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Historic Apology Marks First Step in Reconciliation Between JACL and Resisters

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 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 defied 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 we can all share in 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 stage in our lives."

Mori, who lost an older brother during WWII, experienced firsthand the sorrows 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 said. "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 with today."

Drawing parallels to the terrorist acts of today, Mori exhorted Japanese America 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 understanding and its accompanying virtue of compassion. The terrorists of today cannot find it with-

in themselves to express compassion in any form. The legacy of wrongs in the past have festered into the horrible blisters of terrorism that we witness today. May we learn from their folly in reasoning. Let us leave any wrongs that have occurred in the past where they belong and from where we can learn. Then let us bring in the future looking through a more selfless set of eyes that seek for understanding and a heart that has the capacity for

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Back row (l-r): George Kurasaki (Heart Mountain), Bob Nagahara (Heart Mountain), Halley Minoura (Heart Mountain), Terry Uyemoto (Amache), Takashi Hoshizaki (Heart Mountain), Joyce Eniko Kawasaki (daughter of late Thomas Kawasaki of Amache), Gene Akutsu (Minidoka and for late brother Jim Akutsu), Middle row (l-r): Susumu Yenokida (Amache, also for his late brother Minoru), James Uyeda (Heart Mountain), Noboru Taguma (Amache), Ken Yoshida (Topaz), Harry Yoshikawa (Amache), Joe Norikane (Amache), Gloria Kubota (wife of late Guntaro Kubota of Heart Mountain), Front row (l-r): Yosh Kuroriya (Heart Mountain), Joe Yamakido (Jerome), George Nozawa (Heart Mountain), George Ishikawa (Heart Mountain), Frank Emi (Heart Mountain), Mits Koshiyama (Heart Mountain), Toshi Kawamoto (wife of late David Kawamoto of Heart Mountain), Dan Kubo (son of late Yoshi Kubo of Amache).

Sole Resister From Jerome Attends Historic JACL Ceremony

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**
Assistant Editor

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

Yamakido is believed to be the sole resister to come out of the Jerome War Relocation Authority camp, which had been in operation for only 634 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,

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JACL Jr. Olympians 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.

"It was as exciting as it can get," recalled Motooka, who set a division record in the long jump — 20' 5" — two years later at the 1974 games.

"I remember how passionate I was and still am about track — working out, the meets, glory and disappointments. Anything less than first place drove me harder to

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eBay Still Using 'Jap' on Auction Site

By **CAROLINE AOYAGI**
Executive Editor

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

Log on to the popular site today and you can bid on "Jap Pokemon," "Jap anime DVD," "Jap Flower Gardens," and "John Lennon/Yoko Ono — Milk & Honey — Jap." There's also a host

of World War II Japanese and JA memorabilia such as: "Pearl Harbor/Slap the Dirty Jap 78 rpm," "WWII Jap Special Naval Landing Forces Cap," and "Newspaper WWII Jap Planes at Midway 1942."

When *Pacific Citizen* broke the story last June, over 2,600 items using "Jap" in their titles or descriptions were listed on the international site. As of this week there were more than 8,200 listings 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 attitudes 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 a racist and derogatory word. If that isn't racist, then I don't know what is."

eBay is the world's largest online auction site, with more than 46 million registered users selling and buying millions 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 forbids the use of "language that is racist, hateful, sexual, or obscene in nature..." eBay relies on its customer service agents to filter out any listed items considered to be derogatory. Any complaints from users are forwarded to the Investigations unit 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 Pursglove, eBay senior director of communications. He added, "We will continue our education process."

According to Pursglove, 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 references to individuals and countries, when Jap is used as an abbreviation for the words Japanese and Japan with no intent

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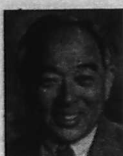
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From the Director

John Tateishi, JACL National Executive Director

Final Countdown to Las Vegas

The Friday night of the convention is an open agenda spot to allow JACL chapters an opportunity to showcase events. This year, the Sacramento chapter is hosting a special dinner to honor the World War II JACL leaders Saburo Kido, Mike Masaoka, and George Inagaki, none of whom have been officially recognized by the national organization to date.

As the organization puts the past to rest, it was felt by the Sacramento chapter that it would be appropriate, finally, for the national JACL to recognize and honor these three men for their contributions not only during the war years but also in the difficult years that followed. So finally,

these three will be honored at the Friday night dinner during the convention in Las Vegas.

Norman Mineta, U.S. transportation secretary, has been invited as the keynote speaker, and the dinner will also feature a videotape message from Sen. Daniel Inouye. We have requested a Medal of Freedom from President Bush for Masaoka and are hoping our request is approved in time for the convention. If it is, the Sacramento group felt it would be appropriate to ask Secretary Mineta to present the medal to Mike's widow, Etsu, who also happens to be Norm Mineta's older sister. I'm sure it will be a moving moment that we'll all remember long after this convention is over.

The Friday night dinner, Salute to the WWII Leaders, is listed on your registration brochures as a special event and is not included as part of the registration packet — i.e., there's an extra \$75 cost. In case you haven't signed up for the Friday night dinner yet, I urge you to do so soon to ensure you get a seat.

This will be one of the highlight events of the convention for JACL members, especially for those who are familiar with all or any one of these three leaders. If you've already sent in your registration, you can still contact the Las Vegas chapter and let them know you want to add the Friday night dinner to your registration package. It's an event you don't want to miss.

If you haven't signed up yet for the convention, I urge you to do so soon before the early-bird deals disappear (I believe by the end of May). We've blocked rooms at the Riviera Hotel for our delegates and supporters and urge you to sign up at the convention hotel.

We've guaranteed a block of rooms at the Riviera for our delegates, supporters and friends to make sure you can get rooms, and if we don't use all the rooms it's going to cost us. When you contact the Riviera (800/634-3420), 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

Japanese Schools

I am working on a book about Japanese language schools and the attacks on them between the world wars. I've visited several archives and read nearly everything published about them but would 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 Nihongo Gakko/Gakuen. What subjects did they study? Did they like it? What did the school teach them about America, Japan or being a young Japanese American man or woman? I am also interested in how their image of school changed over the years and if they know of how their community reacted to the schools. Please mention the name of the school attended and the years in which they attended. Please call collect or write: Noriko Asato, Assistant Professor of Japanese, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1981 Park Ave., Lincoln NE 68502, 402/435-3228, e-mail: andrew_noriko@hotmail.com.

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Tribute to WWII Leaders Should Include Larry Tajiri

On June 28, during the national JACL convention in Las Vegas, a tribute dinner will posthumously honor three wartime leaders of JACL. They are Mike Masaoka, Saburo Kido and George Inagaki. Surely, Larry Tajiri, the wartime editor of the *Pacific Citizen*, deserves equal recognition for his contribution, not only to the JACL but to all Japanese Americans.

In his recently revised edition of "Nisei: The Quiet Americans," Bill Hosokawa writes of Larry, "His writing was facile. He could be sharp or humorous. In his editorial columns, he was a David, shouting defiance at the bullying Goliaths of the newspaper world — the *Heart Press*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Denver Post* and others — challenging them to dare to tell the truth, to look for the facts, to cease their distortions and live up to the canons of good journalism. He corrected their misinterpretations and lectured them on

the responsibilities of a free press. With equal vigor he assailed the politicians, the racists, the professional hate-mongers who had found the evacuees a convenient target. Tajiri was great for evacuee morale; he was their spokesman who articulated their anger and resentment."

As a nation, we presently pay homage to a passing generation defined as possibly the greatest. So it is appropriate that JACL seize this opportunity — perhaps the last — to honor the memory and contributions of those who led us during the worrisome wartime years. Larry was our voice when we were silenced. For those of us confined in concentration camps, his intellectual integrity and passionate prose provided comfort and courage. Surely, there is space for one more vacant chair at the honor table for gallant ghosts.

Sachi Seko
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 chaos and dilemma that befell Japanese Americans following the attack on Pearl Harbor, I question the source of information used in arriving at some of his statements.

We have no quarrel with the stand that the "resisters" took during World War II. We have today very devoted members in our own VFW organization (Sacramento) who at one time or another took a similar negative stand under the circumstances existing at that time and have subsequently fulfilled their patriotic duty.

Muller states: "The JACL leaders worked closely with federal government officials to jail the resisters and to demolish the career of a Nisei newspaperman who publicly supported them." The resisters and the Nisei newspaperman were affected by two circumstances none of which had anything to do with actions taken by the JACL. They were confronted with sedition laws of the United States and the Japanese American public's sense of "Go-on" (obligation). The resisters who were sent to prison as a consequence of their action were later pardoned but unfortunately for the newspaper-

man there evidently was no pardon for him.

The JACL is made the scapegoat, by some Nisei, of almost every adversity encountered by JAs. If the facts were examined, one would discover that the JACL leaders and the leaders of other organizations existing at that time (1941-1942) took the best and only course of action available to us at that time. It's an easy matter to do "Monday morning quarterbacking" after the fact.

The action of the wartime JACL leaders resulted in an unquestionable positive result for all JAs in the eyes of the American society. If any apology is due, it should be made by the wartime leaders themselves. We today, not being familiar with all the circumstances existing at that time, have no right to be apologizing for the actions taken during WWII by the JACL leaders.

The actions taken by the wartime JACL leaders have resulted in many postwar benefits for JAs, too numerous to mention at this time, and far exceed any "minor" complaints that we might have against these JACL leaders. One of these acts was the formation of the 100th/442nd/MIS. This resulted in the proof of an unquestionable loyalty by JAs and a presidential apology and redress which, I am sure, no one rejected. Even today, the JA experience is often being referred to in matters pertaining to the 9/11 experience affecting the Arab Americans.

In the eyes of us veterans, there are no heroes or villains among the Nisei. Everyone did what he/she felt needed to be done for the best interest of our society. We veterans recognize the need for understanding recognition and reconciliation with the "Resisters of Conscience" but apology by the JACL, No!

Leo Hosoda
Roseville, Calif.

JACL Should Rescind Apology

Calling the World War II American Legion and VFW a bunch of bigots and scoundrels is okay, but when N. Ota lumps the Nisei vets in with them he is dead wrong.

I write as a *kotonk*, Heart Mountain volunteer and former

president of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans of Hawaii who was the sole survivor of a machine-gun squad. Some of my friends in camp knowingly sabotaged the war effort; many were pro-Japan. They thought we were a superior race and were prejudiced against the whites and Jews. They despised the Chinese and Koreans and looked down on the Mexicans. They believed that Japan could win the war. Based on such ignorance it didn't take much courage to resist the draft. Believe me, we volunteers were an endangered species in camp.

I am not a blind patriot. I volunteered to keep alive our Japanese heritage in America. I opposed the inclusion of Mike Masaoka's name on the D.C. memorial. I supported Vietnam draft resisters. I refused to name my heroic union brothers who fought the company's sub-human treatment of blacks and Latinos. I will not name my friends who resisted because I respect them.

I suggest that JACL rescind its apology and offer "respect" or even "honor" instead. Actually, the only apologies needed are from the blind patriots and scoundrels of the American Legion, VFW, and Native Sons of the Golden West as well as from the not so blind, clear-eyed "patriots" of the Associated Farmers.

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By Pacific Citizen Staff
and Associated Press

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.

Hmong Vets Want U.S. Military Funeral Honors

WAUSAU, Wis.—Pang Bliu Wang, 52, helped the CIA during the Vietnam War in Laos in the 1960s and early 1970s. Now he wants something from the U.S. government — a military honor guard and flag-draped coffin at his funeral.

The Hmong, a hill tribe in Laos, received refugee status after U.S. troops pulled out of Vietnam and it fell to communism in 1975. Hmong soldiers helped U.S. pilots shot down 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 Wangyee 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-Black 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 oversized 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 championship game being played seven miles 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 refugees fleeing the blast. "He quit playing and eventually dedicated his life to promoting peace in the 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 was 96 then," Kirschner said. "He was very happy to see what we had here because he saw all people playing together: Korean, Japanese, Chinese and Caucasians."

Iwamoto founded the U.S. Go

Center in New York, which currently owns a four-story brownstone on 52nd Street, near the United Nations building.

Poll: California Voters Support 'Racial Privacy Initiative'

SAN FRANCISCO—A proposed ballot initiative that would bar the state from classifying 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 toward a colorblind society. Liberals blast it as an attempt to undermine anti-discrimination laws.

It would ban state and local governments 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 said they opposed it, with 18 percent undecided.

Half of the Hispanics and whites polled 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 chief 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 980,000 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 say they 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 they or their predecessors 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 shippers 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 "coolies" 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 insurance 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, FleetBoston 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 getting 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 \$20,000 to develop the curriculum, said Michael Matsuda, the group's chairman and a high school teacher.

