ito, Ronny Y., 60, Del Mar, April 15; Torrance-born; survived by wife Thelma R.; daughters Wendy K. Wong (Millhain, Hawaii), Shen S. Goo (Hawaii); sons Randy M. (Gardena), Lance Y. (Honolulu), Troy T. (Del Mar); father Joe (Los Angeles); sisters Betty Yamanaka (Kailua, Hawaii); brothers Luckie and Dennis; brothers-in-law Mickey and Joe (both Los Angeles); 4 g.;

Iwao, Tadashi Tom, 87, Del Mar Heights, April 12; survived by wife Hina; brothers-in-law Hiram Okubu; sisters-in-law Masa and husband Iwao, Taka Takeda, Nob Okubo; nephews and nieces.

Kido, Hisako, 81, Riverside, April 16; Oso Flaco-born; survived by son Ken (Riverside); daughter Alice Tomooka (Santa Maria); brother-in-law Takanori (San Jose); 6 g. 8 g.

Kinoohata, Howard Satoshi, 83; San Francisco, April 16; sur-
vived by wife; children Jack and Richard; brother-in-law Hideo (Tokyo); sons Dean and wife Sarah; daughter Nancy; grandchildren Steve, Tammy, Kelly, Apple, Georgia and Jeffrey.

Kishida, March 16; WWII U.S. Army ve-
nutarian, in the 522nd Artillery 

Corps; survived by wife Minako and 

daughter Danny; 9 g.; sister; Hano Yohiroshi and husband Kunio.

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Matsunuma, Tai, 96, West Los Angeles, April 25; Tamana, Kuma-

koto-ken-born; survived by son Shigehito; sons Don and wife Mildred; daughter Sueko Kakimoto and hus-
band Koichi; 4 g.; 7 g.; broth-

ers Shichizo and brother-in-law 
ters-in-law Fuji Tsuba, Aki Kitano, Emiko Tsuba (all Japan).

Minakami, Itsuo Hideo, 81, Los Angeles, April 2; Los Angeles-
born; Vietnam War veteran; sur-
vived by brother Tomo; brothers Viktor and wife Marian, Martin, Michael, Martin, and wife Sylvia; sisters Janis Fungestain and husband Lewis (New York);

Murai, Edmund, 76, Doruto, March 11; survived by husband and wife; son-in-law Michael; wife Sylvia; sons Jann Fungestain and husband Lewis (New York);

Murakami, Enuda, 76, Doruto, March 11; survived by husband and wife; children; daughter in-law and husband 

Pearl Harbor; 2 g.; siblings 
junior, Rosy Ishiyama, Francisc; 

Murakami, George, M., Chi-

cago, April 6; service; by sons; daughters; sisters; brothers; g.;

Nakashojo, Tadashi, 79, San Jose, March 31; Wakayama-born; sur-
vived by wife Maki; son; Michael; daughter-in-law and husband 

Shigeru; g.; brother

Nakao, Virginia T., 78, Berke-
ey, April 12; Alameda-born; sur-
vived by sister Betty Miyake (Carbondale); daughter William "San" Nakao, and wife Sarah; 2 g.;

Nakao, Shigeo, 77, Arlington, April 19; Yamaguchi-born; sur-
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