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New Book, Panel Discuss Emergence of Political Activism in Southern California's Gay AA Community

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

Over the past decade, a distinctive gay Asian American movement has emerged in Southern California from early political activism stemming from the HIV/AIDS crisis to present-day social service and coming-out support efforts, according to a new book by queer activist Eric Wat.

Panelists representing the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) community gathered at UCLA May 28 to discuss Wat's "The Making of a Gay Asian Community: An Oral History of Pre-AIDS Los Angeles" and the struggle to stay politically active and relevant.

"When I came out in the early 90s at UCLA... I didn't know any history about queer API communities, so that's what I set out to

find and this book is a product of that," said Wat, formerly a member of Mahu, UCLA's AA queer student group.

Unlike today, gay L.A. was much more gender-specific back then, he said, "with men organizing on the one side and women organizing on the other side."

Still, there was a growing sense of a collective, and Wat, who had also campaigned on behalf of women's and immigrant worker's rights, set out to talk to over 20 gay AA men who were early pioneers in the 1980s and prior to that.

"I chose that time period because there really wasn't a gay Asian organization until 1980. So I was wondering, how did they meet each other, how did they find each other?" he said. "More and

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Korean American Secret Service Agent Files EEO Complaint Against Agency

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

A discrimination complaint filed by a Korean American Secret Service agent may represent a larger problem within the U.S. Treasury Department's law enforcement component, which oversees the Secret Service.

In March, Carter Kim, 43, an 18-year veteran of the Secret Service, filed an Employment Opportunity (EEO) complaint, charging that the agency singled him out based on race after he brought to light alleged evidence mishandling at the Las Vegas field office. Of the three key people involved, Kim, the very person who revealed the problem, was the only person punished and the only Asian American.

Kim said he blew the whistle despite the consequences because he felt it was the right thing to do. "Retaliation—that was an issue with me," admitted Kim. "But there has to be a line drawn in the sand. At some point you have to take a stand. If you're going to be the person that keeps turning your head away and pretending it doesn't exist, nothing will happen."

National JACL will be writing a letter in support of Kim.

"I'm concerned that Carter is the victim of racial bias and am consequently writing to Brian Stafford, director of the Secret Service," said JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi. "It seems odd to me that Kim, who's been commended for his many years of work in the Secret Service, should suddenly find himself under investigation for the very things he's reported as security violations. He's clearly being

Enforcement within the U.S. Treasury Department.

Washington D.C.-based attorney Ronald Schmidt, who is representing all three cases and assisting Kim, recently filed a motion to consolidate all three cases, which represent a total of 1,000 minority agents.

"These cases gave us reason to believe that there is a severe problem in the Department of Treasury," said Schmidt. "Each group is suffering the same kinds of discrimination."

Schmidt said rather than have three separate judges review three separate cases, he moved to combine them in an effort to show a pattern. A ruling on the consolidation motion is expected in late June.

Tasia Scolinos, spokesperson for the Treasury Department, declined to comment on whether there was a widespread racial discrimination problem, saying "it wouldn't be appropriate to comment on pending lawsuits."

But Schmidt said among the documents they've been able to secure is a deposition given by a former Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, who said that any employee who files an EEO complaint is considered

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PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA
From l-r: Karl Kim, Secret Service Agent Carter Kim and Harvey Horikawa, Carter Kim's Los Angeles-based attorney.

Mineta to Highlight WWII Salute Dinner



Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta will be the keynote speaker at the "Salute to WWII Leaders" dinner on June

28 during the JACL national convention in Las Vegas. The dinner will be hosted by the Sacramento JACL chapter on behalf of national JACL to recognize and acknowledge the contributions of Mike Masaoka, Saburo Kido and George Inagaki during the difficult years of World War II.

This will be the first time that the JACL will officially recognize the contributions made by the three JACL WWII leaders.

Mineta, a familiar figure at JACL gatherings in the past, will appear for the first time as a member of the president's cabinet at a JACL convention. He appeared briefly at the sayonara banquet in Monterey as a nominee for secretary of commerce under Bill Clinton. This year, Mineta comes as one of the cabinet's most recognized members as a result of the events of Sept. 11. Much of the

nation's focus has been on Mineta and the policies related to air safety and transportation.

As the dinner's keynote speaker, Mineta's comments are expected to evoke a personal sense of connection because of his relationship to the late Masaoka. Masaoka's widow, Etsu, is Mineta's older sister.

In addition to Secretary Mineta, the dinner will feature comments by JACL National President Floyd Mori, Congressman Mike Honda, and a video message from Sen. Daniel Inouye. Ryan Yamamoto, television celebrity from Sacramento, will serve as the evening's master of ceremonies.

Three past national JACL presidents will make individual presentations to family members of the three leaders. Frank Chuman, Pat Okura and Jerry Enomoto will make presentations to Etsu Masaoka, Chris Inagaki and others expected to attend the dinner.

"This should be a moving and remarkable event," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director, "and one which people will remember for a long, long time. I hope everyone who comes to the convention takes advantage of this rare opportunity to witness a unique moment in the JACL's history." ■

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Detroit APA Community Remembers Vincent Chin

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

In 1982 Chinese American Vincent Chin was brutally beaten to death by two laid-off automobile workers who mistakenly thought he was Japanese. After more than five years of court battles, the two men never served any jail time.

Twenty years later, the Asian Pacific American community in the city of Detroit is determined to keep this modern-day martyr's legacy alive, never letting people forget the story of this man who never received



VINCENT CHIN

Kurashige, along with several individuals and organizations, including American Citizens for Justice (ACJ), a group formed shortly after Chin's murder, are organizing "Rededication to Justice: Vincent Chin 20th Year Remembrance," an event scheduled for June 21-23.

The three-day event will include workshops and a number of speakers, many of whom were involved in the 1980s efforts to seek justice for Chin. There will also be a screening of the Academy Award-nominated film, "Who Killed Vincent Chin?," a poetry performance, and a pilgrimage to Chin's gravesite on the anniversary of his death.

On June 19, 1982, Chin, 27, had been out celebrating his upcoming wedding with friends at Detroit's Fancy Pants strip bar when he encountered laid-off auto workers Ronald Ebens and his stepson Michael Nitz.

Frustrated with their recent job losses, Ebens and Nitz exchanged words with Chin, thinking he was Japanese, and a fight ensued. After a few minutes they were all thrown out of the club.

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Letters to the Editor

An Open Letter

On May 11, national JAACL extended a landmark apology to the draft resisters of World War II for their prior insensitivity to the resisters' legitimate demand for civil rights equity as a prior condition to military induction.

Those of the JAACL who fought long and hard to bring this resolution to fruition are to be commended for their commitment to the principles of justice and human dignity, the very essence of a civil rights organization. The future credibility of the JAACL as a civil rights organization hinges on the furtherance of similar commitments toward the ultimate reconciliation of all of Japanese America.

In this spirit of reconciliation, I would like to acknowledge the many supporters of the resistance movement, some very vocal, such as the late James Omura, who paid too great a price for his convictions, and Frank Chin, who would pay any price for his convictions, and the many who are not so vocal, but whose silent support we have always valued and has sustained us these many years.

In particular, I give belated thanks to the many in Heart Mountain who unselfishly donated to the Fair Play Committee to provide us with legal counsel in our ill-fated challenge to government oppression. The parents of the resisters, undoubtedly, provided the bulk of the necessary funds, but many, unrelated to the resisters, gave out of principle and I would guess, out of a flickering hope for justice. Some had sons already in the service. All this, when financial resources were extremely bleak and the future of Japanese America even bleaker. Such nobility brings new meaning to the term "The Quiet American."

Understandably, many donations were anonymous; however, the FPC destroyed all records when threatened with charges of sedition, in order to protect the innocent. Thus, I never knew who you were and I know most are now gone. Yet, it is important that it be known publicly how we resisters are deeply indebted for the sacrifices you made, and the moral resolve it engendered in us when we needed it the most.

With everlasting gratitude,

Yosh Kawanishi
Heart Mountain Draft Resister

Apology Not Representative

After reading George Shiozawa's letter, I decided to write about the recent apology. I trained with George's brother, Roy R. Shiozawa, at Co. B, 232nd Battalion, in Camp Blanding, FL. We were friends and buddies. We both ended up as replacements for Co. "A", 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd RCT. Roy was killed in the North Apennines, Po Valley campaign in Italy.

I cannot see a need for surviving relatives, or veterans of the MIS, 442 RCT, 8th Air Force or any other veteran of World War II who is a member of JAACL to apologize to the "resisters of conscience." If the men who volunteered to fight and die, as many did, had been resisters, would we still enjoy the status of a minority who fought prejudice to prove our loyalty and won, as President Harry Truman told the 442nd upon its parade in Washington, D.C.? Or would we be considered the four-letter word beginning with "J" as we were called during WWII?

Roy R. Shiozawa was killed in the service of the United States; The "resisters of conscience" lived. We have a monument in Pocatello, Idaho, to seven members of the 442nd RCT killed in action; most were JACLers.

I think the time has come for reconciliation. I believe it should be a symbolic handshake across the table — like, you did your thing, we did ours. The apology being made does not represent many of us.

Jun Shiozaki
Blackfoot, Idaho

Hopefully to Help Reconciliation

To help further reconciling and recognizing the resisters of conscience issues, I found a most profound and apropos book published in 1973 and written by Dr. Daniel I. Okimoto, born in the Santa Anita Assembly Center in 1942. The book is about being a Japanese American in Japan versus being a JA in the United States.

Although many of us Nisei served in Japan post World War II as GIs, I find Okimoto provides an

amicus curiae point of view from his experience on the long-lasting issue and struggle between the group of veterans that had opposed the recognition and the resisters of conscience.

As an educator, Okimoto studied and learned about living the "American in Disguise" life in Japan; something I was not, as a GI who created more stares and puzzlement to the people. What I found most interesting and significant in the author's observations and comments was that the Nisei GIs opposing the actions taken by the resisters were reacting more like the Japanese than the resisters of conscience. In Japan, all physically fit males served in the service. In America, conscientious objectors are recognized and served as such, but the JA resisters were mislabeled, benighted and suffered needlessly. Wherefore, I found their recognition on May 11 to be appropriate.

Hideo Tachibana
Iowa

Remembering Hung Wai Ching

Hung Wai Ching, an honorary member of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans (formerly Club 100) passed away this year on Feb. 29 at age 96. I write this as a former president of the 100th and a volunteer for Heart Mountain.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hung Wai served as a community advisor in the Morale Section of the Military Governor's Office in Hawaii. He vouched for the loyalty of the Americans of Japanese ancestry, and helped form the Victory Varsity Volunteers (VVV), a group of AJA who offered their services to the military. Military records show that it was the loyal conduct of the Hawaii civilian AJA, the record of the 100th, the MIS and the VVV that finally led to the formation of the 442nd. Hung Wai Ching made sure that this loyalty came to the attention of the military. The opinions of the Hawaii military won out over the West Coast commander, the infamous General De Witt.