A timeline chronicles events that occurred in Vietnam before 1975, when Saigon fell, and in both Vietnam and the United States after 1975.

Westminster's "Little Saigon" erupted in protests in 1999, when thousands picketed a video store owner for hanging up communist icons. The protests are also part of the lesson plan.

Vietnamese Americans numbered 135,548 in Orange County in Census 2000 and are most highly concentrated in Little Saigon.

Saipan Hotel Accused of Discrimination

SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands—The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a discrimination suit May 1 against the Dai-Ichi Hotel Saipan Beach.

The lawsuit alleges the hotel fired 40 employees because they were Filipino. It also claims the hotel denied promotions to non-Japanese employees and retaliated against a cook for filing a discrimination claim against the company.

The 40 employees were fired in 1998 following a union organizing campaign. An investigation found the Filipinos were replaced with workers from Nepal because the hotel believed the Nepalese workers were less likely to support unions, the commission said.

The National Labor Board obtained a court order requiring the hotel to take back 38 employees. As of May 1, 23 had returned to work. However, the order was overturned on appeal, so the workers could lose their jobs again, the commission said.

The lawsuit seeks permanent reinstatement, back pay, compensation for suffering and punitive damages. ■

YWCA, JA Churches Settle Dispute Rooted in California History

SAN FRANCISCO—A dispute that recalled a time when Asian immigrants were prohibited from owning land has been settled, 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 Inamasu, the group's executive director.

Nihonmachi paid \$733,000 for the building, concluding a lawsuit filed in September 1997 by a group of Christian churches serving the Japanese American community. The suit sought to enforce a promise the YWCA allegedly made to Japanese women in the 1920s.

At the time, the churches and women formed the Japanese YWCA and raised money to buy the property, according to the lawsuit.

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

In 1996, the YWCA put the building up for sale for \$1.65 million, saying it was the owner, sparking the dispute. ■

Maryland School Named After Spark Matsunaga

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—A new school in Germantown, Md., was dedicated May 5 in honor of Hawaii's late U.S. Sen. Spark Matsunaga.

The school is located in Montgomery County, where the veteran Democrat and his family lived during the more than two decades he served in Congress.

Hawaii state Sen. Matt Matsunaga was the featured speaker at the ceremony to honor the memory and achievements of his father.

"My mother, Helene, and the family are grateful and pleased that the Montgomery County Board of Education chose to honor my father in this manner," Matsunaga said.

"This choice not only honors him, but as the only school to be named for an Asian American in this country, it also acknowledges the diversity that exists there and the contributions of Asian Americans to the country," he said.

Members of Hawaii's congressional delegation also attended the dedication ceremony. ■



PHOTO: KRISTINE MINAMI
Matt Matsunaga, state senator from Hawaii and son of Spark Matsunaga.

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Reed Fujii was one of 64 winners selected by the Associated Press News Executives Council in their 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 published in 2001.

Wilfred W. Hsu, 43, of Hillsborough, Calif., was appointed by California Gov. Gray Davis as a member of the California Architects Board, which regulates the practice of architecture in the interest of public health, safety and welfare. Hsu has been the CEO of Group Azure LLC, a real estate development company, since 1998. He is a member of the California International Relations Foundation, the California World Trade Commission, San Francisco Human Rights Commission and co-chair of the Chinatown Neighborhood Association.

Chang-rae 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 Speaker" won the Ernest Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award and the American Book Award. His second novel, "A Gesture Life," the story of an elderly medic who treats Korean "comfort women" during World War II, won the Anisfeld-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 Humanities Council at Princeton last fall.

Joann Lee, director of the journalism program at Queens College City University, was hired as new 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 Philadelphia as well as CNN's New York bureau. Born in Hong Kong, Lee grew up in Manhattan's Lower East Side. She is the author of several books, "Asian Americans," "Asian American Actors" and a novel, "Virtual Escape."

Ted Lieu, elected to the Torrance City Council on March 5, was named chair of the Public Safety Committee. He became the first AA on the city council since George Nakano, who went on to run for state Assembly in 1998. Lieu previously served on active duty as a U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate (JAG). He has prosecuted and defended numerous court-martial cases and served as Chief of Operations

for military operations. He currently serves as captain in the Air Force Reserves at March Air Force Base and is an attorney at the law firm Munger, Tolles & Olson.

Judy 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 posts 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.

Jean Shigematsu 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. Shigematsu, a JACL member, received financial support from the organization to plant trees and canvass 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. Roybal Endowed Chair in Applied Gerontology and Public Service at California State University at Los Angeles. On July 1, Takamura will become the first female dean at the nation's oldest school of social work.

Gov. Davis appointed **Dr. Tim Yu**, 53, of Palos 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 nominated for the Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 1995 and 1996. Yue is an osteopathic doctor in private practice who specializes in nephrology (treatment of kidneys) and internal medicine. ■

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/or dinner must be made by June 7 by calling the Go for Broke Educational Foundation at 310/328-0907.

For Los Angeles veterans and their spouses, a chartered bus and

accommodation have been arranged for \$80 per person. Guests will be picked up on Sunday, June 23, in Torrance at 7 a.m. and in Little Tokyo at 7:30 a.m. and arrive in Sacramento at 3 p.m., with a welcome dinner at the Clarion Hotel at 5:30 p.m. On the return trip Monday, the bus will arrive in Little Tokyo at 10 p.m. and in Torrance at 10:30 p.m.

To make reservations for the bus/hotel package, call the Go for Broke Educational Foundation at 310/328-0907. The deadline is May 22. Checks should be made to "100/442/MIS" and mailed to: Go for Broke Educational Foundation, Attn: Sacramento Tour, P.O. Box 2590, Gardena, CA 90247.

For more information, call Dori Ishiara or Diane Tanaka at 310/328-0907; or e-mail: esolier@goforbroke.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." ■

More Minorities Graduating from Maryland Colleges

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—Minorities earned 62 percent more college degrees in Maryland last year than in 1992, 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 AAs in 2001, compared with 1,038 in 1992. Hispanics earning 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. ■



Jean Shigematsu, right, of the JACL, displays her City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works recognition award with Public Works Commissioner Ron Low.

Twin Cities JACL to Commemorate 60th Anniversary of Camp Savage

The Twin Cities JACL will co-sponsor a 60th anniversary commemoration of the opening of Camp Savage in Minnesota, site of the U.S. Army's Military Intelligence Service Language School (MISLS) after it was relocated from the West Coast.

During World War II, more than 6,000 Japanese American MIS soldiers received intensive and accelerated instruction in the Japanese language. These MIS soldiers are credited with shortening the war in the Pacific Theater by two years through their work in translating captured documents, interrogating Japanese prisoners, intercepting communications, and infiltrating enemy lines.

President Harry Truman commended the MIS soldiers as "our human secret weapons." After WWII, MIS soldiers served as interpreters during the Occupation in Japan. The Presidential Unit Citation was awarded to the MIS for their invaluable service.

In commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the opening of Camp Savage MISLS, a free public screening of the documentary,

"U n c o m m o n Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties," will be presented at the Minnesota History Center 3M Auditorium, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 1, 1-3 p.m.


A panel discussion by JA MIS veterans Walter Tanaka from the MIS Association of Northern California, and Toshio Abe and Edwin (Bud) Nakasone from the Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota (JAVM) will follow the screening.

In addition to the Twin Cities JACL, this program is being co-sponsored by JAVM and the Minnesota Historical Society. For more information, contact the Twin Cities JACL at 952/925-2429. ■




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Saturday inspections at Camp Savage Military Intelligence Service Language School, 1943.



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San Diego Chapter Hosts 45th Annual Scholarship Luncheon

The San Diego chapter honored 14 high school scholars at its annual scholarship awards luncheon on May 5 at Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant.

A crowd of over 80 people attended the event with keynote speaker John Tateishi, JACL's national executive director. Tateishi, who chaired JACL's Redress campaign during the 1980s, spoke of the work done by JACL in attaining constitutional redress. He pointed out how the government's reaction to the terrorist attacks of 9/11 had "echoes of 1942." He also pointed out that JACL was the first national organization to speak out, urging the government not to inappropriately act against all Arab Americans.

San Diego Chapter President Carol Kawamoto announced that Naoko Kozuki of Bonita Vista High School received the top scholarship of \$1,000. Naoko is not only an exceptional student, but also an accomplished pianist, and active in community service. She will be attending Yale University in the fall.

Derek Inouye (Mt. Miguel High

School) was the recipient of a \$750 scholarship. In addition to his fine academic record, Inouye is active with the youth group at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego.

For 2002, the chapter awarded three \$500 scholarships. Stephanie Kunugi of University City High School, Amy Sakakibara of Bonita Vista High School, and Jennifer Tashiro of Carlsbad High School were all recognized for their outstanding scholastic achievements.

This year's recipients of \$350 scholarships were: Briana Carrera (Bonita Vista High School), Ikumi Hiraiwa (University City High School), Jennifer Hosaka (Eastlake High School), Mayo Ibarra (Hilltop High School), Kristen Ito (Fallbrook Union High School), Melissa Nonaka (The Bishops School), Mizuki Okamura (Hilltop High School), Mari Pullen (Francis Parker School), and Jenalyn Quevedo (Eastlake High School). Kawamoto expressed her appreciation to the chapter's scholarship committee: Dr. Yuri Kaneda, Jeanne Kashima and James Yamate. ■

Weapons Lab Candidate Withdraws After Link with Lee Revealed

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The leading candidate to take charge of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has dropped out, citing the "unwarranted linking" of his name to the Wen Ho Lee controversy.

Ray Juzaitis, who has led nuclear weapons research at the Los Alamos lab in New Mexico, said his effectiveness as director would have been undermined by the controversy over the Lee case.

Juzaitis once supervised Lee, through several layers of management. Lee was indicted on 59 felony

counts, but was never charged with spying. He was held in solitary confinement for nine months, but when the government's case crumbled, he pleaded guilty to only one count of downloading sensitive material and was set free.

Juzaitis had been selected for the Livermore job by University of California president Richard Atkinson, but the Energy Department became concerned about the Lee connection at the last moment and called off the announcement, university officials said. ■

JR. OLYMPICS

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succeed and win. To this day, my heart pounds when I reminisce about past races," the Palo Alto-native said.

Thirty years after his debut, Motooka is returning with his 13-year-old son Darryl to compete in the 50th annual JACL Junior Olympics on June 2, as he and other former standouts are honored at the golden anniversary event at Chabot College in Hayward, Calif.

"As far as I know, it's the longest-running JACL-sponsored event in the organization's history," said Steve Okamoto, who has been an organizer for the past 26 years. "This is really the granddaddy of them all."

Boys and girls 8 and under up to men and women in "open" and "masters" divisions compete in a variety of track and field events from the 50-yard dash, 100 and 3200 meters to hurdles, shot put and pole vault.

The event typically attracts more than 200 participants from Northern and Central California, according to this year's chairperson Tom Oshidari, who coached last year's winning team, San Jose.

As part of this year's 50th celebration, past record holders and Outstanding Athlete winners will be recognized, Oshidari said.

"We plan to have a ceremony during the noon-hour break where we introduce the honorees, mention their records and present them with a memento," he said.

About 10 record holders are expected to attend the event.

The JACL Junior Olympics first began in 1953 when a group of former track athletes organized the first annual San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics to give Japanese American youth the chance to compete against each other. Nine teams competed in the open division and five in the lightweight division at the historic Kezar Stadium in Golden Gate Park.

In 1978, the first California State JACL Track and Field Championship was held in Los Angeles, with athletes from Northern and Central California qualifying to compete against winners of the Southern

California JACL Nisei Relay.

Many of these participants went on to the highest levels of competition.

Roddy Lee, 52, began competing in the JACL games while in high school and still holds two records from 1972 and 1973 in the 70-yard high hurdles and 120-yard low hurdles, posting 8.40 and 13.10 seconds respectively, in the men's 17 and up division.

Just prior to that, while a junior at the University of California, Berkeley, Lee participated in the 1970 Asian Games in Bangkok, capturing second place in the high hurdles and second in the intermediate hurdles, losing that race in a close photo finish. At that time, he was considered the fastest Asian hurdler in the world.

The Republic of China recruited him for the Munich Olympics two years later, where he placed 28th and 35th in the intermediate and high hurdles.

"It was an experience of a lifetime," said Lee, today a volleyball and golf coach and computer science teacher at El Cerrito High School.

Over 18,000 youths have competed in the JACL meet since its inception, with its peak in the 1970s and 1980s. Since then, as other organized sports leagues began to attract the attention of young JA athletes, participation levels declined.

