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Obstacles Don't Stop JA Diver From Reaching the Top

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

Kimiko Hirai Soldati is used to beating the odds. Currently the top female diver in the United States, the petite, yet steely former gymnast has dealt with almost every conceivable obstacle — from a late start in the sport to persistent injuries to a devastating family tragedy. Not to mention the fact that, at 28, she is the oldest member of the U.S. women's national diving team. Out of 21 members, in fact, she is the only one over the age of 23.



PHOTO: KEN REDMOND

"This seems to be a bigger issue for other people than it is to me," said Soldati, who lives and trains in Texas and works for a real estate investor. "I started diving so late compared to most divers, but I feel this is advantageous because I am so hungry and determined to reach my goals. I have no inkling of being burned out."

If anything, the 5-foot-2 dynamo is on a roll.

In May, she captured three medals at the 2002 Speedo FINA/USA Diving Grand Prix in Coral Springs, Fla., and in April she swept the 3 and 10-meter events at the U.S. World Cup trials in Cleveland, beating 2000 Olympians Michelle Davison and Sara Reiling in the springboard by 83 and 95 points respectively.

Last July, competing in her first international meet, she placed an impressive sixth and seventh in the synchronized 3- and 10-meter springboard finals at the 2001

world championships in Fukuoka, Japan, where she was chosen to carry the U.S. flag during the opening ceremonies. She then went on in September to claim a bronze for Team USA at the 2001 Goodwill Games in Brisbane, Australia, behind two of China's top divers, Guo Jing Jing and Wu Minxia.

As far as Soldati's concerned, it's all preparation for the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

"These meets are just steps along the way and a great way to gain experience. I'm actually still learning some new dives," she said.

For the past year and a half, she's been honing her skills at The Woodlands diving club with Olympic coach Kenny Armstrong and teammate Laura Wilkinson, a gold medalist at the 2000 Sydney Games.

With their help, she said she's

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Only Florida Missing From Bandwagon to Eliminate Racist Alien Land Laws

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

The state of Florida is famous for a lot of things: oranges, Disney World, South Beach. It also has the distinction of being the only state that has taken no action to eliminate racist, decades-old Alien Land Laws.

Wyoming and Kansas took immediate action recently when they discovered they still had statutes designed in the early 1910s to prevent Asians, particularly Japanese Americans, from legally owning land and property. Legislators in New Mexico will allow voters to decide on a constitutional amendment this

November.

But so far Florida has made little move to eliminate the Alien Land Law that still exists in their state constitution.

"They (Wyoming, Kansas, and New Mexico) said yes and did it. Florida doesn't seem to see so clearly that racially discriminatory laws are not desirable," said Prof. Jack Chin, editor of the University of Cincinnati's *Immigration and Nationality Law Review*, the group spearheading efforts to eliminate all of these Alien Land Laws. "I can't believe that Florida would want to be the only state to keep these laws on the books."

Elizabeth Hirst, press secretary

for Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, said the governor would support amending the constitution but that the legislature would first have to take up the issue.

"Governor Bush would support a proposal by the Legislature repealing this constitutional amendment. This law is past its time and needs to be removed," she said. "Since this measure is a part of the Florida Constitution, it would require action by the Legislature to remove it."

But so far, the only Florida legislator to show any interest in pursuing legislation to eliminate the state's Alien Land Law is Rep.

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Pomp and Circumstance After 60 Years

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

This June, four high schools invited back former Nisei students to join commencement ceremonies with the graduating class of 2002.

Three of the high schools are in California — Mark Keppel High in Alhambra; Oxnard High in Oxnard and Castlemont High in Oakland. The fourth, Fife High School, is in Washington.

Similar graduation ceremonies

77, a former cheerleader and honor student at Mark Keppel High, received her high school diploma in the mail at Tulare Assembly Center. Exactly 60 years later, she returned to Southern California from Sacramento where she now lives with her husband, James, to deliver the welcoming address to the Class of 2002 on June 13.

"My years at Mark Keppel High were filled with wonderful memories and great friendships that shaped my life and helped sustain

Debra, began talking about the idea during one of their children's basketball tournament, which was being held at the Mark Keppel gymnasium.

"My mother didn't tell us she wanted to do this, but she's always talked about her high school years as a real highlight for her, from her cheerleading to the friendships she formed," said Judy. "So my sister and I just started to fantasize about what it would be like to have mom here."



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Oxnard High Class of 1942 (l-r): Valedictorian Yoshie Fujita Hagiya, Yoriko Kanamori, Masai Mike Matsumiya and Seiichi Charles Mayeda. Not pictured: Yoshiko Inouye Mato.

have been occurring since the late 1980s, following the successful redress movement, which publicized the plight of the Nisei. Over the years, various West Coast high schools from Washington to California have been contacting Nisei who were deprived of donning cap and gown to participate in their own high school graduations back in the 1940s after Executive Order 9066 removed them from the West Coast and incarcerated them in U.S. concentration camps during World War II.

Bette Nakashima Nakatomi,

my spirit in the years that followed," said Nakatomi. "I especially recall Mr. Rawson, the registrar, for his kindness and care in sending the school newspaper for three years while in camp in Gila River, Arizona. In the months that followed, friends from high school visited me at the Tulare Center, bringing school newspapers and my yearbook, signed by my classmates."

It was Nakatomi's daughter, Judy, who first approached Mark Keppel High Principal Frederick Navarro with her mother's story. Judy said she and her sister,

Navarro, who was able to get all the necessary school board approvals within three weeks, said he was honored to have Nakatomi participate.

"Bette's return to our school marks an important milestone for our students and faculty in honoring our alumni while learning from the history that interrupted the lives of thousands of people in our community," said Navarro.

Of the estimated three Nisei students who attended Mark

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Floyd Mori, JACL National President

A Commitment Towards Our Future

Thank you to all the members of JACL for your support of our organization. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as national JACL president for the past two years. It has been a privilege to be a part of JACL and to meet so many wonderful members from across the United States and from other parts of the world.

The past biennium has not been without its problems (particularly financial with the economy and the stock market reversals), but JACL remains a vital force in the fight for justice and civil rights. Sept. 11 was a horrible event, but some good came from it as people banded together with more patriotism and

support than the world has seen for some time.

JACL has been and should remain involved in working with and helping other organizations as well. We have common goals with other civil rights groups and especially Asian American associations. We will continue to join with the AA community in working the political process for the benefit of all.

Membership is vital to JACL. It is necessary that we all work to increase our membership as some of our committed and dedicated older members age and pass on. We can all help the organization maintain stability and grow by asking and

encouraging our friends and family members to join JACL. Our main focus during the next biennium should be broadening our membership base.

Our young people will be our future leaders. Scholarships are given to many, many high school seniors, college undergraduates and graduate students each year by JACL, both at the chapter level and by national JACL. These scholarships help our young people to further their education and become productive members of society. We hope these scholarship recipients will feel some commitment to be involved with JACL throughout their lives and become some of the

leaders in JACL's future. JACL needs you now and in the years to come.

The social and cultural aspects of JACL, especially at the chapter level, are very important and valuable to members of our community. As people become more involved with JACL activities and events, they become more aware and appreciative of the value of the cultural heritage that binds us. Future participation and commitment comes from appreciation of our heritage. May I encourage all chapters to reach out to include as many people as possible (JACL members and non-members alike) so that more people may benefit from the activities of JACL.

As we now enter a new biennium, may we all commit ourselves to continue supporting and building JACL. Although we may feel comfortable in our station in life today, JACL remains, as our VP of Operations David Kawamoto has often said, an insurance policy that the racial deterrents of the past remain in check. ■

LAND LAWS

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Phillip Brutus, D-108.

Last year he contacted Chin after learning about Florida's Alien Land Law and even tried to introduce a bill. But seeing no support from his fellow legislators, he withdrew the bill.

"There was no interest in [the bill] at all," said Brutus, noting that state legislators were more concerned about other issues such as the budget deficit and redistricting. He added that the general feeling among his fellow legislators is that the current language of the constitution does not prevent Asians from buying land so, "why bother at all?"

Still, Brutus plans to pursue the issue and hopes to reintroduce the bill during the next session. As a Haitian American immigrant, he believes this is an issue that the state of Florida must take up.

"This is a stain in our constitution," said Brutus. "We are a country of inclusion, of immigrants. Having this in our constitution is not right. It gives bigots the opportunity to espouse their views."

Chin is disappointed not only with what he sees as a lack of response from Gov. Bush but also by the lack of support for Brutus' legislation last year.

"It doesn't appear to me that the governor is making this a priority," said Chin. "[Brutus] is sympathetic and interested, but ultimately ... he's gone back to the drawing board."

Florida's Asian Pacific American community is rallying together to ensure their state legislators take

action to eliminate the Alien Land Law from the constitution.

Winnie Tang, Organization of Chinese Americans South Florida chapter president, has spoken with Brutus and is currently trying to rally support for his upcoming bill.

Tang is working with the local ethnic media to get the word out to the community and has started a letter-writing campaign to various state legislators.