Hung Wai was typically Hawaiian-friendly, egalitarian, easygoing, caring and generous. Unlike his renowned brother, Hung Wo, he was not great in

business at all. His successes lay elsewhere. In San Francisco, he took some of the 442nd boys to a Chinese restaurant before they left for Camp Shelby. In Mississippi he made sure that the civilians treated AJA soldiers fairly.

We AJAs owe a lot to this man. The 100th and 442nd went on to become the most decorated outfits in American military history. Today, all AJA and all Asian Americans benefit from the sacrifices made by these soldiers. All Americans should honor this wonderful, successful man.

Don Matsuda
Honolulu

CSUS JA Archival Collection Seeking Information

The Japanese American Archival Collection at California State University, Sacramento wishes to have a biography of Dr. Teru Togasaki, who established a private medical practice in Sacramento in the early 1930s. During the internment, she was assigned to Poston Relocation Camp.

We would greatly appreciate hearing from your readers who can tell us about her early life and her life after Poston. Also, we would like to know about Kazuo Togasaki's life after relocation camp.

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JACL Lauds Victory for Affirmative Action

The JACL praised a recent affirmative action decision by a U.S. District Court to uphold a lower court ruling allowing the University of Michigan's use of ethnicity in its admissions process.

Affirmative action supporters say this decision may force the U.S. Supreme Court to reconsider its stance on race-based admission policies. Over the past 10 years, affirmative action programs at universities in California and Washington state have been eliminated.

"We commend the district court for ruling that the University of Michigan's use of affirmative action is legal," said John Tateishi,

JACL national executive director. "As a civil rights organization, the JACL continues to strongly support the use of affirmative action in creating a more equitable society."

"The United States still requires tools such as affirmative action to ensure that all Americans receive an equal opportunity to succeed, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, sexual preference or religion," added Ryan Chin, JACL vice president of public affairs.

Last year, the JACL filed an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of a Department of Transportation program that sought more minority and women employees. ■

States Respond to Eliminate Racist Alien Land Laws

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOPEKA, Kan.—Nearly seven decades after the Legislature banned Asian immigrants from inheriting property in Kansas, the law is about to be struck from the books.

Only three states — Kansas, New Mexico and Florida — still have what are known as "alien land laws." Kansas is about to repeal its version; New Mexico voters will decide in November and Florida has taken no action.

An effort by the Alien Land Law Project at the University of Cincinnati Law School brought the laws to the attention of the three states, plus Wyoming, which repealed its statute last year.

In Kansas, Gov. Bill Graves is expected to sign the bill repealing the 1933 law barring Asians from inheriting property. Originally, the law passed in 1925 barred Asians from owning property in the state.

"I'm real proud of the fact that Kansas is stepping up and repealing a discriminatory Jim Crow era statute," said Rep. John Burroughs, D-Kansas City. "It says a lot about how we feel about Kansas citizens."

The Alien Land Law Project was organized by Jack Chin, a law professor, and law students at the University of Cincinnati.

The United States specifically limited immigration of Asians from

1862-1965. During this time more than a dozen states passed laws banning Asian immigrants from owning and inheriting property. California was the first in 1913. The prohibition moved east with states taking the language directly from federal naturalization law. An immigrant violating these laws could be imprisoned, have their property taken without compensation and fined.

The project sent legal memorandums documenting the history of the laws and the reason for a repeal to elected officials in the four states. Most states did away with the laws from 1940-1960.

"There is a symbolism to these things, this is a symbol of time when people's opportunity and place was defined by race," said Chin. "That's a time we're beyond."

The Wyoming Legislature repealed its alien land law last year. It was enacted in 1943 in response to Japanese aliens placed in an internment camp in Wyoming.

"It didn't actually specify Japanese, but it was worded in such a way that the practical application was Japanese who were aliens in Wyoming, couldn't buy land," said Sen. Keith Goodenough, D-Natrona, who sponsored the bill.

All of the alien land laws are now unconstitutional under federal law, but the project believes they should still be repealed. In New Mexico

and Florida, repealing the statute is more difficult because it is in the state constitution. Voters, not lawmakers, would have the final word. New Mexico voters will make that choice in November.

Sen. Cisco McSorley, D-Albuquerque, introduced the proposed constitutional change after being contacted by law students at the University of New Mexico.

McSorley said the effort to amend the constitution faced virtually no opposition, but some worried that voters might reject it because they didn't understand the issue.

Florida is the only state that hasn't acted on the restrictions. Legislative staff in Florida were surprised the language was in the constitution and that nothing had been done about it. Calls to the governor's office were not returned.

The Alien Land Law Project said Rep. Phillip Brutus, D-Miami Shores, had planned to introduce a bill this year but didn't. Brutus was on vacation and unavailable for comment. Chin said the group's work in Florida would be turned over to lawyers and law students there.

Another part of the effort was a letter signed by 100 law professors from across the country sent to the states. Robert Porter, a law professor at the University of Kansas, said it was necessary for states to clean up the legal remnants of discrimination. ■

JA Vets Group Voices Concern Over Shinseki Replacement Announcement

The Japanese American Veterans' Association of Washington, D.C. (JAVADC) recently sent a letter to President Bush voicing concern over Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's early announcement to replace Army Chief of Staff Eric Shinseki.

Gen. Shinseki's term is not over for another 14 months, but Rumsfeld made an unprecedented move by naming Gen. John Keane, currently vice chief of staff, as Shinseki's successor.

Rumsfeld's decision is thought to be connected to the debate raging behind the scenes over the Crusader mobile artillery system. Gen. Tommy Franks, commander in chief of the war against terrorism in Afghanistan, contended that had the Crusader system been in

place, it could have prevented American casualties. Shinseki gave public testimony that disagreed with Franks.

The JAVADC letter to Bush states in part: "...The Army does not need, and certainly does not deserve, to have a 'lame duck' Chief of Staff as it fights an international war against terrorists. General Shinseki is not only a war hero but a role model for the Asian American community. He was named to the position of Chief of Staff of the Army because of his exceptional military career. His dedicated service and demonstrated leadership should not be impaired by this unnecessary burden placed upon him as he nears the completion of his term." ■

California's Proposed Budget Includes Cuts to CCLPEP and Increased Competition for Prop. 40 Monies

Budget cuts proposed in California Gov. Gray Davis' May Budget Revision may affect the Nikkei community in two ways: an allocation reduction to the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP), and increased competition for Proposition 40 monies.

To offset a projected \$23.6 billion deficit during the 2002-2003 fiscal year, various programs, including CCLPEP, have seen their budgets cut. Davis' May Revision proposes to reduce the CCLPEP budget from \$1 million to \$250,000.

This is the first time since the CCLPEP's formation four years ago that the program has seen a proposed budget reduction. The bill that created CCLPEP, which had been sponsored by then-Assemblyman Mike Honda, allocated \$1 million per year for three years. A bill extending the program for an additional two years was

sponsored by Assemblyman George Nakano, D-53rd, and passed into law in 2000. The extension also allocated \$1 million per year.

The CCLPEP is a competitive grant program that appropriates funds to projects that educate the general public about the experiences of JAs during World War II.

California's Asian Pacific Islander Caucus is expected to write a letter to Davis, asking that the CCLPEP budget be left intact, and Assemblywoman Wilma Chan, D-16th, who sits on the Assembly Budget Committee's Education Finance Subcommittee, is seeking other sources of funding for CCLPEP.

With a huge deficit looming and few sources of new funding available, statewide competition for Proposition 40 funds are expected to be intense. Proposition 40, passed on March 5 by voters, provides \$2.6 billion in bond money for the con-

servation of natural resources, parks, and historical and cultural resources. The move to preserve the three Japantowns falls under the latter category.

The initiative sets aside \$267.5 million for historical and cultural resources preservation, but \$37.5 million has already been slated to go towards San Francisco's Golden Gate Park and Los Angeles' El Pueblo Cultural and Performing Arts Center. The remaining \$230 million is what will be available to various organizations, including those working to preserve the three Japantowns.

Two bills to implement the cultural and historic aspect of Proposition 40 are currently going through the legislature — Senate Bill 1247, sponsored by Senate Pro Tem John Burton, D-San Francisco, and Assembly Bill 716, sponsored by Assemblyman Marco Firebaugh, D-50th. ■

GAO Probes Discriminatory Practices at DOE Labs

The U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) recently released a report showing several troubling disparities and patterns in the employment of minorities at several U.S. National Weapons Labs, including Lawrence Livermore, Sandia and Los Alamos.

"The disparity in salaries and the rate of promotion between minorities when compared to white males in the same jobs at our national laboratories is alarming," said Rep. Mike Honda, D-San Jose, who had requested the GAO report on the Department of Energy labs, along with Reps. David Wu, D-Oregon,

and Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Texas.

The GAO analyzed five years of data from 1995-2000 on the handling of some 22,000 employees at the Sandia, Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos national labs. Using analysis of employment data, the GAO found statistically significant differences in the way women and people of color are treated at the labs in their pay, promotions and cash awards. Salaries for minority men and women and white women were lower than for white men, with the exception of Asian American men at Los Alamos and Sandia and

Hispanic men at Lawrence Livermore. Comparing men and women of the same ethnicity, the GAO found that white, Asian and Hispanic women earned less than their male counterparts.

The report also found further areas for investigation. For example, with over 300 AA professional staff at Lawrence Livermore, not one was promoted to a managerial position between 1998 and 2000.

After reading the report, Honda called for a meeting with Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham and for a hearing on the issue by the House Committee on Science. ■

Hirabayashi Camp Site Safe from Wildfire Threat


Although a wildfire closed off virtually all access to the Coronado National Forest, the Hirabayashi Recreation Site came out unscathed, according to Mary Farrell with the Coronado National Forest.

Farrell said the fire burned about four miles north and above the Hirabayashi recreation site.


The site was named after Gordon Hirabayashi, the most famous inmate to be incarcerated during World War II at the now-defunct prison camp located in what is now the Coronado National Forest. The prison camp once held Nisei draft resisters from Amache, Topaz and Poston, who helped construct the

highway used by firefighters against the recent blaze.

The wildfire, which began at the end of May, blazed for about a week and a half before it was contained. Public access was restricted in nine of 11 national forests in Arizona and New Mexico. The cost of the fire is expected to top \$16 million. ■



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□ Campaign Questions AA Delegates at Convention

WORCESTER, Mass.—The first day of the Democratic state party's convention May 31 was not without intrigue, as Robert Reich's campaign questioned whether about 40 spots designated for Asian American delegates had been filled by non-Asians.