"It's dropped off a lot, especially among kids under 12," said former record holder Bruce Furukawa, 36, of San Mateo, Calif. "I'd really like to see it get back to when there was more participation. We used to fill the stands with family. From San Mateo, we used to have a relay team for every age group."

Furukawa, who was a Columbia University track recruit, had his first experience coaching the San Mateo (12 and under) team at last year's



Brian Motooka holds his "Athlete of the Division" trophy at his first JACL Junior Olympics in 1972 at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco. Motooka set the long jump record in 1974 and will compete again in the 50th Games on June 2.

Junior Olympics.

"It's fun to see kids getting into the competitive spirit," he said. "There's a lot of nervousness I had as a coach versus when I was competing. There's an unpredictable quality. You just hope no one trips or goes into another lane."

Furukawa, now a lawyer, first competed in the Junior Olympics for San Mateo in 1976. In 1986, he and a competitor from Tri City set an 11:00 second co-record in the 100-meter race in the Men's Division I (17 and up) — a record which still stands today. He previously set a 43' 4 3/4" triple jump record in 1982 in the Men's Division II (15-16 years).

"Today, there's a lot more diversity in the people who participate," he said. "In the 70s, it was mainly Japanese or people of Japanese descent. The thing about the JACL sporting groups was that there was a lot of competition but not as much as Little League. There was the sense that you were going to play and participate. I always felt like I had a chance, whereas in [non-JA leagues] I always felt like I was the underdog." ■

University Seeks Former U.S. Navy Japanese Language School Instructors

The Archives Department at the University of Colorado at Boulder is planning to honor the teachers and graduates of the U.S. Navy Japanese/Oriental Language School (JLS) that was located on the Boulder campus from 1942 to 1946, with a 60th anniversary reunion June 6-9.

Sixty years ago during World War II, 150 future instructors of the Navy Japanese Language School made their way to Boulder, Colo. and their new lives as instructors of the "enemy's language" to Naval and Marine officers, including women. Their role as Japanese language instructors was a great contribution to the war effort, comparable to those Nisei who saw action in combat or those who used their language skills in the Pacific Theater.

The alumni of the JLS invites all former instructors and their families to come together and celebrate their accomplishments at the 60th reunion of the JLS in Boulder, Colorado. In addition, the department is also seeking to locate former instructors of the JLS and their kin.

Contact David Hays, archivist at CU Boulder at: 303/492-5545 or email: arv@colorado.edu.

The following is a list of teachers of the U.S. Navy Japanese/Oriental Language School, University of Colorado 1942-1946:

Abe, Tadashi; Aiso, Paul Togo; Arase, Noboru; Arimatsu, Yoshiko; Ashikaga, Ensho; Bach, Ditlev

G.M.; Bepp, Yonoe; Choy, Young Soon; Date, S. Daniel; Ejima, Bob H.; Ejima, Sadamu; Fujii, Grace; Fujii, Shozo; Fujimoto, Mikio; Fukumitsu, Minoru; Harada, T.; Hashiguchi, Y.

Hayakawa, Toshikazu; Hayashi, Hidekazu; Hibaya, Takami; Hibiya, Goshi; Grace; Higuchi, Francis Hilburn, Samuel M.; Hirabayashi, Martin; Hirano, Kyo; Hirose, Etsuo; Hirose, Harry S.; Honda, Byron G.; Hori, Katsu; Hori, Minoru; Hori, T.; Hoshino, Hiromichi; Igasaki, Aiko; Igasaki, Masao; Iino, Mitsuo; Ike, Nobutaka; Imai, Yuji; Imazeki, Howard; Inana, Lilyan;

Inomata, James; Inouye, Ari; Inouye, Joseph; Iriki, Walter K.; Iwamoto, Mitsuko; Iwata, Tsuneo; Kato, Kimiko; Katsura, Saburo; Kawai, George Rinsei; Kawai, Kay; Kawamura, Eijiro; Kishimoto, Tomi; Kitabayashi, G.; Kitagawa, Frank K.; Kitagawa, Kayjiro Dr.; Kitagawa, Kaya; Kondo, Choyei; Kondo, Tatsuko; Kuyper, Hubert; Lee, C. H.; Manabe, Akira; Masuko, Sadeo; Matsuda, Fred M.; Matsuishi;

Matsumoto, Susumu; Matsuo, Kihei; Matsuo, Sou; McAlpine, James; McAlpine, Pauline; Meyer, Collette; Miyamoto, Kimiko; Miyamoto, Sumio; Monma, Takeo; Morita, Fumiko; Munekiyo, Asa; Nagata, Shigeru; Nakamura, Susumu; Nakasono, Grace H.; Nakata, Ikuko I.; Nakata, Mitsuo Dr.; Nakatsu, Masako; Ogata,

Makizo; Okamoto, Kathleen K.;

Okamoto, Takeo; Oki, Sadao

James; Osaki, Takashi G.; Ota,

James Tsugio; Ota, Sukechi;

Otagiri, Chiyoko; Otagiri, James G.;

Ozamoto, Thomas; Ozawa, Shigeru;

Pawley, Annabelle; Ross, Robert H.;

Saibara, Yuki; Sakai, Rokuro; Sakai,

Ruby; Sakai, Yonoe; Sakayedda,

George; Sano, Joseph Y.; Sato, John

J.; Sato, Kenneth Tsutao;

Shikamura, Takeo; Shimomura,

George; Shinto, Fumi; Shizuoka,

Nakako; Shizuoka, Tadahito;

Sonoda, John T.; Suzuki, David S.;

Suzuki, Koshi; Takami, Hibiya;

Takayama, Michiko; Takeda,

Hisako; Takeda, Shiro; Takekoshi, T.

T.; Takemoto, Masakatsu; Tani,

Saburo; Tatsumi, Henry; Tatsuno,

Ryuji; Tayama, Chiyoko; Tayama,

Fred M.; Tepley, K.; Teshima, Ray

Ichiro; Toki, Rayer;

Tokimas, Tokuji; Tokuyama, T.;

Tomita, June; Tomizawa, Fumi;

Tomizawa, K.; Topping, Willard;

Toyota, Reiusuke; Tsuchiya, Hisako;

Tsuchiya, Kuroo; Tsukano, Tsuya;

Tsukiji, Eiichi G.; Watanabe, Ayako;

Watanabe, Lee Dr.; Woodman,

Elizabeth; Yakushi, Maud; Yamada,

Hiroshi; Yamada, Michiko;

Yamasaki, Hama; Yamasaki,

Takehiko; Yamashiro, Hanako;

Yamashiro, Tsuneji; Yamashita,

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expressing compassion to our fellow men and women."

The Challenge

The May 11 event fulfilled the mandate of a resolution passed at the 2000 JACL national convention, which called for JACL to offer "an apology for not acknowledging the resisters' stand of protesting the denial of constitutional rights, and for the pain and bitterness this caused." But the resolution not only called for a public ceremony but also for the initiation of a public education effort.

It was on this point of public education that the two speakers representing the resisters challenged the JACL to take the next step by discussing more openly JACL's WWII policies not only towards the resisters but towards all camp dissidents in general.

Frank Emi, one of the leaders of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee, a group that initiated the only organized draft resistance movement within the 10 War Relocation Authority camps, thanked the JACL for passing the resolution but also challenged JACL to confront its wartime activities, particularly that which had been uncovered in what is now referred to as the Lim Report. The Lim Report was compiled by attorney Deborah Lim, who had been hired by JACL to research the organization's wartime history at the time the debate to apologize to the resisters had begun.

"I wish to extend my appreciation to the JACL for sponsoring this ceremony," said Emi, who was welcomed with a standing ovation. "As a civil rights organization, I believe it is a step in the right direction. Having said that I think it would be entirely appropriate for JACL to go one step further and hold a similar program directed towards the Japanese American community for the excesses committed by wartime JACL leaders such as acting as informants for the government, causing many innocent people to suffer as recorded in the Lim Report. I believe such action would finally put to rest JACL's unholy ghosts of the past and would be a worthy way to start the 21st century. The United States government apologized for their wartime excesses. Can JACL do less?"

Emi also reflected the errors and misinformation being printed recently as

commentaries and letters to the editor in various Nikkei newspapers.

"They keep repeating the same old tale that the resisters intimidated, harassed and beat up men who volunteered or responded to the draft," said Emi. "I can assure you that nothing like that took place at Heart Mountain where the only organized draft resistance took place. They also continue to accuse the draft resisters of beating JACL leaders in some camps in 1943. The fallacy of that statement is — there was no draft for internees in operation at that time so there were no draft resisters. Selective Service applicable to Nisei in camps was not implemented until January 1944."

Yosh Kuromiya, another Heart Mountain FPC member, felt this ceremony should be viewed as an opportunity for JACL to discuss the many ways that Nikkei camp dissidents expressed loyalty and love of country other than through military service.

"What occurred in the past that is yet to be addressed is the further victimization of Japanese America by a certain faction within the community, itself, who joined errant government agencies to persecute those who actively opposed its accommodationist policies," said Kuromiya. "... Hopefully this ceremony will mark the first step in resolving this second great injustice perpetrated on Japanese America. Only a clear and honest understanding of the true essence of loyalty and patriotism and acknowledgement of the unfortunate distortion of those terms, no matter how well intentioned, can rid Japanese America of this cancerous blight which victimizes the victim and has divided our community for over half a century. Only then can JACL hope to proceed on a clear and unencumbered path as a bona fide civil rights organization."

Whether JACL will take up the challenge as brought forth by the two Heart Mountain FPC speakers or whether JACL will view this as a closed chapter remains to be seen. But in an ironic twist, JACL will be honoring the wartime JACL leaders — the same leaders who called for the government to charge the Heart Mountain FPC leaders with sedition — at JACL's upcoming national biennial convention in Las Vegas.

When asked whether this tribute to JACL's wartime leaders was a direct response to the resisters' ceremony, National Executive Director John

Tateishi said, "I think it's a response to put a positive look on the organization by some people who were concerned about the divisiveness of the resolution issue. It wasn't a direct response to try to push in the face of what this is all about but more to say, 'Look, these were really difficult decisions made in really awful times and these people who were the leaders of the JACL have never been recognized by the organization, and if we're going to be recognizing others, then certainly, as an organization for which they had contributed so much, we ought to recognize them.' That was the thought behind the sponsorship of the tribute by the Sacramento chapter."

"The tribute, sponsored by the Sacramento chapter, is I think something that people felt needed to be done," said Mori. "I think it's very appropriate. I don't think it has any relationship to the resisters at all."

Both Mori and Tateishi expressed hope that dialogue regarding the various stands taken during WWII would continue.

"We've completed our responsibility in terms of the ceremony," said Mori. "But in terms of the issues that are with us, I'm sure there'll be some continued dialogue, and I'm hoping that this is an opening to bringing a lot more understanding to all of the situations that existed during the war. The resisters have been sort of brushed aside in the past, but it is part of our history that people should understand — that courage comes in many forms and the resisters have shown that."

"I hope it's a step for us to open the platform and discuss what happened during the war years," said Tateishi. "I don't know if it (ceremony) relieves us of all the responsibilities of the organization during the war, but I think in all honesty this is one of the major issues that we had to put behind us by facing it honestly. I think we did. And I know there's going to be other issues that are going to come up, things like the informants and all of that. But I've looked at that issue really thoroughly in the days that I was the director of the redress campaign and informants were on all sides of that issue, so I think as far as JACL is concerned this is a major step out of the past and towards the future."

Sen. Inouye's Message

One of the goals of the May 11 ceremony was to mend the rift between the JACL and the resisters. Because

many of the vocal JACL critics of the resisters happen to be Nisei veterans, JACL requested a message of reconciliation from U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, a Medal of Honor WWII 442nd Regimental Combat Team veteran who lost an arm in battle. Inouye voiced his regrets that he could not attend the ceremony due to legislative responsibilities and, at the request of Tateishi, sent a videotaped message.

In the videotape, Inouye said: "I believe the time has come to bridge the chasm between the Nisei veterans of World War II and the resisters from the internment camps. Together, we must make a personal commitment to healing the wounds from that sad episode in our collective history."

"If we are to flourish and thrive as a community in this nation, we must put that painful part of our past behind us. I have many friends on both sides of the veterans versus resisters debate. It saddens me that harsh feelings still exist between the veterans and the resisters. I'm especially troubled that people have harbored these bitter feelings for 60 years. We must keep in mind that the volunteers and the resisters had the same goal in mind: to convince our country that it was wrong to imprison Americans of Japanese ancestry."