"How could [Alien Land Laws] still exist in the books? It discriminates against one group and it should be eliminated from the books," she said. "This is the 21st century. We should treat everybody equally."

Although Florida's APA population is quite small, about 1.2 percent of the population, Tang is confident that legislators will see the importance of eliminating these laws from the state's constitution.

"When you get people to stand together, you can get legislators to stand in our support," said Tang. "We're asking for fairness and justice for our community."

National APA groups are also taking on the issue. National OCA Executive Director Christine Chen is currently investigating the issue and plans to coordinate with the Florida OCA chapter.

"Even though [the Alien Land Law] may not be in use, it sets a standard because it is law," she said.

John Tateishi, JACL executive director, believes the effort to eliminate Florida's Alien Land Law must go beyond just the APA community because the issue is one of civil rights.

"It's important to do it," said Tateishi. "Even though it's symbol-

ic, symbolically it represents an attitude and we have to chip away at those attitudes."

Florida's Alien Land Law was passed in 1926 and states in part, "... ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated or prohibited by law."

"Aliens ineligible for citizenship" was legislative code for all persons of Asian ancestry. At the time, Asians, unlike whites and blacks, were prohibited from becoming U.S. citizens and thus were banned from owning property.

Most states had done away with their Alien Land Laws between 1940 and 1960, but students at the University of Cincinnati's *Law Review* soon discovered that the states of Wyoming, Kansas, New Mexico and Florida had not.

The students compiled detailed information on the history of these laws, explaining why they should be eliminated, and forwarded their findings to the various states' legislators. Their project is now almost complete, with the exception of the state of Florida.

Elizabeth Mulcahy, a former law student at the University of Cincinnati who worked on the Alien Land Law Project, believes Florida should take this opportunity to do the right thing.

"This is a great chance for the state [of Florida] to send a positive message ... that they won't tolerate old, racist laws," she said. "Alien Land Laws were enacted because people were saying, 'we don't want Asian people living in our state,'"

added Mulcahy. "It's really important to rid the laws of all vestiges of racism."

Although these Alien Land Laws are largely unenforceable today and in fact are unconstitutional under federal legislation, proponents believe they are a reflection of this country's racist past and need to be eliminated.

"[Alien Land Laws] are part of an ugly, brutal era of American history. The people of Florida do not accept this idea any longer," said Chin. "[Florida] has a provision [in their constitution] that supports racial segregation. The message is that racial segregation is not important enough to disavow — I hope that's not the message [Florida] wishes to send."

Prof. Christine Zuni Cruz at the University of New Mexico was instrumental in getting her state to take action to rid New Mexico of their Alien Land Law. She sees no reason why the state of Florida can't do the same.

"It represents a racist period in the state's history and [Florida] needs to take care of it," she said. "It needs to be the concern of everyone in the state [of Florida]." They should "not want to keep it on the books ... especially in the constitution." ■

Correction

In the June 7-20 *Pacific Citizen* article titled "JA Takes Group Voices Concern Over Shinskie Replacement Announcement," it should have read that Gen. Eric Shinskie supports the Crusader system because he felt it could have prevented American casualties in the war against terrorism in Afghanistan. Gen. Tommy Franks disagrees with this assessment.

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Rep. Honda and Mori to Keynote WWII Salute Dinner; Mineta Unable to Attend



With Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta unable to attend the upcoming JACL convention in Las Vegas, Congressman Mike Honda and JACL National President Floyd Mori will keynote the Salute to WWII JACL Leaders dinner on June 28.

Ironically, it was Honda and Mori who also keynoted the recent JACL ceremony offering the organization's apologies to the WWII resisters of conscience at a ceremony in San Francisco. The two will come together on this occasion to pay tribute to three WWII JACL leaders: Mike Masooka, Saburo Kido, and George Inagaki.

Officially, the JACL has never recognized the three wartime leaders, despite their strong influence and critical roles they played during the war years. It was Masooka and Kido who suffered the brunt of criticism for many of JACL's positions during the war, not least of which

was the JACL's decision to counsel the Japanese American community's cooperation at the outbreak of the internment episode.

This decision placed a dark cloud over the JACL for decades, according to JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi. "But anyone who blames the JACL for the internment because of that decision is absurdly misguided," he said.

"These leaders faced an awful decision in a terrible time," Tateishi continued. "We were going to go to camp; that was inevitable. But their decision to cooperate was made to avoid bloodshed. I find no fault with that at all."

Sixty years after the outbreak of the war and the forced imprisonment of the West Coast Japanese American community, the JACL decided that the time has come to recognize and honor the contributions of the wartime leaders and the Nisei who willingly sacrificed so much for the nation.

The dinner is being sponsored by the Sacramento JACL chapter. ■

Calif. Program on JA WWII Internment Wins Funding Reprieve; Budget Fight Not Over

The California Senate-Assembly Budget Conference Committee agreed to reinstate full funding for an innovative state program that promotes education about the exclusion and forced internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The May revision of the state budget included a proposal to cut \$750,000 from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP) because of the state's \$23.6 billion budget deficit. The Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus immediately wrote to the Legislative leadership of both the Assembly and Senate urging that funds be found elsewhere to keep the program intact.

In the letter the legislators argued that the program was critical so that "instances of this and similar events may be illuminated

and understood by future generations." The letter was organized by Assemblyman George Nakano, Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus chair, and signed by Caucus members Wilma Chan, Judy Chu and Carol Liu.

"This program is an important tool for teaching tolerance," said Assembly Majority Whip Wilma Chan. Chan, a member of the Assembly Budget Committee, worked with fellow Budget Committee members Nakano and Chu to lobby hard for the funding. Chan said that despite the victory June 13, the fight was far from over. "We need to win a two-thirds vote in the Legislature and the Governor's signature," said Chan who is guardedly optimistic about chances for final success. "The Legislature has supported the pro-

gram in the past and Governor Gray Davis has been a staunch ally."

The CCLPEP was created in 1999 as the result of the passage of the California Civil Liberties Public Education Act AB 1915.

The purpose of the CCLPEP is to provide competitive grants for public educational activities and the development of educational materials to ensure that the events surrounding the exclusion and forced removal and incarceration of American citizens and permanent residents of Japanese ancestry will be remembered.

After the Assembly-Senate Budget Conference Committee completes its deliberations, the budget will go to the Assembly and Senate for a vote and then to the governor. ■

Group Seeks Pardon for Wen Ho Lee

Supporters of former Los Alamos National Laboratory physicist Wen Ho Lee are seeking a presidential pardon for the now retired scientist and hope to gather 10,000 signatures by June 30.

"We are fighting not for Wen Ho Lee alone but for every American of Asian descent," said Cecilia Chang, executive director of Wenholee.org, the group spearheading the effort to obtain a pardon for Lee.

Lee had originally been arrested and charged with 59 counts but the U.S. government eventually dismissed all but one count of mishandling classified material. After nine months in solitary confinement, Lee pleaded guilty to the one felony count and was released from jail.

The judge overseeing Lee's case apologized for the treatment he received, saying, "I sincerely apologize to you, Dr. Lee, for the unfair manner in which you were held in custody by the Executive Branch."

"It is important for all Asian American communities and all Americans to understand that Wen Ho Lee was treated unfairly by the judicial and political systems of the United States," said U.S. Congressman Mike Honda, D-San Jose.

"We demand Wen Ho Lee's pardon, not because he is an Asian American, but because he is an American," said Chang, who is bringing their request before President Bush.

The petition can be obtained online at www.wenholee.org. ■

APAs in the News

Vincent W. Chong, of Monterey Park, Calif., was recently appointed by Gov. Gray Davis to serve as a member of the Economic Strategy Panel, which creates a biennial economic development strategic plan to be submitted to the secretary for the Trade and Commerce Agency. The plan makes recommendations regarding economic goals for the state over a two-year period. Chong is president and CEO of Artfield & Craftsman, Inc., which imports and distributes fine silver- and gold-plated gift items to department stores and corporate businesses.

Paul Lam, 45, of Danville, Calif., was recently appointed by Gov. Davis to serve as a member of the Export Finance Board. A leading business figure in the

Chinese medical and agro-technology fields, Lam is currently chairman and CEO of Worldwide Agrotech, Inc., and Zentech, Inc., corporations focused on agricultural and herbal products. He spearheaded the creation of new scientific and business platforms for the research, development and quality control of traditional Chinese herbal supplements in the United States.

Roger H. Ozaki was recently appointed by Gov. Barnes to serve on the first Georgia Commission on Asian American Affairs. He is the first JA to serve on the commission. Ozaki is the president of the Southeast JACL and sits on the board of directors for the Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia. He also recently served as co-chair of the Atlanta 2002 Committee for the Nisei

Student Relocation Commemorative Fund, which awards college scholarships to Southeast Asian high school seniors.