The majority of the delegates in question were in Boston's Mission Hill neighborhood, said Mark Longabaugh, Reich's campaign manager.

The delegates designated as AAs included such names as Yakov Finkelberg and Lyodmila Dinova, both of Boston. They came to the attention of the Reich campaign after the ward chairman became "outraged" that they were being passed off as AA, Longabaugh said.

Reich campaign officials asked the state party about the delegates in question May 31 but later in the day Reich himself decided against a formal challenge, Longabaugh said.

□ City Publishes Chinese-language Sept. 11 Pamphlet

NEW YORK—The New York City Health Department has published and distributed more than 160,000 Chinese-language booklets about coping with the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, officials said.

"During Memorial Day weekend, the brochures about handling stress were inserted into three Chinese-language newspapers: *World Journal*, *Sing Tao Daily* and the *Ming Pao Daily News*, the health department said.

"From decreased tourism to

extensive layoffs at garment factories, the World Trade Center was strongly impacted Chinatown," Commissioner Thomas Frieden said. "This in turn has had ripple effects throughout Chinese communities in other boroughs."

The overall effort, called Project Liberty, is funded by a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant and is a disaster-recover program created to provide free counseling, education and referral services to people affected by the terrorist attacks.

The toll-free hotline run by Asia LifeNet, 877/990-8585, offers services in Cantonese, Mandarin, Fuzhounese and Korean.

□ Hmong Honored for First Time in Vet Ceremony

MILWAUKEE—Tens of thousands of Hmong soldiers who fought and died alongside Americans were included for the first time in a Memorial Day ceremony marking the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Milwaukee lakefront.

Hmong soldiers, who helped U.S. pilots shot down over Laos during the war, served as spies, and disrupted North Vietnamese supplies, were honored with a place at the "Missing Man Table."

The round table is draped with white linen. Its chairs are empty, though each place is set in memory of those taken prisoner or missing in action.

"It's sad because my father die for this cause, and some in U.S. not recognize it publicly," said Chue C. Xiong, who came to the United States with an uncle at 16. "Most American citizens know little or nothing about how the Hmong serve the CIA and the United States."

□ Judge Grants Class-action Status to

Discrimination Lawsuit

SEATTLE—A lawsuit alleging discrimination by the Boeing Co. against Middle Eastern and Asian American engineers was certified May 22 as a class action by a federal judge.

The class covers 1,000 to 2,000 engineers in Washington state whose national or ethnic background is from seven countries: Cambodia, Vietnam, the Philippines, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan or Iran. The class is limited to those who worked for Boeing anytime after Oct. 12, 1996.

The judge's decision to certify the class does not address the legal claims of the 1999 lawsuit, which contends that Boeing discriminated in salary and retention of engineers from the named countries.

Boeing said it was disappointed by the ruling and may appeal it.

The company has faced discrimination complaints before. Since January 1999, it has agreed to pay out at least \$19.5 million to black employees, women and other minority workers who say they did not receive fair pay and raises.

□ Muslim Group Hosts Appreciation Picnic with JA Community

LOS ANGELES—The Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC) hosted a picnic May 19 to thank the Japanese American community for their support in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which led to a subsequent increase in hate crimes against Muslim, Arab and South Asian Americans.

More than 100 people turned out for the picnic, which included an informal program with MPAC members praising the JA community for immediately speaking out in their defense and for their vigilance against the current threat to civil liberties in this country. ■

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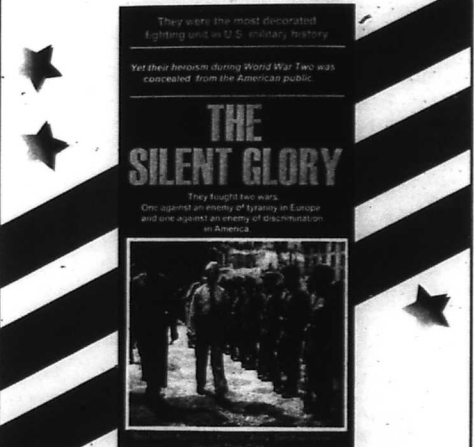
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APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments, Announcements

French Camp JA CLERS, **Fumiko Asano** and **Dean Komure** were recently named French Camp's 2002 Woman and Man of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce's annual awards dinner. Asano currently serves as the chamber's treasurer. Komure was honored for his community work, particularly his support of the local scouting program.

Russell Hom, 46, of Sacramento, was recently appointed a judge of the Sacramento County Superior Court by California Gov. Gray Davis. Currently in private law practice specializing in criminal defense and personal injury cases, Hom began his legal career as a deputy district attorney in the Sacramento District Attorney's Office, where he prosecuted misdemeanor and felony cases from 1981 to 1984. He is a past president of the Asian Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento.

Takafumi "Marty" Ideta was recently promoted to the rank of captain by San Francisco Sheriff Michael Hennessey, making him the highest-ranking Asian American in the history of the Sheriff's Department. Born in Fukuoka, Japan in 1949, Ideta joined the department in 1985, became a sergeant in 1990 and was promoted to lieutenant in 1994. He is a certified weaponless defensive tactics instructor.

George Kurose, 80, the 1942 class valedictorian of Lincoln

High School in Tacoma, Wash., and 13 other Nisei finally received their diplomas at a ceremony 59 years after Executive Order 9066 prevented them from attending their graduation. Kurose had a 3.87 grade point average, the highest among 668 seniors. The history of these Nisei students was uncovered by Dr. Ronald E. Magden, author of *Fukusato*—Tacoma Pierce County Japanese."

Dr. Ayako Wada Mayeda, of Littleton, Colo., and **Kimiko Side**, of Denver, were named the Colorado recipients of the Commendation of the Japanese Consul General for their work in promoting understanding and cultural exchange as part of Denver's sister-city relationship with the city of Takayama. Both revitalized a program which organized groups and local students to travel to Japan. The commendation has been awarded to 120 people around the world.

Secretary of Transportation **Norman Mineta** and award-winning author **Army Tan** were presented with honorary doctorate degrees from San Jose State University. Mineta, former city councilman and mayor of San Jose, was given an honorary doctorate of letters degree. Tan, a 1973 graduate of the university and author of "The Joy Luck Club," also served as the commencement speaker.

After several months of rumors, NBC announced May 22 that its West Coast president, **Scott Sassa**,

will leave his job, which will be taken over by the network's entertainment chief, Jeff Zucker. Sassa will stay with NBC to focus on "strategic projects" and report to NBC's top executives, Bob Wright and Andrew Lack. Wright, NBC's chairman, said Sassa's new duties will be discussed over the next few months, and he praised him for doing a "good job" with NBC.

Dr. Tomoko Takahashi, dean of the Graduate School of Soka University of America (SUA), Calabasas, has been appointed as the university's first provost and chief academic officer. She will oversee both the undergraduate and graduate programs of SUA's two California campuses in Aliso Viejo and Calabasas. Takahashi has published more than 20 books, including scholarly works in English and Japanese on language learning, cross-cultural communication and lexico-semantic.

Army Col. J. Edgar Wakayama was awarded the Soldier's Medal, the Army's highest decoration for noncombat valor, May 29 for his action at the Pentagon last Sept. 11. Wakayama, an Army medic, entered the Pentagon three times to search for people injured in the terrorist attacks. He performed triage on the wounded and helped the Red Cross set up a blood collection point. Wakayama was born in Manzanar and raised in Japan. He was drafted into the Army in 1967 and served in the Vietnam War. ■


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more what I was left with was it's not about finding community necessarily, it's about making community."

Panel moderator Napoleon Lustre, a Filipino HIV/AIDS activist, witnessed the early rise of AA involvement in the issue as a student co-chair of the Gay and Lesbian Student Union at UC Irvine in the late 1980s.

"When I came out, AIDS was still kind of new, and the ethnic participation in that discussion was definitely new," he said. "I remember the debate in our group. Me and my co-chair, who was a white, working-class dyke from Boston, we were really a great pair. They had never had ethnic leadership before. But we were very, very clear that we will politicize this organization."

Other political causes in the 1980s, including civil rights and redress for Japanese Americans, informed young activists like Stan Yogi, whose parents were interned during World War II.

"You have to experience a sense of injustice and inequality personally or have someone in your family or someone you care about deeply experience discrimination or some other form of injustice to spur some of the involvement in community organizing," said Yogi, who has worked with both the ACLU and the National Coalition for Redress and Reparations (now known as Nikkei for Civil Rights and Reparations).

While the HIV/AIDS crisis served as an immediate issue around which an emerging gay AA community could rally, today's younger AA queer generation is struggling to find a comparable focus, said Jane Lin, 21, current student president of Mahu.

"Having not experienced the AIDS movement and all the activism of pre-'my generation,' I find that Mahu is very removed from politics actually. I tend to



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Eric Wat, author of a new book, "The Making of a Gay Asian Community," was one of several gay Asian American activists who gathered at UCLA to discuss the emergence of political activism among the queer community during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

focus more on building social networks and support for coming out," she said. "I think it comes from the atmosphere on campus also. From '98 and beyond, a lot of the political activism has gone down."

The shift from involvement in political causes to emphasis on social support and cultural celebration for the LGBT community has been felt elsewhere.

Diep Tran, poet and co-founder of O Moi, an organization for Vietnamese lesbians, female-to-male transgressors and bisexual women, admitted that her group also has seen a decline in activism since the mid-1990s when she first volunteered for a fledgling Korean Immigrant Workers Advocates (KIWA) in Los Angeles, a group which rallies against immigrant worker exploitation.

"I came out at a time and in a kind of culture that was very much like if you were queer, you almost had to have progressive politics. You were totally outside if you didn't have those politics," Tran said.

"It was kind of the heyday, the early to mid '90s," she said, whereas today she likened the waning of political activism to a "wave."

In some ways, a different kind of activism in areas of support and social services has emerged in its place, according to Rashmi Choksey, president of TrikonELA, an organization serving queer South Asians in Southern California, and a board member of Asian Pacific Islanders for Human Rights.

As more queer AAs express interest in confronting cultural barriers with their families, the need for such services has made "a lot of Asian Pacific Islander organizations want to do something broader," she said.

"In '93, when I first came out to a friend of mine, I had no clue whether there were any South Asians around that were gay or lesbian at all, and I was very scared to even venture out to ask questions because I wasn't out to my family," Choksey said. "What if I got a call from someone and they mentioned gay or lesbian in there and my family found out?"