"Some young men answered the call to military service to make this point, and they did so with honor and with great courage. Some young men chose to make their point by resisting the government's order to report for the draft. They too were honorable and courageous. They should not be faulted for challenging the government's orders, given the government's actual treatment of Japanese Americans during the war."

"Many of my fellow veterans have labeled the draft resisters as 'cowards' and 'traitors.' I however feel the resisters were brave and patriotic. I personally believe it took a tremendous amount of courage and love of country to stand up and say 'I will not take an oath to defend my country until my family and I are treated as equal and worthy citizens.'"

"I'm proud that our nation apologized and rectified this mistake through the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. The actions and sacrifices of the soldiers, resisters, internees and their loved ones paved the way for this national apology. Our great nation has vowed to learn from this past and move on to a brighter future. I hope

the time has come that we, as members of the Japanese American community, can likewise put the past behind us and move forward to a glorious future.

"If we let angry feelings live and fester, an atmosphere of hate shall permeate for generations that follow us. Sadly such discord would ultimately lead to the divide and downfall of our community. So it is my sincere hope that this ceremony would mark the beginning of a new era of unity for Americans of Japanese ancestry. Aloha."

Other Reaction

Marshall Sumida, a Military Intelligence Service veteran and a JACL member for more than 50 years, said the ceremony was "long overdue." Sumida, also a VFW member, referred to men such as Frank Emi as "men of principle" and regretted that the very VFW Nisei veterans, who have been condemning the resisters in various Nikkei newspapers, had not attended the event.

Warren Tsuneishi, a JACLer and MIS veteran who flew in from Washington D.C., said he was aware that this issue was controversial among the veterans, but speaking as a JACL member, Tsuneishi said, "of course, the JACL should apologize — they need to apologize to heal that wound."

Marvin Uratsu, another MISer, said, "Why continue to hurt each other for what the government did to us? Let there be reconciliation, and let it begin with me."

Fred Korematsu, a recipient of the Medal of Freedom who had challenged the government by violating evacuation during WWII, said, "I'm glad the JACL is giving the resisters this blessing. I think what the resisters did is right and it should be known."

Korematsu's wife Kathryn said it was important for them to attend the ceremony because "Fred has received support from the resisters in the past and it was important for us to give back that support."

U.S. Congressman Mike Honda, the keynote speaker of the event, aptly summed it up when he said, "The importance of this public ceremony is that it seeks to heal the rift between the national JACL and the resisters of conscience by recognizing that there was in fact more than one way to respond to this situation that was completely out of control." ■

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Yamakido was arrested for violating the curfew and thrown into a Hermosa Beach, Calif., 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 s--- out of me. Then the chief of police walked in and he stopped it."

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 from jail with an apology from the chief of police, he now had an FBI file.

When a riot broke out at the Santa Anita 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 tired of being "kicked around" by the U.S. government. When the so-called loyalty questionnaire came out, Yamakido answered "yes-yes" but qualified his answer by saying that he would be willing to fight for the United States as long as he had the same rights as Caucasians.

"I was born here so I thought I should be born with the same rights as the whites," 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 came to discuss the case with him, and three Caucasians, whom Yamakido had never seen before, were ready to testify against him. To top it off, the food in the Arkansas jail was so bad that Yamakido lost 50 lbs. while awaiting his trial.

Yamakido was eventually sentenced to three years at the Texarkana federal penitentiary in Texas, where the only other Nikkei inmates he saw were three resisters from Rohwer.

At Texarkana, Yamakido nearly lost his life after he got into an argument with a Caucasian inmate and ended up slapping him for 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 has no idea how many came at him, plus he was so much shorter than the Caucasians that he couldn'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 bunched around me so I put myself against the wall so nobody could get behind me. If I'd fallen on the ground, they'd probably would've stomped on me and that would've been it."

During the fight, Yamakido's

clothes was literally torn off him and he was left standing with nothing more than his underwear. But other than a few bruises, Yamakido came out physically unscathed. He's not sure how his attackers fared.

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 judo expertise gained him respect among the inmates, and the Caucasian inmate he'd had the original argument with even apologized to Yamakido.

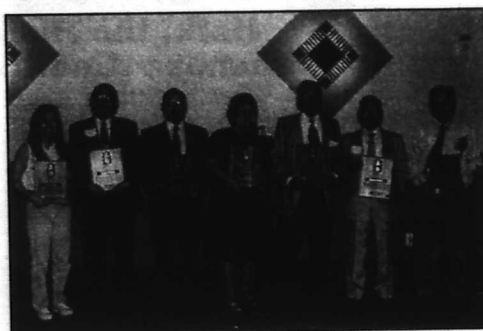
Another inmate who took a liking to Yamakido was a former governor of Louisiana, who was serving time for embezzlement. Through him, Yamakido learned how he could restore his constitutional rights (i.e., the right to vote, gain a passport, etc.) despite his felony conviction. As a result, Yamakido volunteered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

Today, Yamakido doesn't much enjoy remembering his past, but ask him how he feels about 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. "I'd like to see how they'd survive. It's rough in jail."

At the May 11 ceremony, Yamakido made an unscripted statement thanking the Nisei veterans. ■

Arizona JAFL Hosts Luncheon for JA Flower Growers



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 Iwakoshi, Kishiyama, Maruyama, 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 Iwakoshi Craig, George Kishiyama, Nick Nakagawa, Sandi Barton (Sakato), Sto Nakamura, Yukio Maruyama and Kinya Watanabe. ■

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Hark, the Historians of Japanese American Heritage

"KEEP SCRIBBLING!" Those were the exhortations from Sandy Lydon as we were bidding adieu in Watsonville several Saturdays ago (April 27). Historian-emeritus at Cabrillo College, 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 par excellence throughout the "Re-Enactment, 2002" — from scenes of evacuees registering at the Veterans' Memorial Building, historically the same site 60 years ago, and boarding a vintage 1941 Greyhound bus for the ride to the temporary detention center, to the mid-afternoon program at Mello Center (Watsonville High School's auditorium) and introductions of Watsonville's Own, the World War II Nisei veterans — was luxurious and factually too much to recount here.

The entire Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL production has been videotaped. Now, the job to edit. Which means additional funding. Lydon's book covers the Japanese communities in Monterey, Salinas, Watsonville, Santa Cruz and San Juan Bautista, where he found the concept of *on* (rhymes with "bone") "was the glue that bound the Japanese together." I've never seen a clearer explanation. To wit: The

male leader in the Japanese family received *on* automatically. *On* was paid to people in superior positions, including the teachers and bosses. *On* could also be created by doing someone a favor; the recipient was obligated to return the favor.

Compare Lydon's with the words from Kenkyusha (Showa 6), my Japanese-English dictionary: kindness, goodness, a favor, benefit, obligation, a debt of gratitude.

ANOTHER HISTORIAN we met for the first time was Dr. Priscilla Wegers, University of Idaho, Moscow, in Los Angeles speaking about the Japanese and Japanese Latin Americans at Idaho's Kooskia (pronounced Kōskia) Internment Camp.

Between May 1943 and May 1945, some 265 so-called "enemy aliens" of Japanese ancestry, 82 of whom from California, volunteered to build a portion of the Lewis-Clark Highway [US 12 between Missoula, Montana, and Lewiston, Idaho]. As road workers, they earned \$55 or \$65 per month, bussed to and from for lunch at the internment camp by Canyon Creek, toiling in the Idaho wilderness. A surprising bit of gustatory history was that trout from the nearby waters was on the menu.

By contrast, the Japanese Canadian interned during WWII in

the Rockies were forbidden to fish and had to forage for greens to supplement their meals.

ANOTHER HISTORIAN of sorts is Bill Fujita of Berkeley, whose deep-rooted scrapbooks are being perused this week. The older one sports his activities at UC Berkeley where he played on the basketball team and graduated in 1939. We first knew each other as stamp collectors.

The most impressive scrapbook (and displayed two years ago by the California Historical Society in San Francisco) was one he created of his time in Topaz, bound with two pieces of formica left over from tabletops made for the messhall and the pages tied by a leather strip.

With the continuing storm over mascot use of Native American names, it's heartening to see the variety in Nisei sports — Alameda Mustangs, Berkeley Nisseis, Oakland Maroon Waves, Palo Alto Hinodes, S.F. Mikados, YMBA Protos, YMCA Greyhounds, U.C. Students — competing for the 1938 JAU Class A Basketball title.

Covering those games were sports writers George Yasukochi, Haruo Imura, Vince Tajiri and Victor Abe in the San Francisco vernaculars. When UC Students won the championship, Vince was lyrical.

say, but not the APAs who are stereotyped as subtle, quiet, and obedient."

Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, is surprised by eBay's non-response to the JA community's concerns. When 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 resulted in the v.p.'s change in attitude. Not only did eBay agree at that time to look into the matter, they told Nakano that they would implement a pop-up sign letting users know that "Jap" 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 term is used exclusively to demean Japanese Americans and Japanese," said Nakano. "Demeaning JAs leads to dehumanizing JAs and that's a precursor to hate crimes." He added, "there's a historical usage of the word that prompts the dehumanizing aspect."

Although eBay told Nakano that a pop-up system was to be in place, P.C. did not find such a system on the site. In fact, P.C. contacted several eBay sellers who were using "Jap" in their listings. They said they were not informed by eBay to stop using "Jap" as the abbreviation for Japan and Japanese but, after being informed by P.C., they would no longer use the term.

"No, I was not aware or informed of eBay's policy. Thank you for bringing this to my attention," wrote Rachel, who had been selling a Celine Dion CD. "In the future I will use JP for Japan items instead."

In addition, P.C. sent a letter to eBay's customer service pointing out that the derogatory term "Jap"

appeared frequently on the site. Although P.C. received an e-mail acknowledging receipt of the complaint, an explanation of their use of the term "Jap" was never received.

"Nothing is having an effect," said Nakano, who pointed out 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 American communities.

"It's because of political clout," he said. "They view Asians as a group with no clout at all so they can do whatever they want."

Nakano plans to hold a meeting in Sacramento between eBay 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 "Jap" on their site. He also plans to get the Asian Pacific American Legislative Caucus involved with this issue.

Ironically, the recent uproar by the AA community over racist Abercrombie & Fitch (A&F) T-shirts featuring slogans such as "Two Wongs Can Make It White" prompted quick action by eBay. Soon after the protests began, eBay pulled all the T-shirts off their site. But the complaints over the use of "Jap" on their site have caused little reaction in the company.

Tateishi believes eBay reacted quickly to the A&F issue because it was generating a lot of adverse publicity, whereas the issue over their use of the term "Jap" hasn't hit the mainstream media yet.

"This issue is still relatively quiet and eBay's bottom line hasn't been affected yet," he said. "This is typical of racist attitudes in American companies: they won't respond without bottom-line issues involved because they lack the sensitivity to recognize racist slurs as hurtful. Ultimately, they just don't care until it's a threat to their image or their pocketbooks." ■

cal. Here's his first paragraph.

"The little red schoolhouse on Euclid Avenue will no longer sleep in silence. There will be merriment and war-whooping. The festivities will last the night long. For the almost-boys of 1937 have brought home their first JAU championship along with a pound of the proverbial bacon."

The headline carried the score: Berkeley Nisseis cagers collapse before Campus Sharpshooters, 48 - 35; Bears were led by [Bill] Fujita, [Sus] Takei and [Mike] Sakamoto. [Mo] Domoto and [Zench] Kambara paced the Nisseis. That game was played at Emeryville High the third Sunday in March, 1938. The U.C. Students had nipped the Mikados, defending champs, in the final three seconds of play, 34-33, a prior Sunday at Kezar Pavilion on Sus Takei's field goal.

Invited to games and winning them all in Portland and Seattle in April wraps up the athletic stories that now senior Nisei sports fans in the Southland might remember. The scrapbook features their wins over the Portland Question Marks, Portland Bussei (Oregon league champs), the Five Nippons (Courier League AA champs), Johnson Drugs Steamrollers, Seattle Midgets, and Lotus Troys. UC center Kayo Senzaki starred with 82 points total in the six games.

To fill out the remaining pages are

snapshots of halftime card stunts at the "Big Game" (U.C. vs. Stanford), the 1939 World Expo at Treasure Island and the U.C. Japanese Student Club reunions in 1989 and 1994. But the chief dish, in my opinion, was the front covers of the *California* (Alumni) *Monthly* tucked in back. Fujita had saved seven exquisite 6 by 8-inch watercolors by Chiura Obata, portraying in full color the changing moods and hand-in-hand spirit of the Berkeley campus. Obata's portfolio of ten paintings, "The Seasons at California," was then available for \$2.50.