Dr. Kunihiko Suzuki, professor of neurology and psychiatry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, and five other scholars of Japanese ancestry were recently honored in Tokyo by the emperor and prime minister of Japan. The six were given the Academy Award, the most prestigious recognition in higher education in Japan. A pioneer in neuroscience for the past 40 years, Suzuki determined the genetic basis for Krabbe disease, which affects the fatty sheath surrounding nerve cells. That work gave specialists the ability to diagnose the illness before death and subsequently before birth. ■


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South Asian Journalists Honor Pearl at Annual Convention

NEW YORK—The South Asian Journalists Association held its annual convention June 15 at Columbia University, where awards celebrating both coverage of South Asia and work by South Asian journalists were presented.

The group also honored slain *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl by renaming its award for print coverage the Daniel Pearl Award for Outstanding Print Reporting on South Asia.

This year's winner of the Daniel Pearl Award was *Newsday* reporter Mohamad Bazzi for his coverage of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Pearl, the *Wall Street Journal*'s South Asia bureau chief, disappeared from the port city of Karachi on Jan. 23 while working on a story about Pakistani militants.

He was an active participant on SAJA's web discussion list. The awards ceremony will also mark the release of the book, "At Home in the World," a collection of Pearl's writings

Police Tout Latest Racial Profiling Figures

SAN JOSE, Calif.—San Jose police, among the first in the nation to compile traffic stop statistics by race, said June 14 that their latest numbers confirm that officers do not engage in racial profiling.

But police also acknowledged that the numbers don't tell a complete story. The department said they will also begin tallying which motorists are searched after being pulled over.

Of all stops in 2001, 41 percent involved Hispanics; 31 percent whites; 16 percent Asian Americans; and 7 percent blacks. By comparison, 30 percent of San Jose's 900,000 residents were Hispanic; 36 percent were white; 27 percent were AA; and 3 percent were black.

Police said disparities between traffic stop numbers and overall population figures arise because officers have a heavier presence in higher-crime neighborhoods, which often have more minority residents.

"This kind of data is important so we can really measure how is somebody treated after they are stopped, so we can dispel the myth that you're more likely to find contraband by searching people of color," said Mark Schlosberg, Northern California director of police practices policy for the ACLU.

Study: TV Diversity Still Lags in Quality, Quantity

LOS ANGELES—Asian Americans comprised about 3 percent of all characters in prime-time television, and American Indians were "invisible," according to a UCLA study released June 4.

Meanwhile, Hispanics accounted for 2 percent of all characters, though they make up 12.5 percent of the national population.

Black characters were more likely to appear in comedies, with 39 percent of all black characters in situation comedies, compared to 31 percent for whites, 23 percent for Hispanics and 21 percent for AAs.

Black and white characters combined to represent 92 percent of all prime-time characters in the study but constitute 82 percent of the U.S. population.

Researchers from the UCLA Center for African American Studies analyzed 224 episodes of 85 comedies and dramas that aired in October and November on ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, UPN and WB. It's the first part of a five-year study tracking on- and off-screen black participation in network TV.

The networks have been under pressure from civil rights groups since 1999, when a mostly white lineup of new shows aired. ■

AAPCHO Looks to Double Number of AAPIs Seen at Community Health Centers

As plans to implement the Resolution to Expand Access to Community Health (REACH) Initiative gets underway, the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO) is seeking to double the number of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) seen in community health centers (CHCs).

The announcement, which comes during APA Heritage Month, is in response to the initiative, which doubles the number of CHCs and patients served at these sites. REACH would create 1,200 new or expanded CHC sites, and serve an additional 6 million new patients by 2006. CHCs currently serve over 300,000 AAPI patients. AAPCHO hopes that figure will increase to 600,000 under the initiative.

"So many AAPIs do not have

access to health care," said Jeffrey Caballero, executive director of AAPCHO. "By attempting to double the number of AAPIs seen at CHCs, we are helping to ensure that those AAPIs that typically fall through the cracks — those that are low-income, limited English proficient and uninsured — get access to health care."

AAPIs are the fastest growing racial/ethnic population in the United States, and are expected to reach 37.6 million or 9 percent of the U.S. population by 2050. Some AAPI ethnic groups have uninsured rates of up to 34 percent, face language barriers that prohibit them from accessing health care services and are disproportionately affected by certain diseases such as tuberculosis and diabetes.

AAPCHO, a nonprofit association of community health centers

primarily serving AAPIs, views the initiative as one way of addressing access barriers and health disparities and hopes the Bush Administration and the White House Commission on AAPIs will support this goal. Earlier this month, the organization provided comments before the White House Commission on AAPIs in hopes of furthering this effort.

"We hope all federal and state agencies will help us meet this goal," Caballero said. "[REACH] provides us with an opportunity to ensure that AAPIs are not left behind, and that they have the same access to health care as everyone else."

To speak with a community health center representative in your area, contact Stacy Lavilla at 510/272-9536 ext. 110 or e-mail: slavilla@aapcho.org. ■

Go For Broke Foundation Premieres Film, 'A Tradition of Honor'



PHOTO: CAROLINE AOYAGI

The Go For Broke Educational Foundation held a private screening of the film, "A Tradition of Honor," at the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, June 13. The film, co-produced by volunteers Craig Yahata and David Yoneshige, tells the "American Story" of the Nisei World War II veterans, including the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service. The 90-minute documentary was made possible by volunteers of the foundation's Hanashi Oral History Program and will be used in California classrooms.

Pictured (l-r) are: Craig Yahata, David Yoneshige, veterans Ken Akune, Don Seki, Ted Chira, Col. Young Kim, Manabi Hirasaki, Victor Abe and Christine Sato-Yamazaki, the foundation's executive director.

Summer Tour Schedule Set for Manzanar National Historic Site

The National Park Service is currently offering guided tours of the Manzanar National Historic Site during the summer.

The tours run Thursdays through Mondays, with three separate programs from 8:15 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

At the 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. tours, a ranger will provide a 30-minute introductory program at the historic camp entrance near the sentry post.

The 9 a.m. tour will explore the site in greater depth on a 90-minute walking tour.

All tours begin at the historic camp entrance. Reservations are not required, and there is no fee. Self-guided auto tour brochures are also available everyday at the site

entrance.

To date, two sentry posts, the former camp's historic entrance sign, the cemetery fence and barbed wire fencing were rehabilitated or reconstructed last year. Restoration of the 1944 auditorium is currently in progress and is scheduled to open as the site's interpretative center and park headquarters next fall. The remaining orchards and some of the gardens will also be restored, and one guard tower will be reconstructed in the future.

The site not only documents the experiences of the Nikkei community during World War II but also the history of the Owen Valley Paiute, who occupied the vicinity for centuries; a turn-of-the-century cattle ranching homestead that

occupied the area; and an early 1900s fruit orchard community.

Manzanar is located six miles south of Independence, nine miles north of Lone Pine and approximately 230 miles northeast of Los Angeles, off U.S. Hwy 395.

When visiting the site, wear sturdy shoes, appropriate clothing (strong winds are common), sunscreen and a hat. Also bring at least one full bottle of water for each person since there is no water available on the site. Please leave pets at home since there is little shade and temperatures often exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

For more information, call Chief of Interpretation Alisa Lynch at 760/878-2194 ext. 11 or visit www.nps.gov/manz. ■

PSW District Seeking Applicants for Sacramento Leadership Conference

The JACL PSW district is currently seeking youth/students between the ages of 18 to 25 to participate in the CASIC Summer Internship Leadership Conference in Sacramento, Aug. 4-6.

This program is an intensive three-day conference where students will have the opportunity to meet with elected officials, Asian Pacific American legislative aides, and hear panel discussions on the issues that affect the APA commu-

nity.

This is the 11th year of the program and the first time the PSW district has participated. The program is hosted by Cause-Vision 21. This conference is open to JACL members with first priority to those who are in the PSW district. The application deadline is July 17.

For more information, contact Gerald Kato at the PSW district office at 213/626-4471 or e-mail: youth@jacpsw.org. ■

Tule Lake Pilgrimage: Revisiting 'Patriotism' Post-Sept. 11

In light of the tragic events of Sept. 11 and the subsequent racial attacks on Arab, Muslim and South Asian communities throughout the United States, this year's Tule Lake Pilgrimage, "Patriotism and Loyalty Revisited," will focus on the current political climate and its connection to the World War II experiences of the Japanese American community.

Tule Lake's history as a detention center for those considered disloyal to the U.S. government highlights the painful experiences of what pledging "patriotism" meant to JAs who were interned during WWII. For 26 years the

pilgrimage has brought former internees, families, friends and a diverse community of people together to remember the injustice of internment and racism.

This year's Tule Lake pilgrimage will take place July 4-7 at the site of the Tule Lake Detention Center in California, near Klamath Falls, Ore.

Scheduled speakers include: Yuri Kochiyama, longtime social justice activist; poet Hiroshi Kashiwagi and Muslim community leader Amjad Obeidat. Cultural performances will include Union City Taiko, storyteller Megumi, and Elaine Sayoko Yoneoka's

"The Heart No Longer Silent." The program will also include a tour of the site led by former internee Jimi Yamaichi, intergenerational discussion groups and other educational programs and dialogues.

Buses will take participants from San Francisco, Berkeley, Los Angeles and Seattle.