Today, she said, "when I look at my own family and all the cultural aspects of what I won't have because I'm queer, that forces me to address [issues] with them, and therefore I realize that the same thing is happening in my own community and everywhere else." ■

VINCENT CHIN

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Chin and his friends headed to a nearby McDonald's. Ebens and Nitz, who had been looking for Chin's group, caught up with them 20 minutes later in the restaurant's parking lot. This time Ebens brought a baseball bat and with the help of his stepson started repeatedly beating Chin until he was unconscious. Four days later, on June 23, Chin died of his injuries.

Chin's murder took place during the '80s anti-Japanese fervor caused largely by the failing American auto industry and the success of the Japanese carmakers. Hundreds of automobile workers were being laid off and nowhere was the anger more zealous than in Detroit, America's automobile capital.

Ebens and Nitz were eventually brought to trial and found guilty of manslaughter in a plea bargain agreement. On March 16, 1983, Judge Charles Kaufman sentenced each man to three years probation and a \$3,000 fine.

Reeling from the shock of Judge Kaufman's light sentences, APAs across the nation mobilized to demand justice for Chin. In November 1983, the federal government charged Ebens and Nitz with violating Chin's civil rights and for conspiracy. In June 1984, Ebens was found guilty of violating Chin's civil rights and received a sentence of 25 years in prison. Nitz was cleared of all charges.

But defense lawyers appealed the federal court's decision, and a retrial was ordered and the trial moved to Cincinnati. On May 1, 1987, Ebens and Nitz were acquitted of all charges, never spending a day in jail. In July 1987, Ebens was found guilty in a civil suit and was ordered to pay \$1.5 million to Chin's estate. Shortly afterwards, Ebens disposed of his assets and left the state of Michigan, never paying a cent to the Chin family.

The Chin case has had lasting effects not only on local Detroit APAs but also on the national APA community. Although small in number and largely invisible in the '80s, especially in non-West Coast cities like Detroit, APAs were forced to speak up for their civil rights. It was also a time when coalitions were being formed in the APA community for the first time, relationships that still exist today.

"[The Vincent Chin case] was a real wake-up call," said Kurashige, who was born and raised in Los Angeles but had lived in Detroit for the past couple of years. "It showed that you have to sometimes stand up and be heard. It showed the cost of invisibility."

The Chin case "really elevated everyone's political conscience," said attorney Jim Shimoura, a founding member of ACJ and a member of the Detroit JACL chapter. In the frenzied anti-Asian atmosphere of the 80s, it didn't matter if you were Japanese, Filipino, or Vietnamese. "Society doesn't make those connections. Everyone was seen as being Japanese," he said.

Roland Hwang, current vice president of ACJ and attorney for the state of Michigan, first got involved with the Chin case shortly after the probation sentences for Ebens and Nitz were handed down.

As a founding member of ACJ, Hwang, a native of Detroit, witnessed the evolution of APAs forming coalitions in their fight for justice. "The [Chin] case was one that spurred the community to get organized in a Pan-Asian way for the civil rights arena," he said.

Filipino American attorney Ann Malayang first heard of the Chin case as a student at the University of Michigan during the early '90s, and immediately identified the need to get involved as a member of the APA community. Although heavily involved in her local Filipino American community, she decided to educate herself on APA issues.

"[Ebens and Nitz] thought [Chin] was Japanese but they were really targeting all Asian Americans. That

brought all APA communities together because they couldn't tell the difference," said Malayang, a former ACJ president. "To protect ourselves, we needed to ban together. [APAs] have to be vigilant, making sure that something like this never happens to someone else."

Chin's murder was also an opportunity for the local Japanese American and Chinese American communities to ban together. Although the two had often worked together in the past, the Chin case "brought the two communities much closer together," said Shimoura.

"The APA community felt its collective strength for the first time in the Vincent Chin effort, and as saddened as we were by the reason for our coming together, we learned the value of it," said JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi. "In this sense, Vincent Chin's death wasn't in vain; it's left a lasting legacy in the APA community." ■

Organizers of the remembrance are hopeful that through Chin's legacy, people will come to learn more about the Detroit APA community.

Although APAs in Detroit remain relatively small in number, they have seen some recent increases with the influx of new immigrants. The community consists of longtime area residents — some families having first settled in the area in the 1910s — to newer immigrants, including Indians, Bangladeshis and Hmong. Today, APAs make up about one percent of the city's total population, between 12,000–14,000 in a city of more than 950,000.

Although APA activists and scholars know the story of Vincent Chin all too well, organizers of the 20th anniversary remembrance hope to educate those in the larger community and the newer APA immigrants who have yet to learn of his legacy.

"We want to bridge that generation gap," said Kurashige, who is amazed, each time he shows the film "Who Killed Vincent Chin?," at the number of people who had never before heard of the story.

Remembrance organizers also plan to highlight the eerie similarities between the post 9-11 scapegoating and racial profiling of the Arab and Muslim American communities, and the attack on Chin.

"In the past year with 9-11, it's living proof that racial profiling, stereotyping, still prevails today," said Shimoura, noting that society will always look for scapegoats when there are social or political problems.

"There's been a lot of apprehension, a lot of anxiety," said Kurashige, especially in light of the fact that many of the people taken in by the government for questioning post 9-11 came from the Detroit area, a city with a large Arab American population. Thoughts of "Could this happen again in 2002?" are always just below the surface," he said.

With the lessons learned from the Chin incident, APAs are better equipped today to combat issues of racial profiling and stereotyping. "I think that a number of APA organizations are engaged in programs to deter future tragedies," said Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest regional director, noting that hate crimes are now documented annually, education programs have been set up, and groups regularly monitor state and federal legislation, all in an effort to combat bias-motivated crimes.

"Historical events such as the Japanese American internment teach us that we must always be vigilant about individual rights and group intolerance," said Yoshino. "In a similar manner, the Chin case should serve as a reminder that racism and intolerance will exist in our society and that vigilance means we must be aggressive in our efforts to teach tolerance and to respond aggressively to acts of anti-Asian sentiment when they occur." ■

For more information about the Vincent Chin 20th Year Remembrance event, e-mail: rededication20@yahoo.com or check out the website: <http://rededication.cjb.net>.

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JACL Announces JAs of the Biennium



J A C L announced the selection of Wayne Nakamura, Daniel Tani and Lindsey Yamasaki as the

Japanese Americans of the Biennium. They will be honored at this year's JACL national convention in Las Vegas, June 25-30.

The award recognizes JAs whose outstanding achievements in various fields have received regional, national or international recognition, and whose contributions have enhanced human knowledge and the quality of life.

Wayne Nakamura, a 25-year employee at State Farm Insurance, has played a critical role in diversity education not only within the company but also within the greater community that it serves.

In 2000, Nakamura was appointed to head State Farm's newly created multicultural markets department, which encompasses Washington, Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Hawaii. Under his leadership, the department has raised diversity awareness and identified opportunities in serving the various communities of color. One of his projects partnered Lincoln High School with State Farm's Interactive Distance Learning resource to teach students about financial planning, insurance education and interviewing skills via video conference.

He sits on numerous boards, including State Farm Workforce of the Future Task Force, Center for Career Alternatives, Pan-African Coalition in the Pacific Northwest, Tacoma Community College Advisory Committee and University of Washington Diversity Council. He is a member of the Seattle JACL.

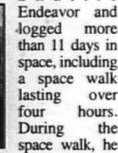
Daniel M. Tani was selected as a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) astronaut candidate in April 1996, following Ellison Onizuka as the second JA for this position. After two years of training and evaluation at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, he qualified for flight assignment as

a mission specialist in 1998. On Nov. 29, 2001, Tani flew on the Space Shuttle Endeavor and logged more than 11 days in space, including a space walk lasting over four hours. During the space walk, he helped perform maintenance work on the International Space Station.

Tani received both his bachelor of science and master's degree in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1988, he joined Orbital Sciences Corporation in Dulles, Va., and worked with NASA's Johnson Space Center mission control in support of a space shuttle mission in September 1993. He also worked on the launching of the air-launched Pegasus unmanned rocket.

Lindsey Brooke Yamasaki, the first Asian American to be drafted to the WNBA, began her career in Oregon, where she led Oregon City High School to four consecutive AAAA state championships and was named First Team All American by *USA Today*, *Nike/WBCA*, *Street and Smith's* and *Parade Magazine*. As a senior, she was named Athlete of the Month by *Sports Illustrated* in March 1998 and selected as the Oregon State Player of the Year. At 6-foot-1, she also excelled in volleyball, and was named the Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year in 1996 and 1997.

A standout guard at Stanford University, she was nicknamed "Saki Bomb" and graduated ranked ninth on the school's all-time scoring list and second in career three-pointers. She also earned an AP All-American honorable mention and was named to the Pac-10 First Team. She majored in urban studies and minored in sociology. Upon graduation, she was drafted by the Miami Sol in the second round. ■



JACL Announces National Convention Workshops



The JACL announced the schedule and topics of workshops it will be conducting at its biennial convention in Las Vegas. All workshops will be held June 28 in the morning, either from 8:30-10 a.m. or from 10:15-11:45 a.m. at the Riviera Hotel. Following are descriptions of the workshops:

Asian Pacific American Leadership in the 21st Century

Youth session at 8:30 a.m. only; delegate session 10:15 a.m. only

Geared for both organizations and individuals interested in leadership skill development, this workshop will highlight the importance of leadership and communication skills in the workplace. Participants will learn key leadership qualities and address critical questions: why are some individuals promoted while others are not? How can one enhance their chances of being promoted?

Presenter: **J. D. Hokoyama**, president and executive director of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP), Inc.

Social Security: How it Relates to You

8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
Where do those dollars go? Are you getting the most out of your Social Security benefits? Representatives from the Social Security Administration will be on hand to address a variety of current issues regarding public benefits for retirees.

Presenters: **Marianne Brackney** and **Cal Gee** of the Social Security Administration.

Media Advocacy: Getting Your Story on the Air!

8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
Are you struggling with getting your issues addressed in your community? Do you have a "call to action" issue that needs your entire community's attention? Learn how to get your story on the air with two veteran Asian American Journalist

Association members with their accumulated 35 years of experience in broadcast journalism.

Presenters: **Michael Liang**, production manager, KCRA Sacramento's NBC affiliate, and **Ryan Yamamoto**, news reporter, KCRA Sacramento's NBC affiliate.

Community Strategies in Addressing Hate Crimes

8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Post Sept. 11, our nation is at unprecedented levels of security in public buildings and public safety awareness. Today, if a hate crime or other crisis occurs in your local community, would your chapter know how to respond? What federal, state, and local resources are available to you and your community? Learn how to work with law enforcement agencies, collaborate within your community and plan your community's response to crisis. Learn about working models and the best practices throughout the country.