As a stamp collector, Bill's second scrapbook has an outline of the U.S. map with now-rare postmarks of mail from former WWII internees, including all ten WRA relocation camps: Poston, Rivers, Manzanar, Tulelake, Hunt, Topaz, Heart Mountain, Amache, Denison, and McGehee, Ark.

Rest of the bulky Topaz Scrapbook is loaded with wartime clippings from the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *Examiner*, a few from the *Denver Post*, *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun*, *Deseret News*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Colorado Nippo*. But nothing from the *Pacific Citizen*: too few copies sold in the camps, that had to be passed around. ■

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to be derogatory, the usage will be allowed, said Pursglove. He also noted that most users will place a period after the abbreviation Jap and that he has also heard complaints from British users over the use of the abbreviated form Brit. Pursglove also explained that eBay's search engine does not have the capability of filtering out every use of "Jap," since legitimate words like Japan or Japanese would also be filtered out.

eBay's response thus far has not satisfied members of the JA community. "I'm offended by [eBay's] racism and arrogance to think it's okay to use the word, regardless of a lot of people objecting to them," said Tateishi.

He points out that the use of derogatory words, in addition to being offensive, dehumanizes individuals or groups and is the first step leading to an acting out of that attitude. "That's precisely the behavior patterns of white supremacists who see anyone who's not white as less than human and therefore okay to violate physically," said Tateishi. "The promulgation of the word 'Jap' on eBay is part of that process, and that's why eBay has to take more responsibility for what they not only allow but what they sanction by their own racist attitudes."

Ryan Chin, JACL vice president of public affairs, believes that anything short of eliminating all uses of the term "Jap" on eBay is unacceptable. "It is extremely frustrating to have such a visible outlet be so resistant to stopping racism and hatred."

Chin also noted that eBay has worked hard to eliminate racist references to other minority groups but chooses not to eliminate racist references to JAs. "This once again demonstrates how people are afraid of what other non-APA groups will

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In Sports & Entertainment

PRO BASKETBALL

Yamasaki to Play First Pro Game with Miami May 30

Lindsey Yamasaki, the 6-foot-1 Stanford guard/forward and a 2002 All Pac-10 Team pick, will be the first Japanese American woman to go pro 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 2.6 assists per game. She finished her career at Stanford with 1,497 points, ninth on the school all-time scoring list, and 192 three-pointers, second in the school histo-

ry and fourth in the Pac-10. She also averaged a career 13 points, 4.6 rebounds and 2.2 assists per game.

In addition to being a member of the gold-medal winning USA Basketball World University Games Team, Yamasaki, an Oregon-native, made the WBCA All-Star Team and was named an AP All-America 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 Zhizhi, 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 coaches are confident in his potential.

"He has not exceeded my expectations," said assistant coach Donnie Nelson. "But he definitely has held his value. 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 Benzvi,

also an assistant coach.

"The NBA thinking. That's the toughest thing," Wang said through Benzvi.

Wang impressed international scouts at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996 where he averaged 11.1 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 averaged 25 points and 11 rebounds a game for the Bayi Rockets, leading them to six consecutive Chinese Basketball Association championships. ■

PRO BASEBALL

Sasaki Signs Contract Extension

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

Sasaki, 34, rejoined the team May 11 after returning from a trip to Yokohama, Japan, where he went May 9 after his wife, Kaori, became ill. The right-hander pitched the ninth for his eighth save against the Boston 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-fingered fast-

ball). Unless he gets arthritis in his fingers, he should be fine."

In 13 appearances this season, Sasaki (2-0) has not allowed an earned run and has struck out 20 and walked one. He has only given up two unearned runs in 13 2-3 innings, and he has seven saves in nine opportunities.

He was the American League Rookie of the Year in 2000, when he set a major league rookie mark with 37 saves. In 2001, he broke his own team record and finished second in the league with 45 saves.

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

Shinjo Makes Big Play as Giants Defeat Expos

MONTREAL—Tsuyoshi 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 since opening day, Shinjo threw out the potential tying run at the plate in the eighth inning after Jeff Kent's RBI double gave the Giants the lead in the top half.

"That's one of the best plays of the year so far," said catcher Benito Santiago, who caught the center fielder's one-hop throw from right and tagged out Troy O'Leary to protect the Giants' one-run lead.

With 29,778 on hand for discount tickets and promotional hot dogs, O'Leary singled with one out in the bottom half and tried to score on Fernando Tatis' double off the right-field wall. The ball bounced away from Marvin Benard, but Shinjo, backing up Benard, retrieved the ball.

"I didn't say anything to Marvin. He told me, 'Home! Home! Home! Home!'" Shinjo said through an interpreter.

From deep right field, he threw a one-hopper to Santiago.

"That's exactly what you're supposed to do," said Expos manager and Hall of Fame outfielder Frank Robinson. "He did it though, that's the thing. A lot of outfielders will stand and be spectators in that situation, but he did what you practice doing. The center fielder is supposed to break as soon as the ball is hit and he did that tonight and made an outstanding throw."

San Francisco won its 10th in 12 games.

The Expos were leading 2-1 after Tomo Ohka held the Giants to four hits and one run through seven innings. He went seven innings for just the second time in eight starts this season. ■

PGA

Maruyama Defeats Woods, Top Players to Win Nelson Classic

IRVING, Texas—Shigeki Maruyama survived a charge by Tiger Woods and an unlikely one by 26-year-old rookie Ben Crane to win the Byron Nelson Classic, the second straight week an Asian has won on the PGA Tour.

A week after K.J. Choi became the first South Korean winner in tour history at New Orleans, Maruyama finished at 14-under 266 and became the first Asian with multiple tour victories. He also won last year in the Greater Milwaukee Open to become the first Japanese player to win on the mainland.

Maruyama had to rely on a clutch short game, three times saving par on the back nine after leaving himself difficult chips.

He closed with a 2-under 68 for a two-stroke victory over Crane.

"There's so many good players," Maruyama said. "In a way, I was under so much pressure."

He defeated a field that boasted eight of the top 10 players, earning \$864,000 and a free pass to the U.S. Open.

Woods made three straight birdies down the stretch and closed with a 65 to finish at 10-under 270, which at the time put him three strokes out of the lead.

He had closed with a 63 each of the past two years at the Nelson Classic and found himself in that position again, but his rally at the end—starting with a 45-foot birdie putt from the fringe on No. 14—was too late.

Maruyama started the final round with a three-stroke lead, and it never got closer than two shots. ■

Suzuki Extends Hitting Streak

SEATTLE—The Mariners defeated the Boston Red Sox for the second straight night 3-1 on May 11, with Ichiro Suzuki going 3-for-4 to raise his average to .360.

Pitcher John Halama (2-0), making his third start of the season, limited the Red Sox to five hits and a walk, with four strikeouts. He was replaced by Shigetoshi Hasegawa

in the seventh.

The Red Sox scored their one run off Hasegawa on a double and a single in the eighth before Arthur Rhodes replaced him.

The Mariners took advantage of 11 walks by Boston pitchers.

Suzuki's bases-loaded bunt single scored Mike Cameron for Seattle's second run. ■

Marlins Defeat Nomo Again

MIAMI—The Florida Marlins beat Hideo Nomo for the 10th consecutive time May 12, with backup catcher Mike Redmond homering and scoring a career-high four runs to spark an 11-3 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Nomo (2-5) gave up seven runs,

six earned, in 4 2-3 innings and fell to 2-10 against the Marlins. He hadn't faced them since May 16, 1999, and hasn't beaten them in 12 starts since April 13, 1996.

Nomo is 0-6 with a 5.40 ERA in eight starts at Pro Player Stadium. When he left the game in the fifth trailing 7-2, the scoreboard flashed "Nomo no mas."

He struck out four of the first five batters but began to unravel in the third. ■

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Komine Makes First Appearance After Injury

LINCOLN, Neb.—All-American pitcher Shane Komine made his first appearance in more than a month as the University of Nebraska beat Cal Poly San Luis Obispo 7-3 on May 11.

Komine saw his first game action since April 5, when he suffered a sprained muscle 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. ■

FILM

L.A. Asian Pacific Film Festival Runs Through May 23

The Visual Communications FilmFest 2002: 17th Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film & Video Festival, the largest Asian American film festival in the country, is running through May 23.

Works in every genre, from documentary to feature-length to experimental shorts, will be shown at the Directors Guild of America (DGA), the David Henry Hwang Theatre and the Aratani/Japan America Theatre in Los Angeles and Little Tokyo.

The centerpiece program is the Los Angeles premiere of New York-based Bertha Bay-Sa Pan's "Face," starring Bai Ling ("Anna and the King"), which had its world premiere at this year's Sundance film festival. It will screen May 18 at 7 p.m. at DGA Theatre 1.

The festival's closing night film, "A Passage to Ottawa" by South Asian Indo Canadian filmmaker Guarav Seth, will screen May 23 at the Aratani/Japan America Theatre.

A full slate of seminars and panel discussions on such topics as directing, screenwriting, cinematography, distribution, and how to work within the industry will be offered.

The Golden Reel Award will also be presented May 23 in honor of this year's best festival entry.

For more information on the festival's catalog and calendar, visit www.vconline.org or contact Visual Communications at 213/680-4462, ext. 59. ■

TELEVISION

NAATA to Feature JAI Stories for APA Heritage Month

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

Eight programs will be presented, including Stuart Yamane's documentary "Journey of Honor," which explores the heroism and patriotism of the Hawaii Nisei veterans; Lily Mariye's short film "Shangri-La Café," about anti-Japanese sentiment endured long after the war; and Louise Lo's documentary "The Floating World: Masami Teraoka and His Art," about an artist whose first encounter with American culture occurs during the U.S. occupation of Japan.

For more information on these programs or show times, visit www.naatanet.org/heritagemonth/showtimes.html.

To check out NAATA's website "Exploring the Japanese Internment Through Film and Internet," visit www.JAInterment.org. ■

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National

Through June 9—Special U.S. Postal Service cancellation commemorating the 60th anniversary of internment camps. Mail stamped, addressed envelope(s) to: Fictional Cancellations, Museum Station, Postmaster, Pocatello, Idaho, Main Branch, 730 E. Clark, Pocatello, ID 83201-9999.

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

Fri., June 28—Tribute Dinner to salute JACL wartime national leaders; 6 p.m. no-host reception, 7 p.m. dinner and program; sponsored by Sacramento JACL and national JACL. RSVP, info: Convention Committee, 702/382-4443; e-mail: lvjacl@juno.com; or Sacramento JACL, 916/447-0231; e-mail: saccustoutour@aol.com.

East Coast

PHILADELPHIA
Through May 26—Exhibit, "Hands On: Japanese Craft and Design of the 20th Century"; Philadelphia Museum of Art; featuring furniture, lighting, lacquer, textiles and ceramics. Info: 215/684-7364.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Sun., May 26—54th Annual Washington, D.C., JACL Memorial Day Service; 10 a.m.; Arlington National Cemetery, Columbarium Ceremonial Courtyard; brunch to follow at 12:30 p.m. at the Fort Myer Officers' Club. RSVP for lunch: Lily Okura, 301/530-0945, or Craig Uchida, 301/438-3132; e-mail: cdchida@aol.com.

Midwest

CLEVELAND
Sat., June 8—Asian Mental Health Symposium; 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Cleveland State University. Info: Scott Furukawa, 216/556-2277; e-mail: sf916@netzero.net.

Sun., June 9—Opera: "Barbed Wire City"; 12 noon at the Puritas Park Arts Festival, Puritas Ave., W. 140th & W. 143rd. Info: Lori Ashyk, 216/671-2710.

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL
Sun., May 26—Documentary video: "Uncommon Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties," about the MIS in WWII; 2 p.m.; KTCB channel 2; 60-minute edited version.
Sat., June 1—60th anniversary of the opening of Camp Savage; 1-3 p.m.; Minnesota History Center 3M Auditorium; 345 Kellogg Blvd. West, St. Paul; panel of MIS veterans plus full 90-minute screening of "Uncommon Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties." Free. Info: Kathy Ohama Koch, 952/884-1560; directions: 651/296-6126.

Intermountain

POCATELLO, Idaho
Through May 31—Exhibit: "Japanese American Internment"; Bannock County Historical Museum, Upper Ross Park, Kenjuro Nomura's paintings of Minidoka while in camp. Info: Mary Lien, 208/234-0434.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho
May 16-June 15 (tentative dates)—Life magazine photographic exhibit on the Heart Mountain internment camp and Teresa Tamura's photos of the Minidoka Internment National Monument. Info: Micki Kawakami, 208/234-1654 or 241-3215.
Sat., June 8—Live History Day at the Idaho Farm & Ranch Museum; exhibits include War Relocation Authority photos—and a real barrack from the Minidoka camp. Info: Micki Kawakami, 208/234-1654 or 241-3215.