For additional information visit the website: www.tulelake.org or contact Fran Ellis in the South Bay area, 408/730-9974; Stan Shikuma in the Washington area, 206/721-1128; or Hiroshi Shimizu in the San Francisco Bay Area, 415/566-2279. ■

JACL Jr. Olympics Celebrates 50 Years

The 50th Anniversary of the JACL Junior Olympics was held at Chabot College in Hayward, Calif., June 2, where former athletes and record holders as well as the original event organizer, Hank Obayashi, were recognized. Jay Sasegawa, an original participant, Russell Hiroto, head of the Nisei Relays (Southern California's counterpart to the Jr. Olympics) and Steve Okamoto, longtime organizer and advisor who announced his retirement this year, were all honored for their contributions. ■



JACL Jr. Olympics participants and former record holders (l-r): Renee Tanaka, Brian Motooka and Roddy Lee take part in the celebrations.

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GRADUATION

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Keppel in 1942, only Nakatomi was located at this time.

At the Oxnard High School graduation ceremony on June 14, five of 13 Nisei attended the commencement exercise. Assistant Principal Gary Mayeda, whose father was among those who participated, said he was surprised to see such a large showing. All except two had been contacted. One had passed away and another could not be located.

"This was beyond my expectations," said Mayeda, who was expecting only two Nisei. "When you think that we were only able to contact 10 people, and five showed up. Well, we originally had six who planned to come but one individual could not make it due to health issues. Well, then this is doggone good! That says a lot about what this means to them after 60 years."

For Mayeda, the June 14 ceremony was doubly significant because not only was his father, Seiichi Charles, participating but his eldest son, Kevin, was also graduating from Oxnard High. (Mayeda, himself is not a graduate of Oxnard High. He attended a different high school in the Oxnard Union High School District due to zoning.)

"This was a very emotional moment for me," said Mayeda. "This was a dream come true."

Mayeda credited Yoshie Fujita Hagiya, Class of 1942, for her efforts in locating the other Nisei students.

Hagiya, 77, of Culver City, Calif., said she decided to pursue this issue this year since it marked the 60th anniversary of E.O. 9066 and she wanted to bring some clo-

sure from the war years. In particular, she wanted to carry out her late brother's wishes to find out where she stood in her Oxnard High class.

For assistance, Hagiya called a close friend, Nao Takasugi, former Oxnard mayor and former California assemblyman. Thanks to the efforts of Takasugi and the school district staff, Hagiya learned that had she graduated with her class in 1942, she would have been the school valedictorian.

"This definitely brings closure," said Hagiya.

Takasugi, the Oxnard High School valedictorian for the Class of 1938, said, "I think it's wonderful that this event brings closure to a situation from 60 years ago that was still wide open. I was able to give my valedictorian speech, something which Yoshie was robbed of."

Masai Mike Matsumiya, 79, of Culver City, said when he went up on stage to receive his diploma, he felt "honored that we should be getting all this attention."

Matsumiya's wife, Tomi Nishikawa Matsumiya, is also a 1942 graduate but her alma mater, Washington High School in South Los Angeles, has yet to hold a graduation ceremony for former Nisei students.

While the Nisei graduates all said they were glad they participated in the commencement program, some admitted that they had mixed feelings when they were first contacted.

Seiichi Charles Mayeda, 79, said the event "brought back bad memories, in a way."

Yoshiko Inouye Mato, 78, of Fairfield, Calif., said when she was contacted she was "excited but apprehensive."

"I thought after all these years, I

wasn't sure about coming back, but my family all decided I should come and I'm glad I did," said Mato.

Mato's husband, Kazuo, a 442nd veteran, said, "At first when I heard about this, I felt like saying, 'To hell with it.' But I got to thinking that it's not the school's fault so I told my wife why don't we go. And I talked to the kids and everyone wanted her to go. And I'm glad we came."

Yoriko Kanamori, 78, of Oxnard, also said her initial reaction was "no need for this after 60 years." But after Mayeda convinced her to reconsider, Kanamori said she was "definitely glad" she had attended.

Unlike the families of the other Nisei graduates, Kanamori's family did not go to the Tulare Assembly Center and then on to Gila River. Her family relocated to the then-free zone of Fresno, Calif., before ending up at Poston. With all the moves and stresses of that time, Kanamori said getting her high school diploma was the furthest thing from her mind.

Other Nisei listed as Oxnard High's Class of 1942 graduates included: Kiyoko Sakoi Fujimura, Kenichi Hashimoto, Yoshiko Obana Hisatomi, Simiko Yanaginuma Ishihara, Masaye Yoshida, Kanagaki, Yoshiko Obana, Miyoko Otsuki and Noboru (Sam) Tagami.

In Northern California, Castlemont High School—in part to honor Fred Korematsu, a 1937 Castlemont graduate—offered high school diplomas to any Nisei who had been uprooted and sent to camp during the war. To date, four have responded, and they participated in the graduation ceremony on June 13. The four Nisei are Ernest Hiratsuka, Robert Ikeda, Akira Nakamura and Shiyoge Yoshida.

At Fife High School, near Tacoma, Wash., six Nisei participated in a graduation ceremony on June 18. Among them was the 1942 class salutatorian, Yuki Shiogi, 79, of Seattle, who presented an American flag and a

thank-you note at the June 18th commencement exercise.

This February, George Kurose, '78, the 1942 class valedictorian for Lincoln High in Tacoma, Wash., was recognized at the 60th class reunion with a special medallion.

"This (recognition) was totally unexpected," said Kurose, who had wavered about attending the 60th reunion. "I was so overwhelmed, I could hardly say anything. The MC, who had been the class president, called me up to the stand and draped this medallion on me and it felt like I took first place in the Olympics."

Like Hagiya, Kurose was unable to participate in his graduation ceremony, but the current Connecticut resident told the *Pacific Citizen* that the similarities ended there.

Unlike Hagiya who had to wait six decades to discover whether she was the valedictorian, Kurose said while he was interned at the

Pinedale Assembly Center in California, someone gave him a copy of a Washington newspaper that recognized him as the student who had the highest grade point average from his graduating class of 668 students. He also learned that school officials that year had decided not to designate a valedictorian.

Asked how he felt at the time, Kurose said, "I don't know if you'd call it bitterness but I think there was lots of regrets."

Joe Seto, another 1942 Lincoln High School graduate, noted that last year they were finally given a high school diploma although it was not at a traditional graduation ceremony. Seto credited Dr. Ronald Magden for pursuing this issue on behalf of the Nisei Lincoln High School students for five years. ■

(The Associated Press and Tacoma News contributed to this story.)

MAVIN Foundation's Donor Program Receives Health Care Award

The team behind the MAVIN Foundation's groundbreaking MatchMaker Marrow Program received the Washington Health Foundation's "Heroes of Health Care" award for innovation at the WHF's third annual awards banquet recently.

The MatchMaker team is MAVIN President/CEO Matt Kelley, MatchMaker Founder/Director Yasmine Tarhouni, MAVIN Foundation Administrator Kimi Kawabori and Puget Sound Blood Center Rare Donor Program Recruiter Amy Rastogi.

Each year, 30,000 people are diagnosed with diseases that are treatable with a marrow or blood stem-cell transplant. A multiracial person will most likely match someone of a similar multiracial background. But since multiracial people are only 1.9 percent of potential donors, it is very difficult to find a life-saving match.

Created in 2001, MatchMaker is the only national effort to register multiracial Americans to the

National Marrow Donor Program Registry. An astounding 62 percent of people registered through 2001 MatchMaker drives were multiracial. In March 2002, their national campus marrow-thon registered over 1,000 college students.

This year, MatchMaker will publish a report to help blood centers across the nation more effectively recruit multiracial donors who, by diversifying the National Registry, offer all patients a better chance at finding a life-saving match.

The MatchMaker team was nominated by Rob Howard, whose biracial (Japanese and Caucasian) daughter Nicole, 5, is battling chronic myeloid leukemia.

"The MAVIN Foundation responded to our cry for help. They came quickly to our house shortly after we learned Nicole did not have a donor," Howard said. "They quickly recognized the problem and helped me to understand it. But they didn't stop there; they went on to implement a program to start solving the problem." ■

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COMMENTARY

Santa Fe Internment Camp Marker — Symbol of Past Strife, Present Healing

By GAIL Y. OKAWA

More than 250 people from diverse backgrounds and as far away as Alaska, Hawaii and Washington, D.C., came to Santa Fe, N.M., recently to dedicate a stone marker at Frank S. Ortiz Park.

The event marked the historical fact that during World War II more than 4,000 people of Japanese ancestry had been unjustly incarcerated in a U.S. Justice Department internment camp on the current Casa Solana neighborhood site. The marker, a six-ton granite boulder with a bronze plaque reads:

"At this site, due east and below the hill, 4555 men of Japanese ancestry were incarcerated in a Department of Justice Internment Camp from March 1942 to April 1946. Most were excluded by law from becoming United States citizens and were removed primarily from the West Coast and Hawaii. During World War II, their loyalty to the United States was questioned. Many of the men held here without due process were long time resident religious leaders, businessmen, teachers, fishermen, farmers, and others. No person of Japanese ancestry in the U.S. was ever charged or convicted of espionage throughout the course of the war. Many of the internees had relatives who served with distinction in the American Armed Forces in Europe and in the Pacific. This marker is placed here as a reminder that history is a valuable teacher only if we do not forget our past."