Presenters: **Steven Thom**, Community Relations Services, U.S. Department of Justice; **Capt. Rich Shirashi**, Sacramento Police Department; **Bill Yoshino**, JACL Midwest Regional Director.

Trends in Asian Pacific Women's Health Issues

TBA
Federal and state health programs do not target our community and have developed health policies without considering our health needs. Learn about the National Asian Women's Health Organization's (NAWHO) efforts to end racial and ethnic health disparities, and the trends and challenges of accessing care and prevention information on cancer, mental health, osteoporosis, etc.

Presenter: **Karen Lim, L.L.B.**, director of communications, NAWHO.

Successful Bicultural Marriages and Relationships

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When people from different races

and cultures marry, there are many pressures and issues that have to be addressed in order to make the relationship work. Dr. Daniel Shioda is a partner in a successful bicultural marriage and brings his experience, perspective and training as a clinical psychologist to bear on the problems encountered as bicultural marriages become the norm.

Presenter: **Dr. Daniel Shioda**, clinical psychologist.

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Presenter: **Steven T. Okamoto**, NCWNP district executive board member, planned giving director for the American Cancer Society, and ChFC and CSA with more than 38 years of experience in the financial services industry.

Beyond the Numbers: How the Census Impacts our Lives

TBA
Every ten years, the government spends months and vast resources to conduct a national head count, but do you know why? How does the Census impact federal programs, civil rights enforcement, political redistricting and funding in our local communities. Find out exactly how these numbers are used and why they are so important to our daily lives.

Presenter: **Wayne Kei** of the Census Bureau.

Other workshops under development include: **Teaching Tolerance, Asian Pacific American Entrepreneurs, and U.S.-Japan Relations**. Check your convention materials for final times and workshop topics. ■

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JACL Corner

Arizona

Nearly 150 guests attended the Arizona JACL's 41st Annual Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship Luncheon at the Glendale Civic Center, where JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi gave the keynote address, discussing his experiences in the redress movement. Chapter President Ted Namba awarded two \$700 scholarships to local students for their academic achievements and community involvement: Stephanie Nishioka of Cactus High School received the Sara Hutchings Clardy Award and Steven Teraji of Greenway High School received the Herb Jensen Award.

Berkeley

The Berkeley JACL recently held its 12th annual scholarship awards banquet at the Silver Dragon Restaurant in Oakland, where Channel 2 KTVU-TV news reporter Robert Handa served as guest speaker. Six students from the East Bay were awarded schol-

arships: Kyle Morishita will attend UC Davis to study social science; Marisa Harano will attend UC Davis to major in chemistry; Amanda Wake will attend UC Santa Cruz with an undeclared major; Derek Wilairat will attend Pomona College with an undeclared major; Brian Kozono will attend UC Berkeley with an undeclared major; and Christina Suda will attend Cal State Northridge to major in kinesiology. The chapter also honored its 2002 "Pioneer Award" recipients, Dan Date and Min Sano.

Mount Olympus/Salt Lake

The joint Mount Olympus/Salt Lake JACL high school scholarship dinner was recently held at Salt Lake Community College. The event featured guest speaker Floyd Mori, JACL national president, entertainment by violinist Kathryn Matsumori and the presentation of awards and scholarships. Salt Lake chapter scholarship recipients included Michael Iwasaki, Lauren Murakami and

Tina Rahimian. Mount Olympus scholarship winners included Josh Spry, Elizabeth "Buffy" Tateoka and Kathryn Matsumori. The Mount Olympus community service award was also presented to longtime chapter board member Richard "Dick" Mano.)

IDC

The Intermountain District Council held its regional Min Yasui oratorical contest in Pocatello, Idaho, in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066. Six students from four chapters competed, with Elise Tateoka, of Mount Olympus, taking first place and Shelley Doi, of Salt Lake City, and Stewart Shimizu, of Wasatch Front North, tying for second. Judges included Helen Zia, journalist and author of "Asian American Dreams"; Dr. Robert Sims, Boise State University professor emeritus of history; and Les Bock, Idaho Human Rights Education Center executive director. The contest was followed by an awards luncheon, keynoted by Sims, who spoke about his book on Minidoka camp history.



BERKELEY—(top, from left) Min Sano, Derek Wilairat, Brian Kozono and Kyle Morishita. (bottom from left) Dan Date, Amanda Wake, Christina Suda, Marisa Harano, Mason Handa and Robert Handa.

MPDC



NOZAWA

The Mountain Plains District Council held its regional Min Yasui oratorical contest, with first place going to Tammy Nozawa and second place going to Randi Boyd. Nozawa will go on to represent the district at the national contest at the JACL national convention in Las Vegas on June

California National Guard Dedicates Torrance Armory in Honor of Medal of Honor Recipient Ted Tanouye

The Torrance California National Guard Armory in Torrance California was rededicated May 19 in honor of the late Tech. Sgt. Ted Tanouye, who is the only resident of Torrance to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Tanouye, who graduated from Torrance High School with honors in 1938, joined the U.S. Army during World War II while his family was interned in a relocation camp in Rohwer, Ark. He served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Company K, 34th Infantry Division and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his act of bravery on July 7, 1944, for capturing a strategically important hill in Italy while under heavy machine-gun fire and grenade bursts.

In 2000, Tanouye's award was upgraded posthumously to the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military distinction; the well-deserved honor had been delayed for so many years because of strong sentiments against the Japanese Americans.

Among the 250 people in attendance at the dedication, hosted by the California Army National Guard and the Torrance High School Alumni Association, were dignitaries, military personnel, veterans, and neighboring residents, all of who were there to show their support to the military and Tanouye.

Torrance Mayor Dan Walker



Pictured l-r are: Torrance Mayor Dan Walker, Assemblyman George Nakano, Isao Tanouye, and Min Sueda.

opened the ceremony with a speech honoring Tanouye and all veterans who served our nation. The keynote speaker, Major General Paul D. Monroe, Jr., adjutant general to the California National Guard, spoke of the many awards received by Tanouye and the 442nd RCT. The Torrance High School Alumni Association, assisted by Tanouye's brother Isao and his best friend Min Sueda, presented a permanent display about Tanouye to the armory.

"It was certainly a privilege to rededicate the Torrance Armory in honor of Ted Tanouye," said California Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, "I was proud to see so many people from

the community in attendance, paying tribute to a local hero and supporting our military. The event was quite touching and filled with emotion." Nakano had submitted the formal request for rededication to the California National Guard.

Two Boy Scouts from local Troop 586, Derek Kuwahara and Michael Matson, had chosen to refurbish the armory for their Eagle Scout project. The scouts organized the tasks of adding a sprinkler system, laying new sod, painting the exterior of the building and designing a mural. They worked with volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, who donated their time to help complete the armory renovation. ■

WASHINGTON D.C. LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE Reflections

By KENJI M. TREANOR
President, Marin County JACL

To describe my experience at the JACL/OCA Washington D.C. Leadership conference in one word: eye-opening.

I am a young person who is somewhat new to the JACL. I am deeply invested in leadership, community, politics and making real change in the world. When I became a JACL member, I never expected to be given the kinds of support and opportunities that I have been afforded in my short tenure as a JACLer. In 18 months, I was brought on the chapter board, sent to the National Youth/Student Conference, directed to the district council meetings and even dragged to a national board meeting. From all this I began to catch a glimpse of where and how to achieve the things that are important to me.

But the Washington D.C. Leadership Conference was the pinnacle of my learning thus far. I had never been to D.C. before, just didn't think that it was really that important a place to go. I was brought up in a school of activism that puts most emphasis on "working in the community and keeping it real." That means the people you see and talk to in daily life are the people with whom you always do your most meaningful work, in direct service or nitty-gritty "street"

organizing. That school of thought situates decision- and policy-making as academic or isolated efforts, "corrupted" by such a close connection to the people and places of power.

Now these aren't necessarily ideals that I completely, consciously follow, for I know that change comes from both "inside" and "outside" the system. It's just hard to shake that "am-I-just-getting-old-and-selling-out?" kind of self-doubt when those policy- and decision-making positions seem more and more interesting. But the conference showed me that nowhere else is "keeping it real" and doing nitty-gritty work with the people you see every day more valuable than in D.C. and similar centers of power. It also showed that in those places especially, we will never stop being on the "outside," that even on the "inside" we are seen, treated and have to struggle as "outsiders."

So the conference opened my eyes as a young leader — took my sense of what is possible and stretched it in all directions at once. Credit goes to Kristine Minami, Christine Chen, Keith McAllister and all the folks who helped to put the conference together. They showed such a broad range of issues, kinds of work, places and people to know, it seems like no matter who you are, what you do and how you do it, D.C. has a place for you. And those folks in the community need you to be where they cannot be.

Even aside from all the once-in-a-lifetime kinds of things we did — go to the House and be given an insiders' tour by Rep. Bob Matsui

himself, be briefed on the President's AAPI Initiative in "the" White House briefing room, or meet Pat Okura and hear from a man who led JACL and walked with Martin Luther King, Jr. — what stands out is that I heard a loud call. In all those places, from all those people, I heard and saw that I need to be there too. For without more true, connected leadership everywhere, those in the streets will never have a voice anywhere beyond it.

So now I move forward in my work with JACL, and in other capacities too, with a larger sense of what leadership, community, politics and making real change in the world means. I also have a better sense of how to do it, and I will continue to work at all levels that I can, in all places, in all ways. I have no doubt that Washington, D.C., hasn't seen the last of me. In fact, I think I should wind this down now, since I have to go and do some research on the Masaoka Fellowship. See you there in D.C. too, I hope. Peace. ■

JACL/OCA Washington, D.C., Leadership Conference participants: Toshi Abe (Philadelphia/EDC), Caroline Aoyagi (Staff), Denise Masako Higuchi (SELANOCO/PSW), Erich T. Koening (Cincinnati/MDC), Sid Mukai (Selma/CCD), Megan Nakano (Chicago/MDC), Dr. Kunie Linda Oda (Wasatch Front North/IDC), Steven Peralta (Olympia/PNW), Amy Miyako Phillips (South Bay/PSW), Dot Richeda (Salt Lake/IDC), Joshua Mizutani Spry (Youth Council Rep/Mt. Olympus/IDC), Robert S. Takagi (Chicago/MDC), Kenji M. Treanor (Marin/NCWNP), Isaac Shinobu Yamagata (San Francisco/NCWNP), Maya Yamazaki (Seattle/PNW).



East Wind

Bill Marutani

The Trilogy: Part One

not only confirmed but is fortified.