Pacific Northwest

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.
Thurs.-Sun., July 4-7—2002 Tule Lake Pilgrimage; Oregon Institute of Technology. RSVP by June 1 for accommodations at the institute: Stan Shikuma, 206/721-1128; e-mail: SKTaiko@aol.com. Info: www.tulelake.org.

SEATTLE
Thurs., May 23—Manli Ho, daughter of Holocaust rescuer Dr. Feng Shan Ho, will tell her father's story; 5:30-7 p.m.; Wing Luke Museum, 407 7th Ave. South; as Chinese consul general in Vienna, 1937-40, Dr. Ho saved the lives of 4,000 Jews. Free with museum admission. Info: 206/623-5124.
Thurs., June 6—Exhibit opening:

"assemblage unraveling: constructs of a Filipino American aesthetic"; 5:30-7 p.m.; Wing Luke Museum, 407 7th Ave. South. Info: 206/623-5124.

Northern California

BERKELEY
Sun., June 2—Nikkei Widowed Group Meeting; new members welcome, both men and women. For time and place, call: M. Kusaba, 415/353-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

HAYWARD
Sun., June 2—50th Annual JACL Junior Olympics; Chabot College. Entry forms and info: Jim Duff, 510/272-8286; Ai Satake, 510/528-1900; or Valerie Yasukochi, 510/336-3371; e-mail: Berkeley@JACL.org.

PETALUMA
Sat., June 1—Northern California Heritage Festival; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Petaluma Community Center at Luchessi Park, 320 N. McDowell Blvd.; Sonoma County JACL will have a booth as a fund-raiser for the Oral History Project. Tickets, Info: 707/763-9556.

SACRAMENTO
Sat., June 1—Florin JACL scholarship and new member luncheon; 1-3 p.m.; Holiday Villa Restaurant, 7007 S. Land Park Drive (off Florin Blvd. behind Belair Market); slide presentation of adventures by Dr. Kevin Tatsugawa, Dept. of Recreation and Leisure Studies at CSU Sacramento. RSVP by May 15: Janie Lou, 916/278-7465; e-mail: lowj@csus.edu.

MONTEREY
Sun., June 9—Community picnic. Info: Monterey Buddhist Temple.

SAN FRANCISCO
Thurs.-Sat., May 16-19 and 23-26—"Strands": performance about the Japanese Latin internment; SomARTS Cultural Center, 934 Brannan St.; opening night benefit with playwright/performer D. H. Naomi Quinones. Schedules, tickets: Asian American Theater, 415/440-5545; e-mail: info@asianamericantheater.org.

Mon., June 3—San Francisco JACL Pro-Am golf tournament; San Geronimo Golf course; sanctioned by the Northern California PGA; awards banquet, auction. RSVP for golf by May 27; for banquet only by May 20: Isaac Yamagata, 415/585-8339.

SAN JOSE
Sat., May 18—Internment Evacuation Awareness March; 10 a.m.; San Carlos Plaza at the Western Entrance to SJSU campus, beneath the Bocardo arch; John Hayakawa, Jimi Yamaichi and Dr. Joseph Yasutake will recount their internment experiences, and Rep. Michael Honda will speak in front of the Federal Building; sponsored by the San Jose JACL. Info: San Jose JACL, Kenzo Kimura, 408/295-1250.

Sun., June 2—JA community discussion, "War Hysteria, Racism, and Failure of Political Leadership: Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, and Civil Liberties After Sept. 11"; 2-4 p.m.; Yu-Ai-Kai Building, 588 N. 4th St.; sponsored by the Nihonmachi Outreach Committee. Info: Masao, 408/243-3436.

SAN MATEO
Sun., May 26—Movie matinee, "Kage Musha" (The Shadow Warrior) directed by Akira Kurosawa; 1:30 p.m.; JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St. Info: 650/343-2793.

Fri., June 7—Seniors' opera trip: "Madame Butterfly"; bus leaves from San Mateo Buddhist Temple at 12:30 p.m. performance at the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House; Japanese language pre-opera workshop by Taz Takahashi to be scheduled. Tickets, info: JACL Community Center, 650/343-2793.

STOCKTON
Sat., May 25—Stockton JACL community picnic; from 10 a.m.; Mickie Grove Park; Info: May, 465-8107, or Nelson, 476-8528.

Central California
FRESNO
Sat.-Mon., May 18-20—Asian Accents benefit fashion show; Saturday 1-5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fresno Airport Holiday Inn, Valley Center Ballroom; to raise funds to build the Central California Nikkei Foundation skilled nursing facility. Info: Nikkei Sacrifice Center, Donna Ishii, 559/237-4006, or Asian Accents, Eileen Tabata Fitzpatrick, 949/854-8822.

Southern California
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
Fri.-Sun., June 7-9—Descanso Bonsai Society's 32nd annual bonsai show; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive; demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Free with admission to the garden. Info: 818/952-4400; www.descanso-bonsai.com.

LOS ANGELES
Sat., May 18—Bazaar-carnival; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; St. Mary's, 961 S. Mariposa Ave.; security parking available. Info: 213/387-1334.
Sat., May 18—Seminar, "Ethno-communications: Creating Community Media"; 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; 1102 Perloff Hall, UCLA campus; designed to advance the digital revolution on campuses and in communities. Free, but RSVP: 310/825-2974; e-mail: aasrcsp@aasc.ucla.edu; info: 310/206-8889; e-mail: ethnocom@aasc.ucla.edu.
Sat., May 18—"Conversations With the Artists"; 1:30 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; the artists are recipients of the 2002 C.O.L.A. (City of Los Angeles) individual artist fellowships. Info: 213/485-1681.
Sat., May 18—Generation Next film festival; 7-9 p.m.; 1102 Perloff Hall, UCLA campus; works by student filmmakers produced in Ethno-communications courses at UCLA Asian American Studies Center. Info: 310/206-8889; e-mail: cethnocom@aasc.ucla.edu.
Sat., May 18—"Hot Night in the City"; 7:30 p.m.; Los Angeles Theatre Center, 514 S. Spring St.; to support Playwright's Arena theater company, which is dedicated to discovering, nurturing and producing original works by L.A. playwrights. RSVP: 213/485-1681. Info: 213/485-1681.
Sun., May 19—Discussion of the book, "Born Free and Equal: The Story of Loyal Japanese Americans," which includes photography of Ansel Adams; 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; panelists are Archie Miyatake; Sue Embrey; Eastern California Museum Director William Michael; and co-editor Yvenk Behi. Free with museum admission, but RSVP: JANM, 213/625-0414.
Tues., May 21—Documentary video: "Uncommon Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties," about the MIS during WWII and the occupation of Japan; 10-11 p.m.; KCET Channel 28.
Through May 26—Exhibit: "AJA

Heritage—The Paintings of Robert Crowder; JACCC George J. Doizaki Gallery, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; Crowder studied traditional nihonga painting with master artist Shuko Mochizuki. Info: 213/628-2725; www.jaccc.org.

Mon., May 27—Memorial Day services; 11 a.m.; Evergreen Cemetery in Boyle Heights; hosted by the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council (NVCC); (four local Japanese American MOH recipients are interred at Evergreen); the speaker will be Calif. Assemblyman George Nakano; the public is invited. Info: Carl Miyagishima, NVCC president, 213/623-3654.
Mon., May 27—Memorial Day services to be held jointly by the JA Korean War Veterans, the JA Vietnam War Veterans and the Americans of Japanese Ancestry WWII Memorial Alliance; 1 p.m. at the National Japanese American Memorial Court, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; flowers will be provided to be placed on the memorial. Info: Robert Wada, 714/992-5461; Thomi Yamamoto, 213/387-9033; Victor Muraoka, 818/897-1533.
Mon., May 27—Documentary video, "Journey of Honor"; 3-4 p.m.; KCET Channel 28; follows 100th Battalion and 442nd RCT veterans on their return to WWII battlefields of Italy.
Mon., June 3—PSW district board meeting; 7-9 p.m.; PSWD Office, Little Tokyo. Info: Carol Saito, 213/626-4471; office@jacpswv.org.
Fri.-Sun., June 7-9—"Play, 'The Life of the Land' by Edward Sakamoto, directed by James A. Nakamoto; George & Sakaye Aratani/Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; Info, schedules: 213/680-3700.
Sat., June 15—3rd annual reunion of the Nikkei Athletic Union (NAU); 2-5 p.m.; Aratani Central Hall, Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; 2002 AJA Koma Memorial Award to be presented to Dan Kawahara, Paul Suzuki, Tad Tanabe, Hiro Taniyama, Robert Wada and Joe Yamagata. Info: Florence Ochi, 213/830-5652, or Chris Komai, 213/830-5648; e-mail: ckamai@janm.org.

PACOMOIA
Sun., May 26—Re-dedication of the veterans memorial garden at the San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center; 5:30 p.m.; 12953 Branford St.; the garden is to be named in honor of MOH recipient Kiyoshi Muranaga. Info: Raymond, 818/343-0837.
Fri., June 7—Bento dinner and panel discussion; 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. panel; SFVJACC Pioneer Bldg., 12953 Branford St.; Ted-Chen, Sonya Crawford, Denise Darow, Susan Hirasawa and Gordon Tokumatsu will discuss the role their parents played in their careers and how their ethnicity affects them as TV personalities; hosted by San Fernando Valley JACL. RSVP by June 3: Nancy Gohata, 818/899-4237, or Naomi Suenaka, 818/783-8683.
Sun., June 9—San Fernando Valley JACL and JACC scholarship awards; 2 p.m., Nikkei Village, 9551 Laurel Canyon Blvd. Info: Sumi Yamaguchi, 323/851-5436.

PASADENA
Through June 16—Exhibit, "Bijinga: Japanese Paintings of Beautiful Women"; includes Kaigetsudo, Hishi-

kawa, Hokusai schools, works by Tohoharu, Eisen. Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave.; Info: 626/449-2742.

RIVERSIDE
Sun., May 19—Riverside JACL Scholarship/Graduation Potluck Dinner; 5 p.m. no-host social hour, 5:30 dinner; First Christian Church, Jurupa and Brockton.
SANTA BARBARA
Wed., May 22—Yuri Kochiyama to keynote on "Truth and Resistance About the 'War on Terrorism'"; 7 p.m.; Corwin Pavilion, UC Santa Barbara. Free. Info: 805/893-7580.

TORRANCE
Thurs., May 30—Discussion with authors of "Nanka Nikkei Voices: Resettlement Years 1945-1955"; 7 p.m.; Torrance Public Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd.; co-sponsored by the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California. Free. Info: Iku Kinryama, 310/324-2875 evenings.

Arizona - Nevada
LAS VEGAS
Sat., May 25—Martial arts demonstration; 1 p.m.; Rainbow Library.
Wed.-Sat., May 22-25: Mandala creation (Tibetan Buddhist Monks); Sahara West Library.
Fri., May 24—Sacred music, sacred dance (of Tibet); 7 p.m.; Clark County Library.
RENO
Sun., May 19—Reno JACL mother and children's day; Knights of Pythias Hall. RSVP, info: Grace Fujii, 852-0559.
Sat., June 8—Reno JACL Fish-n-Pitch; Sparks Marina. Info: 775/853-8850.

TEMPE
Wed., May 29—Video broadcast, "Uncommon Courage"; 10 p.m.; KAET Channel 8. Info: Viewser Services, 480/965-2308

HAWAII
HONOLULU
Sat., June 8—Honolulu JACL annual membership meeting; 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Treetops Restaurant in Paradise Park, 3737 Manoa Rd.; speaker, State Rep. Barbara Marumoto; musical performance by Chris Iijima. Tickets, info: Susan Kitsu, 737-8073.
Tues.-Thurs., Sept. 24-26—Opening ceremony and reception for the JAKWV Korean War Exhibit; Hawaii Capitol Grounds; speakers, retired Lt. Gen. Alan Ong and Medal of Honor awardee Hershby 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.

Japan
HIROSHIMA
May 24-June 23—Exhibit, "From Bento to Mixed Plate: Americans of Japanese Ancestry in Multicultural Hawaii"; Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum. Info: <www.janmstore.com/>frombentomix.html.

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CCLPEP Art and Literature Competition Deadline May 28

In observance of the 60th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066, the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) will work with the California State Library Foundation to sponsor an art and literature competition. The competition is designed to encourage individuals who have an interest in expressing their thoughts and images of the Japanese American World War II experience. First prize awards of \$1,000 each and two honorable mention prize awards of \$200 each will be awarded in each of the following categories: short essay (not to exceed 750 words); *tanka* and *haiku*; poetry; visual art (limited to ink, watercolor, *sumi-e*, pencil, oil, photography and computer graphics); and visual art or written piece by those incarcerated in a U.S. concentration camp during WWII who are now deceased.