Welcoming statements were made by Dr. Thomas Chavez, former director of the Museum of New Mexico's Palace of the Governors whose 1997 newspaper article drew attention to the existence of the camp, and by Santa Fe's Mayor

Larry Delgado, who broke the tie vote on the city council in favor of erecting the marker.

"We are here not to celebrate an event about which none of us is proud," said Chavez. "We are here to commemorate an event that happened. It is our history."

Bill Nishimura, 82, was 24 when he arrived from the Tule Lake concentration camp in 1946 and recalled that the wind and dust were just as harsh back then, but quipped, the internees "stayed in the barracks under those conditions!"

Ret. Col. Joe Ando, USAF, and his wife Millie have worked over many years to educate the public about the existence of camps like Santa Fe, where Ando's father was interned. The Santa Fe camp was one of four Department of Justice camps run by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"In many Japanese American families across this country, our fathers never spoke to their children about their experiences in the camps," said Ando, committee co-chair. "It was a shameful, it was a painful experience. These internees basically chose to remain silent."

Due to misunderstandings, vehement protests against the marker by some WWII veterans, particularly those who survived the brutal Bataan Death March by the Japanese, caused an uproar after City Councilwoman Patti Bushie introduced a resolution proposing the SFIC marker.

But not all WWII veterans were opposed. Vicente Ojinaga, a Bataan Death March survivor, has publicly supported the marker and attended the dedication with his wife Cecilia.

Others who were instrumental in making this marker a reality included: Koichiro Okada, Susan Rundstrom, Alice Parrot, Gus

COMMENTARY

Keep Those Reparations Records Handy

By KARL KIM

If you or a family member have received a redress payment, it may be prudent to keep a copy of the check in a safe place, making sure that your family knows where those records are. Here's why: as the first and second generations get older, more and more are requiring long-term care. Some are needing around-the-clock care and utilizing facilities like Keiro.

Long-term care costs are not cheap and assets can be rapidly depleted, putting stress on the spouse at home (also called the well spouse) or family. Applying for Medi-Cal benefits to help pay for those long-term care costs is frequently the answer.

For 2002, the well spouse is allowed to keep \$89,280 in liquid assets such as savings and checking accounts, mutual funds, etc. The sick spouse (the one applying for Medi-Cal benefits) is allowed to keep only \$2,000. The maximum that a single person is allowed to have is \$2,000.

If you received a reparations payment, each person is allowed to keep an additional \$20,000. That means if both husband and wife

received reparations payments, they would be able to have a total of \$131,280 in assets (\$91,280 plus \$40,000). A single person would be able to have \$22,000 in assets (\$2,000 plus \$20,000). That's a significant increase.

But in order for you to take advantage of this increase, you have to be able to prove that you received a reparations payment. If you have a copy of the original \$20,000 check, that is sufficient. If you don't, you've got a problem.

But there is a simple answer. Write a letter requesting proof of receipt of reparations payment to: Angela N. Gantt, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, 10th and Constitution Ave., NW, c/o NALC Building Room 411, Washington, D.C. 20535.

A suggested wording for the letter is: "Please provide proof that I received redress payment for internment during World War II. My name is (blank). My date of birth is (blank). My social security number is (blank). My current mailing address is (blank)."

Sign the letter. It is suggested that couples submit separate letters. It has been taking about 30 days for the proof of redress letter to arrive. Once you have this letter, make sure that your family knows where to find it, and keep it in a safe place because you may not need it for years.

The regulations regarding the treatment of reparations payments were amended effective Jan. 1, 2000, by the All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) No. 00-14. (This applies to California only. The law was changed on the feder-

al level and how each state handles this matter varies.)

Prior to this amendment, if you received a reparations payment, you had to show which account the monies were deposited into and prove that you hadn't spent the money. This was very difficult for most people.

Today, thanks to this amendment, in order for you to exempt an additional \$20,000 in assets, all you have to do is prove that you received \$20,000 in reparations. No longer do you have to go through the tedious and sometimes almost impossible task of showing where the original reparations payment went.

Many people spent the funds and thus lost out on this much-needed increase. Now, even if you have spent the funds, Medi-Cal will allow you to keep an additional \$20,000 of funds if you can prove receipt.

Another little-known fact is that the exemption protects your assets from recovery by Medi-Cal after you are gone.

With budget cuts and the ever-changing political climate, the office that is responsible for these letters may close. Therefore, I would recommend that you obtain this letter as quickly as possible. Any delays could cost you and your family a tidy sum. ■

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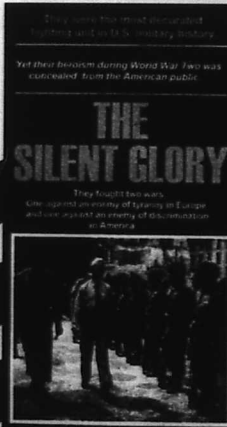
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BASKETBALL

Yamasaki Back on Injured List

MIAMI—Lindsey Yamasaki, the 6-foot-1 rookie out of Stanford, was put back on Miami's injured list to make room for teammates Vanessa Nygaard and Ruth Riley, as the Sol defeated local rivals the Orlando Miracle 69-65 on June 15.

Yamasaki played in her first regular season WNBA game June 4, scoring nine points against Orlando. She also got 17 minutes of playing time off the bench June 11, tallying seven points and three assists in the Sol's 74-65 victory over the Cleveland Rockers. ■

VOLLEYBALL

Tom, U.S. Team to Take on Italy in Utah

Six-foot-1 outside hitter Logan Tom is going home, as the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team heads to Sandy, Utah, to take on Italy in a four-match domestic tour June 28-July 4.

Tom, who got her start as a junior club player in Salt Lake City, is a 2000 Olympian and a three-time American Volleyball Coaches Association first team All-America selection. She was named the AVCA National Player of the Year in 2001 and led Stanford's women's volleyball team to a record fifth NCAA championship.

Team USA, led by head coach Toshi Yoshida, was recently swept by Russia in a four-match series, which ended June 16 in Tula, Russia.

Tom, along with 5-foot-9 setter Robyn Ah Mow, of Honolulu, and the rest of the U.S. team will defend their World Grand Prix title in Asia later this summer. The United States, currently ranked fifth in the world, is also one of 24 teams that qualified for the 2002 Women's Volleyball World Championships to be held in Germany Aug. 30-Sept. 15. ■

FILM

Urgent Casting Call for AA Actors

A casting search has begun for a funny, Asian or Asian American character actor, 35 or older, for an MGM feature film starring Denzel Washington and directed by Carl Franklin.

The film shoot will last 13 days from mid-June to August in Miami.

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Woods Halfway to a Grand Slam

FARMINGDALE, N.Y.—Tiger Woods, 26, captured the U.S. Open on June 16 and became the first player since Jack Nicklaus in 1972 to win the first two major championships of the year.

Having already won the Masters at Augusta National earlier this year, Woods is now halfway towards making it a Grand Slam.

He has already won four straight professional majors — the Masters, U.S. Open, British Open and the PGA Championship — though not technically in the same year.

Woods showed both power and skill at Bethpage Black, finishing three strokes ahead of his closest competitor, Phil Mickel-

son. Woods was the only player to break par at 3-under 277.

It was on the 13th green with a 2-iron from 263 yards for a birdie that really smothered his challengers.

Mickelson and Sergio Garcia, of Spain, each got within two strokes at times, but not for long. Woods missed only two fairways in the final round and putted for birdie on 17 out of 18 holes.

Mickelson got to within two strokes of the lead with a two-putt birdie from the fringe on the No. 13, which put him at 2-under par.

Woods answered with a perfect drive on the 499-yard 12th hole to take bogey out of the equation. Then, he nailed another one on the 13th to put him in position for a two-putt birdie.

Mickelson bogeyed on the 16th and 17th holes.

Garcia got to within two strokes after Woods three-putted the first two holes and stayed on his heels until the 22-year-old made several errors. Three times he overshot the green, wound up in ankle-deep grass and couldn't save par. Garcia had a 74 to finish fourth.

Jeff Maggert finished third but never really challenged for the lead.

Woods reached eight majors faster than anyone in history and now has claimed seven of the last 11 — unprecedented in golf's four biggest events.

In a month, he will try to extend his streak at the 2002 British Open in Muirfield. ■

PRO BASEBALL

Fans Learn About JA Legacy in Baseball

SAN FRANCISCO—Baseball fans who arrived early June 2 for the San Francisco Giants game had a chance to learn about the Japanese American legacy to the sport.

The event included a traveling photographic exhibit that narrates the baseball history of JAs from before World War II to today, including the first all-JA baseball team from 1899 and teams created

during the internment period of the 1940s.