I FIRST READ the *Hirabayashi* opinion in my first year of law school. Untutored and awestruck as I was by the majesty of all that the law represented, I experienced disappointment and disbelief by the absence of evidence for the court's conclusions; I was dismayed by the court's references to irrelevancies, old wives' tales, shibboleths, unverified rumors, and the like. I recall having a sinking feeling that this was a pronouncement from the highest court of our land from which there is no appeal, and what I was holding was a jingoistic diatribe couched in the niceties of legalese.

I was of the understanding that there were members of the court who were reputed to be stalwarts of individual rights. But where were they? Douglas, Murphy, Roberts, Rutledge?

IN THE NEXT COLUMN in this space, we'll review the declared positions taken by the various Justices; whether, as is sometimes reported, Douglas had an epiphany on the subject of exclusion and internment of the Issei and Nisei; and the coincidence of the timing of the government's announcement of the revocation of the exclusion order and the Supreme Court's handing down, on Dec. 18, 1944, its decision in the *Endo* case.

In the meanwhile, if you can gain access to the trilogy of these three cases — *Hirabayashi*, 320 US 81 (1943); *Korematsu*, 323 US 214 (Dec. 18, 1944) and *Endo*, 323 US 283 (Dec. 18, 1944) — you might want to read the opinions, the concurring opinions and the dissents. Several times. ■

After leaving the bench, Bill Marutani resumed practicing law in Philadelphia. His column appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen.



JACL participants of the JACL/OCA Washington, D.C., Leadership Conference enjoy a meeting and dinner at the home of Patrick and Lily Okura.

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"disloyal." Schmidt said such attitude breeds a culture of retaliation and perpetuates the code of silence, prevalent among law enforcement agencies.

"It took quite an effort for the black agents to make the complaints because the Secret Service is considered a family... and if you speak out against them, then there's retaliation and you're run out," said Schmidt.

Kim, aware of the consequences, thought long and hard about blowing the whistle, especially since AAs make up such a small fraction of the Secret Service population.

"We are underrepresented in the Secret Service and really have no lobbying power," said Kim. "We are seen as being passive and willing to roll over — the stereotype. And they expected me to do that. They were looking for a scapegoat, and I happened to be the only minority involved. They were stereotyping me and expecting me to be passive and not fight back."

Jim Mackin, spokesperson for the Secret Service Agency, declined to comment on Kim's case but said 70 out of 2,900 special agents are AAs, and that 54 out of 1,800 non-gun holding employees are AAs.

By all accounts, Kim's career is an All-American success story. The former Honolulu police officer graduated first in his class from the Honolulu Police Academy. In 1984, he joined the Secret Service and steadily moved up the ranks, earning numerous awards which came with cash bonuses. He also served on the elite Presidential Protective Division, investigated federal bank fraud and helped bust an international counterfeit ring.

In 1989, he became the assistant special agent in charge of the Las Vegas field office, making him the No. 2 man there. During his tenure in Las Vegas, Kim witnessed a number of troubling practices including favoritism, which affected the morale and performance of the employees. In his EEO complaint, Kim outlined the problems he witnessed with evidence handling. He states that the evidence vault was not being properly secured and that the access logs to the vault were incomplete. These concerns had been, on a number of occasions, brought up with the special agent in charge (SAIC) and the office manager (OM), who was ultimately responsible for the evidence vault.

But it was not until November 2001 that this issue went beyond the Las Vegas field office. At that time, following a congressional inquiry into the FBI's loss of computers and weapons, the Treasury Department's inspector general (IG) notified the Las Vegas field office that an audit of their evidence was imminent.

To prepare for the audit, the SAIC allegedly took a number of questionable actions, including having office personnel find replacement evidence, instructing an agent to take home evidence in which there were discrepancies, and holding an office meeting to stress a "one voice" policy, where no one except the SAIC was to volunteer information to the IG.

Kim said he felt the SAIC had "crossed the line," and Kim's EEO complaint states that he had all replacement evidence pulled so that no replacement items were audited.

The initial audit found 89 discrepancies, and the IG's report recommended remedial action for the Las Vegas field office. Kim followed this up with an audit of his own to document which items were in fact missing.

Kim's findings concluded a problem of evidence mishandling even before he had been assigned to the Las Vegas field office. As an example, Kim found a case where evidence had been marked destroyed between 1997-1998. After reviewing the case file a number of times, Kim called the Nevada federal district court and discovered that a whole slew of evidence that had been marked destroyed was being held at the court and that the court had been preparing to return it to the Las Vegas field office.

Kim's brother, Karl, who runs a financial business, said, "I find it incomprehensible that a federal law enforcement agency handles evidence so poorly. Right out of college, I worked in the restaurant business as a manager, and I knew exactly, on a daily basis, how many steaks I had in the restaurant, whether one got burned, one got thrown out. I did a daily inventory... Anyone in a business, whether they have a grocery store or retail store, an audit is done on your merchandise. And evidence for a law enforcement agency is important because that's what you go to court with and attempt to put someone in jail, so to mishandle evidence, to me as a layperson, is very troubling."

This February, the IG returned to the Las Vegas field office to conduct a second audit. In March, a regularly scheduled office inspection, separate from the IG evidence audit, was conducted at the Las Vegas field office. The inspector interviewing Kim was unaware of the recent evidence audit problems so Kim provided a statement of the events.

A few days later, Kim was told to turn in his badge, gun and office keys, and was placed on paid administrative leave with no charges filed against him. The SAIC was allowed to retire, and the OM allowed to continue working.

When questioned about Kim's situation, spokesman Mackin said he could only say it was "common to put an agent on administrative leave with pay pending an investigation." Frustrated by what he perceived

as a lack of due process, Kim filed a complaint with the Secret Service Agency's EEO and the Office of Special Counsel.

Harvey Horikawa, Kim's Los Angeles-based attorney, said Kim's case is not unusual among law enforcement agencies.

"Whenever you're dealing with retaliation and discrimination, you never have a smoking gun," said Horikawa. "Very, very rarely are we blessed with direct evidence... But luckily for people like Carter, circumstantial evidence is given the same weight as direct evidence, and I think in his case, there is an abundance of circumstantial evidence."

In talking with Kim, incidents that may be interpreted as subversive forms of racism include:

- At the field offices, it is standard procedure for an ASAI to accompany the SAIC to community relations functions. This is done to familiarize the two top agents with the community and vice versa, and to allow a smooth continuation of the office in case one has to substitute in for the other. This standard procedure was not followed at the Las Vegas field office, and Kim's duties were largely limited to working inside the office.

- While working at the Secret Service's Manila office, the OM disobeyed Kim's specific order not to utilize the Philippine National Police to conduct surveillance on her husband with whom she was having marital problems. But the Secret Service only interviewed the OM, the OM's husband and an OM's friend, and concluded that it was Kim who had to be reprimanded. No witnesses were interviewed on Kim's behalf, and as in the Las Vegas situation, Kim was the only AA involved.

- Kim would hear snide racial remarks such as the time when he and another SAIC interviewed an AA woman as a potential agent. The SAIC later made a comment to Kim that if she were hired, it would be "mano a mano," implying a "one-on-one" relationship.

Kim hopes that out of this will come reform. "I am not the first person that had retribution taken against them," said Kim. "There are other agents who have preceded me. What I believe is that at some point this needs to stop. There needs to be due process. The same values that we uphold in investigating criminal activity of outsiders should be the same values we have within our agency. Right now we don't have that."

"Anytime you have an organization that is big and powerful and there is no oversight — the word they use today is transparency — then there is the potential for gross abuse of power," he said. "In the private sector, we saw it with Enron and Arthur Andersen. In government, we saw it with the FBI and INS. The same is true with the Secret Service. It needs transparency. It needs to be held accountable." ■

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Sun., June 16—JACL Southeast chapter's annual picnic; 1-5 p.m.; Millam Park off Norman Rd.; prizes, games, food, fun for the entire family. Info: Roger Ozaki, 770/979-3616.

NEW YORK CITY
Mon., June 10—Asian CineVision pre-festival kick-off, "One on One With Mira Nair"; 7 p.m.; NYU, Tisch Hall, Schimmel Auditorium, 40 W. 4th St.; Times reporter Somini Sengupta talks informally with the Oscar-nominated director; reception to follow. RSVP: 212/992-9653; e-mail: specialents@asiancinevision.org

PHILADELPHIA
Through June—Exhibit, "West Meets East: China and Japan at the (1876) Centennial Exhibition"; Philadelphia Museum of Art; featuring vases, bronzes, lacquer ware, ceramics. Info: 215/684-7364.

Midwest

CLEVELAND
Sun., June 9—Puritas Park Arts Festival; 12 noon-6 p.m.; Puritas Ave., E. 140th & W. 143rd; Info: Lori Ashyuk, 216/671-1710.
Sun., July 7—Cleveland JACL and CJAF scholarship luncheon; 1 p.m.; Shinano Restaurant, 5222 Wilson Mills Rd., Richmond Hts. RSVP by July 1. Info: JACL, Scott Furukawa or Diane Asamoto Grant, 216/556-2277; dasagrnt@hotmail.com.

DAYTON
Sat.-Mon., June 22-24—Musical Play, "Pacific Overtures" with George Takei; 2 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday & Monday; the Loft Theatre; reception and dinner follow Saturday performance; music and lyrics by Steven Sondheimer; styled after the Kabuki Theatre. tickets: 937/461-2823.
MILWAUKEE
Fri.-Sun., June 14-16—9th annual Asian Moon Festival at the lakefront; Friday 5-11 p.m., Saturday 12 noon-11 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wisconsin JACL will have a merchandise booth. Info: www.asianmoon.org.

Intermountain
SALT LAKE CITY
Sat., June 15—Asian Pacific Festival; South Town Exposition Center.
Fri.-Mon., Aug. 30-Sept. 2—8th annual Heart Mountain Reunion; tours to Heart Mountain campsite, southern Utah/Grand Canyon/Las Vegas. Salt Lake City and Olympic venue available; Friday mixer, Saturday breakfast, Saturday evening banquet, raffle, auction; children's workshop and activities. Registration deadline: July 1. Registration packet, info: Raymond Uno, 801/355-0284; e-mail: rno101049@aol.com.

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

Pacific Northwest

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.
Thurs.-Sun., July 4-7—2002 Tule Lake Pilgrimage; Oregon Institute of Technology; buses from Seattle, San Francisco, Berkeley and Los Angeles. Info: Fran Ellis, 408/730-9974; Hiroshi Shimizu, 415/566-2279; Stan Shikuma, 206/721-1128; www.tulelake.org; e-mail: SKTaiko@aol.com.

SEATTLE
Sun., June 16—Jazz Concert, Yoko Maruyama "In Tone Nation"; 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.; Dimitriou's Jazz Alley, 2033 6th Ave.; presented by the Japan American Society and Kawai Pianos. Info: 206/441-9729.