Individuals interested in participating must register in advance of their submission. Original art and entries will not be returned and may be used as part of a publication produced by the California State Library Foundation to commemorate the JA experience. The theme of the competition is "My Reflections on the Japanese American Experience During World War II."

The deadline is May 28. For information/registration, contact CCLPEP, 900 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; call 916/653-5862 or 916/653-0125; or e-mail: dmatuda@library.ca.gov or lturgeon@library.ca.gov.

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Arii, Yukio, 73, Los Angeles, April 26; Terminal Island-born; survived by wife Virginia; sons Robert and wife Dayna, Kelvin and wife Donna, Don and wife Sach; daughter Catherine Rush and husband Bernie; 9 gc.; brother Takashi and wife Jane, brothers-in-law George Takemura and wife Chisato, Henry Takemura and wife Mary, Arthur Takemura and wife Mary.

Chikami, Ben Tsutomu, 79, Mountain View, March 21; Swink, Colo.-born; a 23-year-plus U.S. Army veteran, he served in the 100th Battalion, 442nd RCT, in WWII, and in Korea and Vietnam; survived by wife Sally; daughters Jeri Trevino and husband Noah, Shirley Chikami (both Sedro Wooley, Wash.); 3 gc.; brother Akira "Buster"; sisters Mary Date and husband Ken, June Masunaga, Mae Chikami; sister-in-law Joyce Chikami.

Eddow, Kazuko Alyce, 75, Los Angeles, April 19; survived by husband Hank; son Doug and wife Deb; daughter Alyson Popa and husband Mike; 6 gc.; sisters-in-law Patricia Kimoto, Yo, Arlene Kishi and husband Ray, Virginia Yomogida; brothers-in-law Shig and wife Yaja, Dan and wife Jo, Al and wife Jan.

Fujii, Minoru "Mickey," 77, Montebello, April 18; North Platte, Neb.-born; survived by wife Haruko "Ruth"; sons Masami Richard and wife Judy Chiemi, Norio Albert; daughters Sachiko Linda Shirai and husband Darren Shinya, Hideko Sallie Kane and husband Richard III; 2 gc.

Fujita, Joseph Isamu, 80, Culver City, April 24; Los Angeles-born; WWII veteran; survived by companion Sylvia Tang; daughter Lynn Tamiko Akamine and husband Don; son Gary; 3 gc.; sister Chiyoeko Jean Ahearn (Florida); brother Rev. Sakae and wife Yasuko.

Hasu, Rev. Shinsho, 75, Glendale, April 4; Tokyo-born; survived by wife Cecilia; sons Raymond Masaaki (San Francisco), Douglas Hiroaki; sister Suzue Takahashi.

Higashida, Rev. Kunio Kay, 81, Los Angeles, April 26; Kumamoto-

ken-born; survived by wife Michiko; sons Makoto, Clyde and wife Nancy, Mike and wife Esther; daughters Harumi Yamashita and husband Gary, Hitomi Matsumoto and husband Ricky, Akemi Kimura and husband Floyd, Dorothy Shigemori and husband Danny; 9 gc.; 1 ggc.; sister Haruko Yoshihara and husband Koichi.

Imai, Shiro, 77, Boise, Idaho, April 29; Hood River, Ore.-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Chickie; son Randy; 2 gc.; brothers Shige, Hitoshi, George, Teisuo; sister Akiko Nakamura; predeceased by parents Tomoyoshi and Kotonno, sister Molly Mariye Lessor.

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Inouye, Tomoichi, 82, Lomita, April 16; Terminal Island-born; survived by son Donald; daughters Sandra Inouye, Cindy Grove and husband Marty; 2 gc.; brother-in-law Kazuo Kawaguchi and wife Hideko; sister-in-law Saeko Kubokawa.

Iseri, Saburo George, 81, San Francisco, April 15; Phoenix-born; survived by wife Yuko; sons Don and wife Mary, Greg; 2 gc.; sisters Toshiko Mori, Yoshiko Honda, Michiko Iseri.

Itow, Ronny Y., 60, Del Mar, April 15; Torrance-born; survived by wife Thelma R.; daughters Wendy K. Wong (Mililani, Hawaii), Sheri S. Goo (Honolulu), sons Randy M. (Gardena), Lance Y. (Honolulu), Troy T. (Del Mar); father Joe (Los Angeles); sisters Bettie Yamane (Kailua, Hawaii); brothers Luckie (San Diego), Mickey and Joe (both Los Angeles); 4 gc.

Iwaoka, Tadashi Tom, 87, Dearborn Heights, Mich., April 12; survived by wife Hime; brother-in-law Hiram Okubo; sisters-in-law Bessie Iwaoka, Tomi Okubo, Nobu Okubo; nephews and nieces.

Kido, Hisako, 81, Riverside, April 16; Oso Flaco-born; survived

by son Ken (Riverside); daughter Alice Tomooka (Santa Maria); brother Mack Tabata (Santa Rosa); 6 gc., 8 ggc.

Kinoshita, Howard Satoshi, 83; Santa Clara; April 17; survived by his wife; son Stan; private memorial already held in San Francisco.

Kurata, James H., 83, Lodi, March 16; WWII U.S. Army veteran, lieutenant in the 522nd Artillery Unit; survived by wife Mildred Misa; daughter Janis Purcell (Pleasant Hill); son Denis (Davis); 5 gc.; brother Joe (San Francisco); sister Merry Ishige (Cleveland).

Kurihara, Gilbert, 100, Detroit, March 19; predeceased by wife Mildred.

Matsumi, Tai, 96, West Los Angeles, April 25; Tamana, Kumamoto-ken-born; survived by son Sho Matsumi and wife Kimiko; daughter Sueko Kakimoto and husband Koichiro; 4 gc., 7 ggc.; brother Shirohachi Takano (Japan); sisters-in-law Fujie Tsuda, Aki Kitano, Emiko Tsuda (all Japan).

Mizokami, Clifton Hideki, 51, Los Angeles, April 2; Los Angeles-born; Vietnam War veteran; survived by mother Tomiko; brothers Victor and wife Marian, Martin, Michael and wife Karen, Bruce and wife Sylvia; sisters Janis Fenigstein and husband Lewis (Henry), Gwen Hass and husband Henry.

Murakami, Edna, 76, Detroit, March 11; survived by husband Gene; daughter Leslie Kimpel and husband Andrew; 2 gc.; siblings Jone Otsuji, Rose Ishiyama, Francis, Takahashi.

Murakami, George M., Chicago, April 6 service; survived by wife Yohiko; son Kerry and wife Barbara; daughter Linda; 2 gc.

Nakashoji, Tadashi, 79, San Jose, March 31; Wakayama-born; survived by wife Maki; son Michael; daughter-in-law Sue Nakashoji; predeceased by son Paul.

Nakaso, Virginia T., 78, Berkeley, April 6; Alameda-born; survived by sister Betty Miyake (Caruthers); brother William "Sam" Nakaso (San Jose); many nieces and nephews.

Nishi, Sadae Kaino, 94, Davis, April 3; Wakayama-ken-born, longtime Los Angeles resident; naturalized U.S. citizen (1993); survived by daughters Lillian Kawashima (Pasadena), Dr. Mary Harkness and husband Donald (Madison, Wis.), Helen Tashima and husband Eugene (Davis); 7 gc., 10 ggc.; predeceased by husband Yutaka, son-in-law Herbert Kawashima.

Oike, Karl Kaoru, 81, Culver City, April 4; Los Angeles-born; survived by sons Paul A. and wife Kathy, James G., John M.; daughter Carol Kitabayashi and husband Mark; 4 gc.; brother Makoto and wife Minoru; sisters Yukie Sunaga, Fumie Tadakuma and husband

Hiroshi.

Okada, William, 78, Detroit, Feb. 13; survived by wife Akiko; daughter Joanne; son Gordon and wife Jan; 4 gc.; sisters Yoshiko Hino, Amy Hidaka.

Okazaki, Akiko, 81, Alhambra, April 23; Idaho-born; survived by husband Takashi; son James M. and wife Linda Wah; daughters Nancy Burks and husband Jerry, Sallie Kuwahara and husband Terry; 4 gc., 1 ggc.

Sase, Richard Koichi, 65, San Gabriel, April 15; Boyle Heights-born; survived by daughters Lori Sase (Irvine), Noelle Dey and husband Ryan (Aliso Viejo); brother Hugo and wife Sadako; sister Yuriko Sugita (Japan); mother-in-law Martha Yoshida (Los Angeles); brothers-in-law Gerald Yoshida and wife Carole (San Pedro), Arthur Yoshida and wife Amy (Las Vegas); predeceased by wife Margaret.

Shibata, Yuki Ray, 19, Monterey Park, April 12; survived by parents Shunichi and Mizue; brother Tom Takuro; sister Amy Aimi Shibata; grandparents Takashi and Eiko Takeda (Japan); uncles and aunts in Japan.

Shindo, Tak, 79, San Dimas, April 17; WWII U.S. Army Miss veteran at Fort Snelling, Minn.; recording artist for Mercury Records, Capitol Records and Nippon Victor with extensive music credits including film, radio and TV scores in the United States and Japan; survived by wife Sachiko; son Alan; daughters Janice Chang, Myra Shindo; 1 gc.; sister Shiz Nakazawa.

Shinozaki, Emiko, 93, Lodi, April 2; Seattle-born; survived by sons Richard and wife Akiko, James and wife Toshiko (Acampo), Harvey and wife Joyce, Frank and wife Carolyn; daughter Lilly Sasaki and husband George; daughter-in-law Fujiye Shinozaki; sister-in-law Haruye Fujita; 16 gc., 10 ggc.

Terada, Yukue, 94, Walnut Creek, April 12; Wakayama-born, longtime resident of the Brentwood area; survived by sons Masateru and wife Lily, Kazuyuki; daughter Mieko Nakatani and husband Iwao; 2 gc.; predeceased by husband Masayuki.

Wakinaka, David Alan, 45, Lawndale, April 25; Los Angeles-born; survived by parents Asa and Bernice Wakinaka; brother Lester and wife Lori; uncle Fred Wakinaka and wife Esther; aunts Katsuko Matsumoto and husband Kay, Yayeko Nimura and husband Nobuya, Kikuye Kawamoto and husband Takeshi, Chiyoeye Yamada.

Watanabe, Frank Yukio, 80, Los Angeles, April 25; Spokane, Wash.-born; survived by daughter Carol Watanabe; son David and wife Leila; 2 gc.; sister Masako Fukumoto; sisters-in-law Kay Suyama Toshiko, Setsuko Oyama.

Yokooji, Seizo, 80, Ft. Lupton,

Colo., Dec. 16; survived by wife Mary; son Rodney and wife Sandi (Denver); daughters Claudia Yokooji (Orange County); Imogene Yokooji and husband Keith Scott (Ft. Lupton); brother Frank Yokooji (Brighton, Colo.); 2 gc.

Yonemura, Toshiko, Berkeley, April 9; survived by husband Mas; daughters Ann Yonemura and husband John Winters (Washington, D.C.), Jean Y. Wing and husband Lyle; son Paul and wife Maya Murashima (Berkeley); 1 gc.; sisters Kay Sakaguchi and husband Sanbo (Granada Hills), Etsuko Fukushima and husband Dan (San Jose), Grace Emiko Shirashi and husband Yutaka (Camarillo).

Yoshida, John Shigeichi, 93, Torrance, April 15; Kawai, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Misao; daughter Nancy Shimada and husband Koichi; 3 gc., 2 ggc.; brothers Shizuo, Jimmy; sister Flora Niitani.

Yoshida, Kiyoko, 83, Gardena, April 1; survived by son Ray; daughter Karen Yoshida.

Yoshikawa, Frank Takeo, 48, Yuba City, April 1; Auburn-born; survived by wife Yvonne; son Devin Tokuo; daughter Nicol Kumiko; parents Albert S. and Michiko H.; brothers Michael T. and wife Keiko, Daniel M.; sister Mikiko L. Yoshikawa.

Yoshimori, Melvin Akira, 78, Northridge, April 17; Seattle-born; WWII veteran; survived by sisters Chiye Harada and husband Dr. Harold, Miye Yoshida and husband Ronald. ■

Whereabouts

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MEMBERS OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 90 and EXPLORER POST 90X

The troop and post were in the Hollywood/Wilshire District of the Los Angeles Area Council. Scoutmasters were Leonard Gill, John Gilmore, Mitsugi Nomoto and Frank Katayama; explorer advisers were Frank Harada, Tom Mitoma, Stuart Richardson and Gene Miyahara. Contact Bruce Uyemura (days) at 213/894-2669, or the Hollywood Japanese Cultural Institute, 3929 Middlebury St., L.A., CA 90004. Attention: Robert, Jimmy, Bruce.