"For immigrants, baseball was the common bond. The role Japanese Americans played was a hidden legacy and a missing chapter in American history," said exhibit curator Kerry Yo Nakagawa.

A photo of Nakagawa's uncle posing with Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth was part of the display. ■

Suzuki Leads AL All-Star Voting

NEW YORK—Reigning MVP Ichiro Suzuki leads American League players in balloting for next month's All-Star game.

Suzuki, who won the MVP and Rookie of the Year for the Seattle Mariners last year, has 299,685 votes. Suzuki started the day batting a league-leading .376.

New York Yankees second baseman Alfonso Soriano, third in last year's Rookie of the Year balloting, has second-most votes in the AL with 239,477. Boston's

Shea Hillenbrand, another second-year player, leads third baseman with 165,969 votes.

Other leaders are Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi, Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez and catcher Ivan Rodriguez, and outfielders Manny Ramirez of Boston and Mike Cameron of Seattle.

The All-Star game will be played in Milwaukee on July 9, and the AL team will be managed by New York's Joe Torre. ■

Canadian AA Film Festival Seeks Entries

The Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival is currently seeking features, short films, videos, documentaries, animation, experimental films with or without sound, political rants, ironic kung-fu flicks, deconstructivist mockumentaries and other creative, weird or entertaining works.

All films must be independently produced with an Asian or Asian North American in a key role. First-time and emerging directors are encouraged, as are student films. There is no entry fee.

The deadline for submissions is Aug. 1.

Download the entry form at www.reelasian.com. Send films on NTSC VHS cassettes to Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival, #507-80 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ontario M5V 2J3 Canada.

For more information, call 416/703-9333 or e-mail programming@reelasian.com. ■

GOLF

AA Preteens Fail to Qualify for U.S. Women's Open

VALENCIA, Calif.—Four 12-year-old Asian American girls competed in a sectional qualifier June 10 for the U.S. Women's Open but failed to make the cut.

Michelle Wie, a seventh grader from Honolulu, had the lowest score of the quartet of preteens, shooting 74-79 for a 9-over 153 during 36 holes of regulation at Valencia Country Club. ✓

Wie had played in LPGA tournaments in Hawaii and South Carolina earlier this year, but missed the cut in both.

The other 12-year-olds attempting to qualify were Stephanie Kono, of Honolulu, and Esther Choe, of La Quinta, Calif., who each shot 77-78 155; and Mina Harigae, of Monterey, Calif., who shot 84-84 168.

The low five players in the sectional were assured berths for the U.S. Women's Open on July 4-7 at Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, Kan. ■

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Huskers Eliminated from College World Series

OMAHA—Shane Komine's Nebraska team suffered a season-ending 10-8 loss to South Carolina in a College World Series elimination game June 16.

It was the Huskers' second-straight trip to the series as they finished the 2002 season with a 47-21 record. It was also the fourth time Nebraska lost by two runs or less in the CWS.

Komine, a Big 12 Conference second-team pick this year, did not pitch in the final game.

He recovered from tendonitis in his throwing elbow earlier in May and helped his team to a second-place finish in the Big 12. Komine, a former Kalani High School standout, finished the season 4-0 with 54 strikeouts in 42 innings pitched. His 1.93 ERA was fifth best in the conference. ■

Chen Hopes to Get Started in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI—Atlanta-Philadelphia New York Montreal Cincinnati. Left-hander Bruce Chen has played for them all — and failed to stay in any one of them for very long.

The Reds made Cincinnati his latest stop June 14 when they acquired him from the Expos for right-hander Jim Brower. Chen, 25, has played for three teams this season alone.

He tends to entice teams with potential, then wind up traded in a multiplayer deal.

"He doesn't throw real hard," said manager Bob Boone. "He ends up being a package guy. When you talk trades, everyone wants a left-hander. He's been okay. I think Atlanta kind of gave up on him."

Chen will be the Reds' fifth starter, though they're not sure when he'll get his first turn in the rotation.

Chen can't explain why he gets traded so often. "I don't have an answer for that," he said. "I've had my good times in the big leagues, but I need to be more consistent."

He started the season as a reliever with the Mets, who traded him to Montreal on April 5 while the Expos were in Cincinnati. ■

'Visas and Virtue' Producers Seek Donations and Extras for New Film

Cedar Grove Productions, the Oscar-winning team behind "Visas and Virtue," is seeking monetary support and all types of in-kind donations to support a new dramatic short film about a son who survives the internment experience through courage and the game of baseball.

Written by Chris Tashima and Tim Toyama, "An Independence Day" focuses on a 17-year-old Nisei pitcher named Zip, who learns his parents have decided to leave camp and return to Japan on a prisoner exchange ship so his father can be buried in his ancestral cemetery.

The film is currently in pre-production, and the eight-day shoot is scheduled to take place in August near Stockton, Calif.

"Visas and Virtue" could not

have been made without the support of our community," Tashima said. "Hundreds of community people helped us in any way they could. That's the spirit that carried us throughout the entire project, and it's that same spirit we need again for this project."

In addition to financial contributions, producers are seeking community members interested in working as extras on the film.

Tax-deductible donations for "An Independence Day" should be made out to Visual Communications, the project's nonprofit fiscal sponsor, and can be sent to Cedar Grove Productions, P.O. Box 29772, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

For more information or to volunteer as an extra, call 323/668-1018 or e-mail cedarmail@aol.com. ■

Tom Cruise Film Seeks Japanese Lead Actors

Lead actors of Japanese descent are being sought for the Warner Brothers feature film "The Last Samurai" starring Tom Cruise and directed by Edward Zwick.

The film is seeking Japanese women, 24-34 years old; Japanese children (male), 4-5 years old and 10 years old; and young Japanese men, 19-21 years old, with equestrian and archery experience. All must be fluent in Japanese.

Japanese men, 25-45 years old, with martial arts, sword-fighting and horseback-riding experience, are also needed.

Pictures and resumes with contact numbers can be sent to Vickie Thomas Casting, c/o Bedford Falls, 409 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite B, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

For more information, call Vickie Thomas Casting at 310/458-0722. ■

East Wind

Bill Marutani

The Trilogy:
Part Two

IN THE PREVIOUS COLUMN the focus was on the three U.S. Supreme Court opinions of *Hirabayashi*, 320 US 81 (1943); *Korematsu*, 323 US 214 (1944); and *Endo*, 323 US 283 (1944), addressing the constitutionality of the 1942 uprooting, exclusion and confinement of Issei and Nisei residing in the Pacific Coast states. We quoted the formula articulated in *Hirabayashi*, which bore the elements of guilt-by-racial-association. It reads:

"The fact alone that attack on our shores was threatened by Japan rather than another enemy set these citizens [Nisei] apart from others who have no particular associations with Japan." (320 US at 101; emphasis added.)

Hence citizen *Hirabayashi's* criminal conviction for refusing to comply with a military curfew order applicable to "alien Japanese," "alien Germans," "alien Italians" and "all persons of Japanese ancestry" (320 US at 101; emphasis added) was upheld.

THERE WERE NO dissents. The three concurring opinions side-stepped confronting the substantive core issue, focusing instead on tangential matters. For instance, Justice Douglas: "Since

we cannot override the military judgment which lay behind these orders, it seems to me necessary to concede that the army had the power to deal temporarily with these people on a group basis." (320 US at 107, emphasis added.) Aside from Douglas' insular reference to citizen Nisei as "these people," he appears willing to accommodate limited infringement ("temporarily") of the rights of "these people." Whatever regrets Douglas may have subsequently experienced over this judicial stance, his concurrence was not lacking in robust support of Chief Justice Stone's opinion for the court. Opening his endorsement with "[w]hile I concur in the result and agree substantially with the opinion of the Court ..." (emphasis added), his concurrence did not disclaim or express doubt about the guilt-by-racial-association formula expostulated by the chief justice.

EIGHTEEN MONTHS LATER, the decision in *Mitsuye Endo*, 323 US 283 (Dec. 18, 1944), was issued by the U.S. Supreme Court. *Endo*, an internee confined at Tule Lake in July 1942, filed her petition for a writ of habeas corpus seeking her release from confinement and

restoration of her liberty. The action of the federal district court denying relief was reversed by the Supreme Court. The opinion of the court was delivered by Justice Douglas. If Douglas had experienced an epiphany in the 18 months since his concurring opinion in *Hirabayashi*, it was not manifest in his writings in the *Endo* decision. On the contrary, he firmly validates the legality of the treatment imposed on the Nisei:

"If we assume (as we do) that the original evacuation was justified, its lawful character was derived from the fact that it was an espionage and sabotage measure, not that there was community hostility toward this group of American citizens. The evacuation program rested explicitly on the former ground, not on the latter as the underlying legislation shows." (323 US at 302, emphasis added.)