Fri., June 21—Video documentary premiere showing, "If Tired Hands Could Talk"; 8-9:30 p.m.; Wing Luck Asian Museum, 407 - 7th Ave. S.; presents the legacy of a nearly forgotten community of first-generation women immigrants. Info: 206/623-5124.

Sat., June 29—Annual Oregon Nisei Veterans/Nisei Veterans Community golf tournament; first-course tee-time 10:45; Jefferson Park Golf Course; dinner and award banquet at the NVC Clubhouse; fee includes greens fees, cart, prizes and dinner. Reservations, info: Terry Takeuchi, 425/228-9037 or 206/684-4278; Bob Sato, 425/357-1884; sato.l.holu@verizon.net; Paul Kaseguma, 206/725-0422; shig@iso-media.com; Louise Kashino, 206/725-5802; lkashino@atbi.com.
Thurs.-Sun., July 4-7—Tule Lake Pilgrimage. See Klamath Falls, Ore.

Northern California

ALAMEDA
Sun., June 9—Berkeley JACL's East Bay Living History Project, Session I: "Pre-war Nisei Voices (1895-1940s)"; 2-4 p.m.; Buena Vista Ave. between Oak and Park; moderator, Jere Takahashi, professor of Asian Studies, UC Berkeley. Info: Berkeley JACL Civil Rights co-chairs: Jim Duff, 510/272-8286 or 510/336-3371; Alan Ohashi, 510/649-2300.

BERKELEY
Thurs.-Sun., July 4-7—Tule Lake Pilgrimage. See Klamath Falls, Ore.

MONTEREY
Sun., June 9—Community picnic. Info: Monterey Buddhist Temple.
Fri.-Sat., June 21-22—Narrative poetry readings; 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday; JACL Hall, 424 Adams St.; Dr. Lawton Inada will speak on "Reflections on Japanese Americans"; refreshments; co-sponsored by Tor House and Monterey JACL.

OAKLAND
Sat., Sept. 14—A day at the ball game, sponsored by Contra Cost JACL; 1:05 p.m.; Network Associates Coliseum; Oakland A's vs. Seattle Mariners. Info: Esther Takeuchi, 510/223-2258.

SACRAMENTO
Sat., June 22—Grand opening celebration, Asian Community Center programs for elders; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; 7375 Park City Drive; entertainment, refreshments and cultural activities; 11 a.m. ribbon-cutting by Rep. Robert Matsui. Info: 916/393-9026.

SAN FRANCISCO
Thurs.-Sun., July 4-7—Tule Lake Pilgrimage. See Klamath Falls, Ore.

SAN MATEO
Tues., June 18—Documentary video, "Uncommon Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties," about the MIS in WWII; 9 p.m. on KCSM.

Sun., June 23—Sunday Movie Matinee, "Iron & Silk"; 1:30 p.m.; JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St.; about a western trying to assimilate into the culture of Mainland China. Info: 650/343-2793.

SANTA CRUZ
Sat., June 22—16th annual Japanese Cultural Fair; 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mission Plaza Park, Mission St., one block east of Hwy. 1; traditional and contemporary performing arts, crafts, cuisine, storytelling, etc.; Info: Roxana Goin, fax 831/454-9590; e-mail: rockergoin@cruzio.com; www.jefsc.org.

STANFORD
Through June 16—Exhibit, "Performance Japan: Pacific Cross-culturs"; 2nd floor lobby, Tresidder Memorial Union, Stanford University; a glimpse into Japan's major theater traditions: Noh, Kyogen and Kabuki. Info: Rick Yuen, 650-723-2188.

Central California

FRESNO
Sun., Sept. 15—Fresno JACL annual Shinzen Run; 7 a.m.; Woodward Park. Info: Bob Shintaku, chair, 449-0273.

DINUBA
Sat., June 22—Seventh annual craft fair; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Dinuba Veteran's Memorial Building, 249 S. Alta Ave.; sponsored by Parlier Buddhist Church Summer School; door prizes, Japanese food and entertainment, etc.

Southern California

LONG BEACH
Sun., June 23—Family fishing trip; 12:30 p.m. registration, 1 p.m. departure, 5:45 return to harbor; Long Beach Marina Sport Fishing, Seaport Village in Alamitos Bay, 180 Marina Drive; all equipment will be included; instructions in English and Japanese. RSVP by June 21: Japan America Society, 213/627-6217 ext. 206.

LOS ANGELES
Fri.-Sun., June 7-9—Play, "The Life of the Land" by Edward Sakamoto, directed by James A. Nakamoto; George & Sakaya Aratani/Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; info, schedules: 213/680-3700.

Sat., June 8—AALPALC seminar with Dr. David Ho: "Current Developments in HIV/AIDS Research & Treatment and the Growing HIV/AIDS Epidemic in the World Today"; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. seminar, 4-6 p.m. reception; Asian Pacific American Legal Center, 1145 Wilshire Blvd. at Lucas; parking available at 1234 Wilshire. Info: 213/977-7500.

Sat., June 8—Book reading and reception, "In America's Shadow" with authors Kimberly Komatsu and Kaleigh Komatsu; 1:30-3 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414.

Wed., June 12—The Photographer's Eye; 12:15-1:15 p.m.; Central Library, 630 W. 5th St., Meeting Room A; award-winning L.A. photographers Nick Ut & Mark Edward Harris will discuss their work in Vietnam, including Ut's photo of The Kim Phuc running away from a napalm bombing and Edward's Japanese Springs series. Info: 213/228-7403.

Sat., June 15—Koreisha Chushoku Kai (Nutrition Program for the Elderly) 26th anniversary gala and benefit, 11:30 a.m. registration and cocktails, 12:30 p.m. luncheon and entertainment; New Otani Hotel, 120 S. Los Angeles St. RSVP by June 7. Info: 213/680-9173.

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 Aki Komai Memorial Award to be presented to Dan Kawahara, Paul Suzuki, Tad Tanabe, Hiro Taniyama, Robert Wada and Joe Yamagawa. Info: Florence Ochi, 213/830-5652, or Chris Komai, 213/830-5648; e-mail: ckomai@jantn.org.

Sun., June 16—Documentary screening and panel discussion, "A Tradition of Honor"; 1 p.m. screening and discussion; George and Sakaya Aratani Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St.; tells the story of the 100th, 442nd and MIS veterans using wartime footage, including the rescue of the Lost Battalion and the liberation of Dachau concentration camp, plus clips from the Hanashi Oral History Program; tickets purchased before June 7 include 11:30 a.m. photo exhibit and reception. Tickets, info: 310/328-0907; e-mail: soldier@goforbroke.org; www.goforbroke.org; after June 7: 213/680-3700.

Fri.-Wed., June 21-26—Film series, "Japanese Outlaw Masters 4"; Egyptian Theatre, 6712 Hollywood Blvd.; includes films by Seiji Suzuki, Kihachi Okamoto, Kon Ichikawa, Takashi Miike, Kinji Fukasaku, more. Schedules, info: 323/466-FILM; www.egyptiantheatre.com.

Through June 30—Exhibit of works by recipients of the 2002 C.O.L.A. (City of Los Angeles) Individual Artist Fellowships; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; includes visual, performing and design, and conversations with the artists. Info, schedules: 213/485-1681.

Thurs.-Sun., July 4-7—Tule Lake Pilgrimage. See Klamath Falls, Ore.
Fri., July 12—Nikkei community night at Dodger Stadium; children's pre-game sprint on center field at 5:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m. pre-game festivities, 7:10 p.m. game time; 1000 Elysian Park Ave. RSVP by July 2. Info: Japan America Society, 213/627-6217 ext. 206.

Mon.-Wed., Sept. 16-18—Manzanar Alumni Reunion. See Las Vegas.

PACOIMA
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
Sat., June 15—"Costumes of Asia" family festival; 1-4 p.m.; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave.; lecture/demonstration by Tomi Kuwayama; in conjunction with exhibit, "Asia's Woven Wonders." Free. Info: 626/449-2742.

Sat., June 22—"Murder at the Museum," a whodunit mystery in the courtyard; 7-11 p.m.; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave.; buffet, no-host bar, magician, live and silent auctions, more. RSVP by June 15: 626/449-2742.

RIVERSIDE
Sun., June 23—Riverside JACL community picnic; Sylvan Park, Redlands.

SAN DIEGO
Sat., June 22—8th annual Kids' Culture Day; 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Buddhist Temple of San Diego. Info: Janis Tani, 619/482-1048.
Sun., July 7—Annual San Diego JACL picnic; 11 a.m.-dusk; Crown

Point Shores, Mission Bay; Info: Carol Kawamoto, 619/230-0314.
WEST COVINA
Sat., June 22—"Casino Night"; 6-11 p.m. (early-bird blackjack special, 6-11 p.m.); East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave.; Las Vegas-style gaming, bingo, silent auction, hors'oeuvres, desserts, no-host bar, raffle, to benefit West Covina Sabers/Saberettes youth basketball. Purchase tickets in advance for discount! Info: Liz Kato, 626/692-9960, or Bob Matsumoto, 626/966-5138

Arizona - Nevada
LAS VEGAS
Mon.-Wed., Sept. 16-18—Manzanar Alumni Reunion; California Hotel. Info: Gardena: Seizo Tanibata, 310/327-1864, or Bruce Kaji, 310/327-7790; Monterey Park: Shig Kuwayama, 626/573-5279; Burbank: Tosh Sedo-hara, 818/848-8167; Culver City: Arnold Maeda, 310/398-5157; Los Angeles: Kazie Nagai, 213/380-2611.
RENO
Sat., June 8—Reno JACL Fish-n-Pitch; Sparks Marina. Info: 775/853-8850.

TEMPE
Permanent Exhibit—About Arizona during WWII, includes internment camps; Arizona Historical Society, Marley Center Museum, 1300 N. College. Tempe. Info: 480/929-0292; Tour info: Mike Steinberg, ext. 137.

Hawaii
HONOLULU
Tues.-Thurs., Sept. 24-26—Opening ceremony and reception for the JAKWV Korean War Exhibit; Hawaii Capitol Grounds; speakers, retired Lt. Gen. Alan Ono and Medal of Honor awardee Hershey Miyamura; optional tours to Pearl Harbor, the Battleship Missouri, the Arizona Memorial, the Polynesian Cultural Center and the Punch Bowl, etc. Info: 818/591-1269, tonaim@pacbell.net.
Thurs., Sept. 26-Sun., Oct. 6—The general public is invited to join the JAKWV Hawaii tour and cruise on the Royal Caribbean liner, "Vision of the Seas"; departing Honolulu, stopping at Lahaina, Maui; Nawilihi, Kauai; Kailua Kona and Hilo, Hawaii Island; docking at Ensenada, Mexico; chartered buses from Ensenada to Los Angeles and San Diego for connecting flights. RSVP by July 31. Info: From the mainland, call Victor Muraoka, 818/897-1533, fax 818/897-1714, or Frank Kamita, 310/515-1369. From Hawaii, Call Stan Igawa, 808/696-8998. ■

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OBITUARY

Longest-serving Legislator, Opponent of Internment, Dies

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO—Former state Sen. Ralph Dills, the state's longest-serving lawmaker and one of two California legislators to protest the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II, died May 16. He was 92.