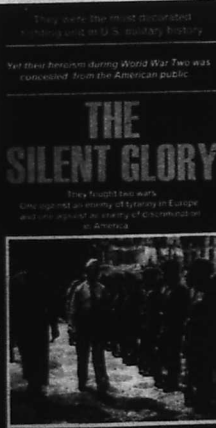
FRANK TANIMOTO

Martin McReynolds is looking for Frank Tanimoto or (Tanamoto). Frank's mother, Sara, was a secretary for Frank McReynolds in the Los Angeles office of the IRS when WWII broke out. The Tanimoto's were interned at Manzanar or the Arizona camps. Frank Tanimoto was a pallbearer at Frank McReynolds' funeral in 1972 or 1973. The McReynolds family is holding a reunion of the 10 surviving "McReynolds" cousins near San Diego in July. With any information on Frank Tanimoto or his family, call the Pacific Citizen at 800/966-6157.

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JA Veterans Groups to Hold Memorial Day Service

The Japanese American Korean War Veterans, the Japanese American Vietnam War Veterans and the Americans of Japanese Ancestry WWII Memorial Alliance will hold their annual joint Memorial Day service May 27 at the Japanese American Community and Cultural Center at 244 S. San Pedro Street in Los Angeles.

The program will begin at 1 p.m. and services will be held in the National Japanese American Memorial Court.

The services are held annually in memory of the JAs who gave their lives during WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. There were 819 killed in action during WWII, 247 in the Korean War and 115 in the Vietnam War. The services will also honor all other veter-

ans who have died subsequent to their service to the United States as well as the 24 recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Speakers include Min Tonai, president of the JAKVW; Roy Machida, president of the AJAWWIMA; Vincent Okamoto, president of the JAVVW; and Robert Wada, founding president of the JAKVW.

If planning to attend the service, family members of the Medal of Honor recipients and those killed in action are encouraged to RSVP or leave a message stating your name, telephone number, address and name of the person you are representing.

For more information or to leave a message, call Robert Wada at 714/992-5461, Thomi Yamamoto at 213/387-9033 or Victor Muraoka at 818/897-1533. ■

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FICTION

Sons of Heaven

By Terrence Cheng
William Morrow
312 pp., \$24.95 hardback

With the recent release of the "Tiananmen Papers," which were reportedly smuggled out of China by a government official, the bloody massacre of June 1989 continues to haunt the world. Writer Terrence Cheng delivers a narrative that explores the most dramatic symbol of the struggle: the lone young man who leapt in front of the oncoming tanks, meeting force with flesh. To this day, no one knows who that young man was, but in this debut novel, Cheng imagines the man's story.

Told from different perspectives, the book focuses on the story of two brothers — one a scholar and one a soldier. The scholar is the nameless man who stood before the tanks. He is portrayed as recently returned to China after studying in America. His return has left him disillusioned with the Chinese government as he sees impoverished people living all around him. The scholar's brother is in the People's Liberation Army and believes deeply in China. When Deng Xiaoping dispatches his orders for the troops to fire on the protestors, the two brothers come face to face after years of separation.

Done In By Innocent Things

By William Eisner
GreyCore Press
225 pp., \$23 hardback

This compilation includes a novella and 12 short stories that bring to life a felon, business executive, con man, university professor, real estate salesman, sweatshop owner, airline stewardess, songwriter, research chemist, Chinese prostitute, Indian maharishi and many others. The novella recounts a robbery executed by people unhappy with their lives and searching for a miraculous change. In the process they deal with race relations and the California prison system.

NONFICTION

Smuggled Chinese: Clandestine Immigration to the United States

By Ko-Lin Chin
Temple University Press
296 pp., \$22.95 paperback, \$64.50 hardback

No one knows how many Chinese are being smuggled into the United States, but credible estimates put the

number at 50,000 arrivals each year. But this figure may only be a portion of the Chinese illegally residing in the United States. This book presents a detailed account of how this traffic is conducted and what happens to the people who risk their lives to reach "Gold Mountain." Ko-Lin Chin has interviewed more than 300 people — smugglers, immigrants, government officials and business owners — in the United States, China and Taiwan. Their poignant and chilling testimony describes a flourishing industry in which smugglers command fees as high as \$30,000 to move desperate but hopeful men and women around the world. For many who survive the hunger, filthy and crowded conditions, physical and sexual abuse, and other perils of the arduous journey, life in the United States, specifically in New York's Chinatown, is a disappointment. But few will return to China because their families depend on the money and status gained by having a relative in the States.

The Making of Asian America Through Political Participation

By Pei-te Lien
Temple University Press
304 pp., \$19.95 paperback, \$69.50 hardback

Pei-te Lien, an assistant professor of political science and ethnic studies at the University of Utah, maps the actions and strategies of Asian Americans as they negotiate a space in the American political arena. Lien looks at AA participation prior to 1965 and examines, at both organizational and mass-political levels, how race, ethnicity and transnationalism help to construct a complex American electorate. She looks not only at rates of participation among AAs as compared to Blacks, Latinos, American Indians and non-Hispanic whites, but also among specific groups of AAs — Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, Koreans, Asian Indians and Vietnamese. She also discusses how gender, socioeconomic class and place of birth affect political participation.

Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota

Edited by Edwin M. Nakasone
J-Press Publishing
175 pp., \$12.95 paperback

Edwin Nakasone, emeritus professor of history at Century College in Minnesota, has put together a compilation of 17 oral history interviews he has done with Nisei veterans living in the Minnesota area. These Nisei veterans, including an excerpt from the

author, include: Toshio Abe, Tom Ohye, Dr. George Tani, Minoru Yoshida, Harry Tsutomu Umeda, Mitsuo Yoneji, Isamu Sugimoto, Hishashi Kamegai, Edwin Nakasone, Isamu Shimada, Isamu Saito, Toke Yonekawa, Akira Fujioka, Paul Shimizu, Osamu Honda, Tom Ohno and David Yahanda. To contact J-Press Publishing write to 4796 N. 126th St., White Bear Lake, MN 55110; call 888/407-1723; fax 651/429-1819; e-mail sjackson@jpresspublishing.com; or visit the website www.jpresspublishing.com.

The Nisei Soldier: Historical Essays on World War II and the Korean War

By Edwin M. Nakasone
J-Press Publishing
204 pp., \$19.95

This book is organized as a series of essays written by Edwin Nakasone over a number of years. Topics include: "Pearl Harbor Remembered," "Go for Broke: The Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team," "America's Secret Warriors" (an essay on the Military Intelligence Service), "Kamikaze: Japan's Most Bizarre World War II Weapon," "Japan in Peace and War: Yesterday's Enemy is Today's Friend," "Chiune (Sempo) Sugihara: Japan's Oskar Schindler," "The Japanese Peruvians," "Tokyo Rose," "Japan's Fugo Plan: The Balloon Bombing of America," "Spady Koyama (a World War II and Korean War veteran)," "A Korean War Nisei Soldier's Story" and "Racial and Ethnic Relations in Japan Following World War II." To order, see info on "Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota."

Shifting Borders: Rhetoric, Immigration, California's Proposition 187

By Kent Ono & John Sloop
Temple University Press
256 pp., \$19.95 paperback, \$64.50 hardback

The authors argue that it is the voices outside the mainstream, the so called "outlaw" discourses, that hold the best possibilities for real social change. To illustrate their claim, the authors present dominant and outlaw discourses around Proposition 187, from TV reports, Internet chat sites, and religious discourses, to coverage of the Los Angeles Times. Their critique demonstrates how difficult it is to maintain a position outside the mainstream, but also how important it is for the press, citizens and scholars to actively search out such voices.

New Research on World War II Internment Camps

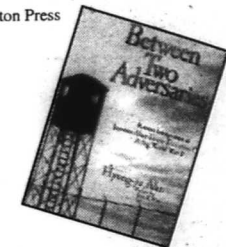
Between Two Adversaries: Korean Interpreters at Japanese Alien Enemy Detention Centers During World War II

By Hyung-ju Ahn
California State University, Fullerton Press
156 pp., \$27

Historian Hyung-ju Ahn explores the virtually unknown aspect of the Japanese American internment story by focusing on the Department of Justice detention centers where alleged "potentially dangerous" enemy alien Japanese were held. Here, an explosive interethnic conflict developed between two marginalized Asian American groups when the U.S. government enlisted overseas Korean students to interrogate the Japanese aliens held in the detention camps. Like the U.S. government, the highly nationalistic Korean students treated the ineligible for American-citizenship Japanese aliens as duplicitous agents of Imperial Japan.

From the Korean interpreters viewpoint, Japan's 40 year colonial rule had been oppressive and brutal. Japan attempted to systematically destroy Korean identity through such means as forcing them to replace the Korean language with Japanese, and uprooting Koreans from their own land to make way for Japanese emigrants to settle in Korea. This sparked a fierce Korean independence movement in 1919, known as the March First Movement, which continued until Japan surrendered to Allied forces at the end of World War II.

In America, Korean American feelings towards the Japanese Americans were exacerbated when Korean Americans became targets of anti-Japanese hysteria, both by the federal government and society at large. Ahn reports of instances where Koreans living in Hawaii could not access their bank accounts



because the government had placed a freeze order on them. Some Koreans, who had come to the United States during the colonial period as Japanese "subjects," were even interned along with the Japanese Americans. As a result, it should come as no surprise that Ahn's research uncovered several instances where Korean interpreters participated in beating interned Japanese while interrogating them.

This is the second volume in the Michi Nishiura and Walter Weglyn Multicultural Publication Series, which is an endowment that the late couple established at the Oral History Program at California State University, Fullerton. The first book in the series, "Songs of Anger: Tales of Tule Lake" by Barney Shallit, came out last year and was recently named a finalist in the essay/creative non-fiction category in the Independent Publisher Book competition for 2002.

The book can be ordered via website at http://ohp.fullerton.edu/ohp_bookstore.htm; or write Oral History Program, California State University, Fullerton, Pollak Library South, Room 363, P.O. Box 6846, Fullerton, CA 92834-6846; or call 714/278 3580.

VIDEO

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Savage Films & Smokin' Mirrors
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brings to light the issue of being mixed-heritage in the Asian Pacific

American community. Boch, who produced, directed and edited the film, was a recipient of the 2001 UCLA Spotlight Award for outstanding achievement. To order a VHS copy, call Boch at 323/906-8471 or e-mail to info@savagefilms.com.



VIETNAM in poetry

6 Vietnamese Poets

Edited by Nguyen Ba Chung & Kevin Bowen
Curstone-Press
254 pp., \$15.95 paperback

This collection of 81 translated poems from six Vietnamese poets gives readers not only a glimpse into the view of the Vietnam War as seen from the inside but also of a slice of Vietnam's culture and history that endured one of the longest wars of the 20th century.

The poets are: Pham Tien Duat, who is seen by many as the poet of the war. He lived among the troops, hid with them in the caves during bombing raids and in rare moments, read poems to the troops. His poem, "Truong Son East, Truong Son West," was put into song and became the love song of the war-torn generation.

Pham Tien Duat was the quintessential woman poet of the rear in the

North. For a generation, her poems spoke for millions of women who had to stay behind, and take care of the parents and children without complaint.

Nguyen Duc Mau is a poet of the agrarian North, imbued with the rhythms of its thousand-year-old village tradition. He was present at the Quang Tri Citadel in 1972. By chance, he was ordered out the night before the entire citadel was blown away by U.S. bombs. Today the citadel's few remnants have become a monument, since every inch of its ground has human bones embedded in it.

Lam Thi My Da was born in the South, in one of the poorest areas of the country. Her poems are distinguished by their self-reflective and self-questioning tone, especially about the role of woman/lover/writer in a implicitly male-dominated society.

Nguyen Khao Diem was born to a well-known family of scholars. He was regrouped to the North during the

1954-55 period when the country was, according to the Geneva Agreement, temporarily partitioned into two parts. In 1964, he was sent back to the South, working in the student movement in Hue University. He is currently a member of the Politbureau, in charge of Culture and Ideology, the first intellectual of the post-Hô Chi Minh era who has held that position.

Y Nhi was born in central Vietnam and regrouped to the North in 1954-55. Her father joined the anti-French Resistance and left home early, leaving her mother to bear the entire burden of raising the children. Life was hard and hunger was always just around the corner. Y Nhi is known for her innovations, both thematic and stylistic.



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