THE KOREMATSU DECISION was handed down the same day as the decision in *Endo*. *Korematsu* had been tried and convicted for failing to comply with a military order excluding "all persons of Japanese ancestry" from a military area. The court's opinion, upholding *Korematsu's* criminal conviction, was authored by Justice Black. In the course of

his discourse, Black engaged in dispensing a bit of homily, proffering succor to Nisei citizen such as *Korematsu*:

"[W]e are not unmindful of the hardships imposed ... upon a large group of American citizens. *** But hardships are part of war, and war is an aggregation of hardships. All citizens alike, both in and out of uniform, feel the impact of war in greater or lesser measure. Citizenship has its responsibilities as well as its privileges, and in time of war the burden is always heavier." (323 US 219)

This seeming appeal to "sacrificial patriotism" is misleading in several ways: (1) the Supreme Court's responsibility is to follow the law, not the formulation of what constitutes civic "responsibilities" and "privileges"; (2) the statement purports to equate the plight of 120,000 souls, including women, children, the aged, the infirm — over whom the government cast a dark cloud of suspicion solely by reason of their race — with the proud and honorable status of serving one's country in uniform. The simile would be laughable but for its application justifying violations of the Constitution; (3) the ethnic homily calls upon victims, as part of their "citizenship responsibilities," to subsidize the racial prejudices of the perpetrators.

The court's decision in *Endo*, striking down the practice of continued detention or granting only conditional releases, was handed

down on Dec. 18, 1944. Perhaps it was a mere coincidence of timing, but just one day before on Dec. 17, 1944, a proclamation was issued withdrawing the exclusion order which had barred the Issei and Nisei from the West Coast. (See Report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation & Internment of Civilians, page 235.)

THE FACT of the matter is that six months before, in the spring of 1944, President Roosevelt had been advised that there was no justification for the exclusion order. (Report, pp. 228-229) As a matter of fact, the question was considered a year earlier in June 1943, and the same conclusion was reached. (Report, p. 224) So a year later, in the spring of 1944, the president having been so advised, were these thousands of innocent, displaced, confined folks given the good news that they were free to return to the West Coast to whatever properties they had managed to retain? As cited hereinabove, the government waited until Dec. 17, 1944, to announce the withdrawal of the exclusion order. The *Endo* decision, issued on Dec. 18, 1944, in effect struck down the exclusion order; by issuing its withdrawal announcement one day before, the government presumably "saved face."

SO THE QUESTION might be asked: "why didn't the govern-

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Very Truly Yours

Harry K. Honda

U.S. Victory at Midway Didn't
Deter E.O. 9066 Generals

SIXTY YEARS AGO during the first week of June, the Battle of Midway raged for three days, culminating in the disastrous loss of four Japanese aircraft carriers, over 2,000 Japanese casualties and loss of 300 Japanese planes. Quoting from a U.S. Naval War College analysis, despite the extensive damage at Midway, it stopped "Japanese expansion to the east [and] an end to Japanese offensive action which had been all conquering for the first six months of war."

Mike Masaoka, in testimony before the Tolan Committee in February 1942, emphasized: "With any policy of evacuation definitely arriving from reasons of military necessity and national safety, we are in complete agreement. As American citizens we cannot and should not take any other stand.

"But also, as American citizens believing in the integrity of our citizenship, we feel that any evacuation enforced on grounds violating that integrity should be opposed ... If, on the other hand, such evacuation is primarily a measure whose surface urgency cloaks the desires of political or other pressure groups who want us to leave merely from motives of self-interest, we feel that we have every right to protest and to demand equitable judgment on our merits as American citizens." Forty-five years later, he wrote: "We know now that there was no military necessity to justify [Evacuation]."

The late Spark Matsunaga, then congressman, was fully prepared

with the rest of the Hawaiian National Guard to repel the enemy in wake of the attack on Pearl Harbor, as noted in Bill Hosokawa's "Nisei, the Quiet American." But after the battle of Midway "when invasion by the enemy became a remote matter, our fellow Americans suddenly turned to us of Japanese ancestry ... with a suspicious eye." (Incidentally, a revised, third edition of "Nisei" published by University Press of Colorado is being distributed by Univ. of Oklahoma Press, 4100-28th Ave. NW, Norman, OK 73069-8218, tel. 800/627-7377; \$27.95 plus \$4.50 s&h, \$1.50 additional per book. What's new is "Afterword 2002," that adds a bright side to the Nisei story since 1992, and of the tragic terror of Sept. 11, 2001, from a Nisei angle.)

While Washington's decision not to evacuate some 150,000 Japanese in Hawaii to the mainland had been decided a month before the Battle of Midway, the 1,432 Nisei enlisted men and 29 officers culled from the Hawaiian National Guard sailed to the mainland, disembarking at Oakland June 5 as the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate). The next day, the Navy released news of its smashing victory at Midway. The 100th Infantry Battalion boarded troop trains for Camp McCoy, Wis., for further training. Meanwhile, General DeWitt and the WCCA were in high gear executing E.O. 9066. (It was to be remembered 60 years later — the pilgrimage to Manzanar and the re-enactment in Watsonville

among the outstanding examples. And our thanks to Pocatello-Blackfoot Jack for sending us special covers postmarked from the Museum Station near Minidoka.)

THIS FOCUS on Midway was heightened several Sundays ago (June 2) as I watched a National Geographic Explorer documentary on the deep-sea exploration crew searching for "USS Yorktown," the aircraft carrier at Midway that was sunk by an enemy sub at close range. Old clips of the damaged carrier limping back toward Pearl Harbor, sailors abandoning ship, and support vessels circling to rescue the men at sea brought tears to U.S. and Japanese war veterans from the Battle of Midway, who accompanied the deep-sea explorers.

The same week, as the nation wrangled over intelligence failures, the debate over the role of the FBI and CIA, the televised Senate hearings of what did and didn't happen at the FBI before 9/11, and President Bush's pitch for a new Department of Homeland Security, I was wondering if many Nisei recalled how they encountered those early months of World War II. (I was among the estimated 3,000 prewar Nisei in uniform already stationed east of the Rockies.)

The same week in the *Wall Street Journal* (June 4), James Schlesinger, former secretary of defense, CIA director and secretary of energy, vividly recalled the

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SOLDATI
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learning to take a more "balletic" approach to diving, focusing more on such mental components as timing and patience.
She trains an average of eight to nine hours a day.
"Every dive, every workout, every day is important to me and my training, so I try and get the most out of each one I can and enjoy the process while I'm doing it," she said.

Fourteen years ago, Soldati switched to diving at the suggestion of her father, Gary Hirai, after a knee injury ended her career in gymnastics. The transition wasn't easy at the start.
"It's difficult going from landing on your feet to landing on your head in the water," Soldati said. "When I began diving, I didn't have a technically solid coach like I have now with Kenny, so I developed some really bad habits which are still working on breaking."

"When I look back on diving tapes from when I first started, they are very comical and embarrassing. I had no idea what I was doing. I was basically a gymnast on the boards," she said.

Despite the awkward introduction, she showed early signs of promise, eventually getting recruited by Colorado State University. She spent her freshman and sophomore years learning to dive the three-meter, then transferred to Indiana University in 1994 after coach Jeff Huber offered her a scholarship.

She redshirted a year, and in the spring of 1996 she won the one-meter at the NCAA championships, becoming the first Japanese American to take an NCAA diving title.

However, a right shoulder injury she'd sustained in 1995 flared up and persisted for three grueling years as she underwent surgery and rehabilitation.

"I was very scared that I would never recover from my surgeries and get back on the boards. But I wasn't going to go down without a fight," she said. "And when I was able to get back up, I went all the way up to the 10-meter [platform] and started diving that three years ago."

In 1999, the year after graduat-

ing as valedictorian from Indiana's school of kinesiology, she became the first female in U.S. diving history to qualify for all five events at the national championships.

"Any champion has to overcome major obstacles, and it's how you use and learn from them



that will determine if you let them be a stumbling block or a stepping stone," she said.

It's a lesson learned from her mother, Judy, who battled breast cancer for eight years before succumbing in 1991, the summer before Soldati's senior year in high school.

"One thing I learned from my mom is how to live life and live it with a passion," Soldati said. "I watched my mom go through so much, and not once did she feel sorry for herself. She was such an amazing, strong woman. She truly is a role model for me, even today."

Although she also credits the rest of her family — her father, born in the Jerome internment camp during World War II, her brother Chris and her husband

Adam Soldati, a former diving teammate at Indiana — for supporting her and keeping her grounded, it's her fierce determination and perseverance that have made her a role model in her own right, particularly for Asian Americans.

"I am excited at the possibility that my success in diving will allow me to reach out to minorities and encourage them to participate in diving," she said.

After all, she remembers the moment she was inspired as a young athlete. "My cousin won the world championships in jump roping, and I got to be there and watch him win. That was an inspiration for me. I thought, 'I want to win world championships. If he can do it, so can I!'"

Soldati will soon get her chance. She is currently in Seville, Spain, getting ready to compete in both the three- and 10-meter events at the World Cup Championships from June 25-29.

As far as the future, that's still up in the air.

"I really don't know when I will retire from diving," she said. "I feel I am just tapping into my potential, so I will have to gauge how I feel after 2004 to see if I still feel like I have more great diving in me." ■

Mink Leads Congressional Delegation in Assets

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Financial disclosure reports show that Rep. Patsy Mink continues to lead the Hawaii congressional delegation in assets.