Dills started his career as a middle-school teacher in the 1930s. He was a state assemblyman from 1939 until 1949, then served as a Municipal Court judge in Los Angeles County until 1966.

He was elected to the Senate in 1966, where he served as the chairman of the Governmental Organization Committee, which handled bills affecting government agencies, state land, disaster response, gambling and alco-

holic beverages. He was barred from running for re-election in 1998 by term limits.

Dills died May 16 at a Sacramento nursing home, said his son Greg.

For taking a stand against President Roosevelt's internment orders, Dills and the late Sen. Jack Shelley were targeted for expulsion, said Steve Hardy, staff director for the Governmental Organization Committee. That effort failed and Dills was honored by the Legislature last year for his protest.

He said then that taking the stance against internment wasn't a difficult decision.

Dills was born in Rosston, Texas in 1910, moving to California when he was 15 years old. He earned degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Southern California.

He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth. He is survived by three children. ■

OBITUARY

Retired Gen. Francis Takemoto Dies at 89

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—Francis S. Takemoto, the first American of Japanese ancestry to achieve the rank of general, and a retired educator, died May 26. He was 89.

Takemoto was commissioned a second lieutenant through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Hawaii in 1935. He was called to active duty after the start of World War II and was assigned to the 100th Infantry Battalion of the 442nd Regiment. He was wounded in Italy and awarded

the Purple Heart.

In 1946, Takemoto returned to Hawaii and resumed his teaching career. He joined the Hawaii National Guard and in January 1964 was promoted to brigadier general and given command of the Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade.

He had a dual career as an educator and military officer for more than 20 years. He served as principal at Aliamanu and Manoa Elementary Schools.

He is survived by a daughter, Carol Dee Nishimura; a son, Harvey; and six grandchildren. ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Ching, Hung Wai, 96, Feb. 29; an honorary member of the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans; during WWII, he vouched for the loyalty of Americans of Japanese Ancestry to the Military Governor's Office in Hawaii and helped form the Victor Varsity Volunteers (VVV), who offered their services to the military.

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Higaki, Haruzo, 88, Watsonville, April 28; Monrovia-born; survived by wife Kazuko; sons Dr. Noboru John and wife Keiko, Hiroshi Arther, Dr. Tetsu Robert; gc.

Ida, Florence "Flo" "Fumi" Takei, 81, San Francisco, April 29; San Francisco-born; survived by sons James (Menlo Park), Richard (Nap); daughters-in-law Carol, Janet; 4 gc.; sister Haru (San Francisco), brothers Kazuo (San Francisco), Taketsugu (Cupertino); predeceased by husband Paul K.

Ikeida, Tom, 79, Auburn; April 30; Loomis-born; survived by wife Aiko Betty; daughters Pauline Cattel and husband Scott, Judy Ford, Dorothy Grimmer and husband Lonny; 9 gc.; brothers Jim and wife Nobuko, Sam and wife Satoko, Nobu; sister Fumi Kumihara.

Ikegami, Osamu, 96, Reno, April 27; Tsuyama, Okayama-born; Manzanar internee; longtime worker at Harold's Club in Reno; survived by dear friend Richard Lemmons (Washoe Valley, Nev.).

Iwamoto, Douglas Jun, 79, Livermore, May 11; Fowler-born; WWII veteran (522nd Field Artillery Battalion); survived by wife Grace; daughters Susan Duly and husband Tom, Karen Seto and husband Robin; special granddaughter Stephanie Seto; brothers Mike, I.J.; sister Virginia Yamada.

Kondo, George Yuji, 81, Northglenn, Colo., March 24; Brighton, Colo.-born; survived by wife Hiroko; son Richard (Thornon, Colo.); brothers Harry (Commerce City, Colo.), John (Denver.)

Konishi, Tom, 73, Seattle, April 6; Auburn, Wash.-born; U.S. Army Korean War veteran; survived by wife Hanako; daughter Kristine Dupille and husband Tom Shannon (Atlanta), Eric and wife Lisa (Tacoma); 4 gc.

Maruya, Junko, 86, Los Angeles, May 14; Brawley-born; longtime writer for the *Kashu Mainichi*; survived by brothers David Takuzo Maruya, Ai Soto Maruya and wife Mickey; sister Mey Maruya; sister-in-law Sumie Maruya.

Miyata, George Mitsuo, 80, Rosemead, May 9; Fresno-born; WWII veteran; survived by son Robert A. and wife Mary; daughter Maxine McGinnis and husband Ron (San Rafael); 5 gc.

Nakanishi, Col. Toshio "Lefty," 80, Monterey, May 16; Honolulu, Hawaii-born; U.S. Army veteran of WWII and the Korean and Vietnam wars, including the MIS and the 82nd Airborne; survived by wife Terry; sons Calvin and wife Charmen (San Francisco), Greg and wife Dawn (Houston); 3 gc.; brothers and a sister in Hawaii: Karne, Kazuo, Ronnie, Helen Yamachika.

Nishimura, George Teruji, 71, Saratoga, Calif., March 25; Seattle-born; survived by wife Maribeth; sons Mark and wife Charlene; Scott and wife Kelly; daughter Gail Bevis and husband Chris; 2 gc.; brother James and wife Susan (Syosset, N.Y.); sisters Fumiko Ando and husband Alex (Kirkland, Wash.), Lily Welch and husband Richard (Huntington, N.Y.), Jessie Mathews and husband Ronald (Evergreen, Colo.); sister-in-law Harumi Kitagawa.

Noritaki, Motoo, 104, Okayama-born; survived by daughters Sumiko Nakano and husband Hideo, Hideko Kawaguchi and husband Kazuo, Tamaye Tsuchiyama, Sakaye Yoneda, Yoko Araki and husband Kiyo; brother Shingo and wife Kimiye; 15 gc., 18 gcg, 6 gggc.

Okano, Tom K., 83, Madera, April 28; Fresno-born; official War Relocation Authority photographer at the Jerome, Ark., relocation camp; survived by sons Dennis (Corona), Mark and Tom (both Madera); daughters Kathy Warth (Covina), Patty, Grace; 6 gc. sisters Edith Mikamo (Torrance), Alice Yamada (Kingsburg).

Ozaki, Joe Motoichi, 90, Denver, April 30; Wakayama-born; interned in Texas from Peru during WWII; Denver resident from 1949; survived by 2 sons; 2 daughters; 4 gc.; predeceased by wife Emi.

Sasamoto, Fred Yogo, 74, Denver, April 23; U.S.-born, Japanese-educated, Korean War veteran.

Tajima, Setsuko, 81, Pasadena, May 12; Los Angeles-born; survived by husband Ted; daughters Pam Tajima Praeger (Spokane), Linda Tajima (Claremont), Elaine Tajima (Palo Alto), Wendy Tajima (Hanapepe, Kauai, Hawaii); 3 gc.; sisters Sumi Ikemura (San Diego), Chieko Tomoyasu; brothers Clyde Itow (Duarte); brothers-in-law Calvin Tajima and wife Marie, Hiroshi Mizuki; sisters-in-law Sophie Toriumu, Bernice Takima (Honolulu) Mary Tajima, Yone Itow (Culver City), Hama Itow (Mill Valley).

Taniguchi, Harry Haruyuki, Sr., 71, Seattle, May 25; Tacoma, Wash.-born; survived by wife Elsie Yotsuuye; son Harry Jr. (Chicago); daughter Elaine Taniguchi Ingram and husband Walter (Mercer Island, Wash.); 3 gc.; brother Theodore and wife Akko; mother-in-law Kazue

Yotsuuye; brothers-in-law Tommy Yotsuuye and wife Jane, Roy Yotsuuye and wife Tracey.

Tsurudome, Jimmie Hideo, 56, San Diego, May 8; Poston, Ariz.-born; survived by wife Laura; daughter Carly Aiko Tsurudome; mother Peggy Tsurudome; brother Ben and wife Emma.

Utamura, Joe M., 86, Denver, April 29 service.

Watanabe, Shozo, 72, Denver, April 22; survived by daughters Leslie Davis and husband Bob, Lisa; sons Donald, David and wife Le'Ann; 10 gc, 6 siblings.

Yamamoto, Kiyoshi, 76, Turlock, March 27; Cortez-born; Amache internee; WWII MIS Army Air Force veteran; survived by wife Naomi; sons Ko (Campbell), Victor (Turlock); daughter Holly Smith and husband Tom (San Jose); 2 gc.

Yamamoto, Robert Masayuki, 75, Seattle, March 27; Kent, Wash.-born; Tule Lake and Heart Mountain internee; U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Jo Ann; son Richard Keith (Issaquah, Wash.); daughter Sheryl Ann Yamamoto and son-in-law Stephen C. Riggins (Seattle); Alan Omuro (Issaquah).

Yokogawa, Satako Grace Manaka, 77, Monterey April 14; Poston internee; survived by daughter Lynda; son Gerald and wife Donna; 2 gc.; sister Lily Uyeda (Monterey); brother Royal and wife Hiroko (Monterey), Frank Manaka and wife Mitsuyo, and William Manaka and wife Fujiko (Long Beach), Harry Manaka and wife Hanaka (Seal Beach). ■

Whereabouts

Whereabouts is free of charge and run on a space available basis.

TOKIYE OTO

Tokiye attended La Ballona Elementary School in the late 1930s. She might have lived on Sawtelle Blvd. in Palms or Culver City. Please contact Harry Campbell at 143 Cypress Drive, Cypress, CA 92651 or 949/494-9755.

DEATH NOTICE

FUMIKO EMILY TAKEI

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Fumiko Emily Takei, 89, Florin, California, resident of Los Angeles, who passed away on May 25, at Kindred Hospital of Los Angeles, were held May 31 at Honna Hongwanji Buddhist Temple under the direction of Fukui Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. 1st St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. She is survived by her sons George (and partner Brad Altman) Takei, Dr. Henry (June) Takei, daughter Nancy Reiko Takei, grandson Scott (Kozue) Takei, granddaughter Akemi (David) Louchheim, great-granddaughter Hana Takei, great-grandson Markus Takei, sisters Yukiko Tamura of Japan and Setsuko (James) Thurlow of Canada.



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