Mink's report for 2001 shows she held between \$562,000 and \$50,000 in Alexander & Baldwin stock and a Merrill Lynch IRA account worth between \$250,000 and \$500,000.

Her assets include \$15,000 to \$50,000 in Alexander & Baldwin stock and a Merrill Lynch IRA account worth between \$250,000 and \$500,000 and stock in Central Pacific Bank worth about the same amount.

Sen. Daniel Akaka held

between \$417,000 and \$1.1 million dollars, mostly in real estate and federal credit union accounts. His assets included \$12,420 in state pension funds from his service in the Department of Education.

Rep. Neil Abercrombie had little in the way of investments or retirement assets. His credit union accounts are worth between \$1,000 and \$15,000, down from the previous year. He also owns a Makiki apartment worth \$100,000 to \$250,000, and has a legislative pension of less than \$25,000.

The assets of the four are in addition to their congressional salaries of \$145,000 in 2001. Their pay increased to \$150,000 this year.

Members of Congress report their assets, income and debts in broad ranges and can exclude the value of primary residences, furniture and other valuable items. ■

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crucial victory at Midway that, in terms of public recognition, lies in the shadow of D-Day (June 6, 1944). "Imagine what would have happened had U.S. forces been defeated at Midway. The Japanese would have dominated the Pacific. Hawai'i likely would have been taken. The West Coast would have been under intermittent attack. It would have imposed at least a two-year delay on our operations in Europe."

SEVERAL VIDEO documentaries have been produced during the past decade. Its most recent one about the Nisei MIS veterans, "Uncommon Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties," written and produced by Gayle Yamada was telecast last month. Unless one was alerted, the tagline in the weekly TV newspaper log, "U.S. Army Intelligence," renders no hint to the heroics of the Japanese Americans in their secret assignment.

Other films and videos on hand include Loni Ding's "The Color of Honor" (1987); Sheryl Narahara's "Fifty Years of Silence: the Untold Story of Japanese American Soldiers in the Pacific Theater," 1941-1952 (1992); and NJAHS's "Mission in Manila: the [Richard] Sakakida Story" (1994).

The earliest appearance of books on this subject began with Sidney Mashbir's "I Was an American Spy" (1953), followed by Joseph Harrington's "Yankee Samurai: the Secret Role of Nisei in America's Pacific Victory" (1979), James Oda's "Heroic Struggles of Japanese Americans: Partisan Fighters from America's Concentration Camps" (1980), Tad Ichinokuchi's "John Aiso and the MIS: Japanese American Soldiers in the Military Intelligence Service, WWII" (1988), James Oda's sequel, "Secret Embedded in Magic Cables" (1993) and Lyn Cross's "Honor by Fire: Japanese Americans at War in Europe and the Pacific" (1994).

Upcoming is the definitive tome from the U.S. Army historian at the Defense Language Institute,

EAST WIND
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ment announce the withdrawal of the exclusion order shortly after the decision was reached in the spring of 1944? Why wait another six months while thousands of innocent people continued to be confined in barbed-wire camps? The answer appears in the report, pages 228-232. The year 1944 was one in which Roosevelt was seeking his fourth term in office, and the voters would be going to the polls on Nov. 6, 1944. So if the announcement of the withdrawal of the exclusion order was delayed until after election day, it's a politically calculated move. With the Endo decision being issued Dec. 18, 1944, the announcement must be made before that date — even though Dec. 17 is just one day before.

Some folks may just see this as "playing hardball." I can't say I disagree. I do suggest, however, that you keep your eyes open. And keep your eyes on the ball. ■

Bill Marutani's column appears regularly in the Pacific Citizen.

JACL-COMMUNITY Calendar

National

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

Fri., June 28—Tribute Dinner to salute JACL wartime national leaders; 6 p.m. no-host reception, 7 p.m. dinner and program; Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas; sponsored by Sacramento JACL and national JACL RSPV; info: Convention Committee, 702/382-4443; e-mail: lvjaco@jumo.com; or Sacramento JACL, 916/447-0231; e-mail: saccustomtour@aol.com.

East Coast

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.

Sat., July 20—Kodo Taiko Drummers; 8:30 p.m.; Mann Music Center. Info: 215/893-1999; www.mancen.org.

Wed., July 31—Phillies vs. San Francisco Giants; 7:30 p.m.; Vet Stadium, So. Philadelphia; RSPV by July 5; Teresa Maebori, Philadelphia JACL, 215/254-5400.

Through June—Exhibit, "The Spirit of Korea"; highlighting the Philadelphia Museum's Korean art collection; especially strong in Koryo Dynasty celadon wares; also, featuring fourth-century stoneware vessels. Info: 215/684-7364.

Through July—Exhibit, "Transcendent Bliss, Chinese Buddhist Art"; from the Philadelphia Museum's permanent collection; carved and molded sculptures, textiles, paintings, sacred texts. Info: 215/684-7364.

SEABROOK, N.J.

Sun., June 23—Seabrook JACL installation luncheon; 1:30 p.m.; Cohanzick Country Club.

Sat., July 20—Seabrook Obon; 4 p.m.

Midwest

CLEVELAND

Sun., July 7—Cleveland JACL and CIAF scholarship luncheon; 1 p.m.; Shinano Restaurant, 5225 Wilson Mills Rd., Richmond Hts. RSPV by July 1. Info: JACL, Scott Furukawa or Diane Asamoto Grant, 216/556-2277; dasa grant@hotmail.com.

Sun., Aug. 4—Cleveland JACL sponsors "To Honor the Nisei—Second Generation of Japanese Americans"; 1-4 p.m.; Strongsville Recreation and Senior Center, 18100 Royalton Rd. (Rt. 82), Strongsville, Ohio; food, entertainment, old and new friends. RSPV, info: JACL, 216/556-2277; Rick Ishiyama, 440/268-9574; Diane Asamoto Grant, 330/535-5014; 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.

EUCLID, Ohio

Sat., July 20—Obon festival, dance & food sale; 7:30 p.m.; Cleveland Buddhist Temple, 1573 E. 214th St., Euclid. Info: 216/692-1509.

TWIN CITIES

Sun., June 30 (tentative date)—Super Senior Luncheon. Info: Sam Honda, 612/420-3410.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY

Fri.-Mon., Aug. 30-Sept. 2—Eight 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.

2003: Aug. 29-31—Mindoka Reunion; there will be a three-day, two-night pilgrimage to Mindoka National Monument and Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks prior to

the reunion, and a four-day, three-night post-reunion tour to Arches, Grand Canyon North Rim, Zion and Bryce; also a tour of Monument Valley ending in Las Vegas. Info: Yas Tokita, 800/487-4574; yas@mountainwest-travel.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.tule-lake.org; e-mail: SKTaiko@aol.com.

PORTLAND

Fri.-Sat., June 28-29—Third annual Loving Decision celebration; celebrating the 1967 Supreme Court decision abolishing anti-interracial marriage laws; hosted by the Oregon Council on Multiracial Affairs and MAVIN. RSPV, info: 503/249-3926; e-mail: information@ocma-multiracial.org.

TIGARD

Sat., June 29—Oregon Buddhist Temple 100th Anniversary FUNG Night; 6-7 p.m. light dinner, 6:30-10 p.m. gaming, 7-10 p.m. bingo; H.G. Mason Army, 6700 S.W. Oak St.; must be 21 years or older. Info: Cathy Yarne, 503/274-1537; or Carol Saiget, 360/534-7806.

SEATTLE

Thurs., June 27—Chinatown walking tour; 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. & 12:30-1:15 p.m.; characters in historical setting brought to life by actress/tour guide. Info: Wing Luke Asian Museum, 206/623-5124 ext. 109.

Sat., June 29—Annual Oregon Nisei Veterans/Nisei Veterans Committee 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, 425/557-1884; sato.lbolu@verizon.net; Paul Kaseguma, 206/725-0422; shig@iso-media.com; Louise Kashino, 206/725-5802; lkashino@atbi.com.

Mon., July 1—Panel discussion and film, "Raising Our Voices: South Asian Americans Address Hate"; 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Northwest Asian American Theatre, 409 7th Ave. S. Info: Wing Luke Asian Museum, 206/623-5124 ext. 109.

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

Sat., July 6 & Tues., July 9—Chinatown walking tour; 1-1:45 p.m. & 2-2:45 p.m.—see June 27 for more details.

Sat., Aug. 17—Seattle-Green Lake reunion; Japanese Baptist Church, 260 Broadway; gathering, dinner, photo exhibit and booklet, etc. Info: Henry Fujikano, 5520 26th Ave. So., Seattle, WA 98108, hrefukano@yahoo.com.

BERKELEY

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

Sun., July 7—Nikkei Widowed Group meeting; new members, both men and women, are welcome. For time and place, call M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

MONTEREY

Fri.-Sat., June 21-22—Narrative poetry readings; 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday; JACL Hall, 424 Adams St.; Dr. Leonard Inada will speak on "Reflections on Japanese Americans"; refreshments; co-sponsored by Tor House and Monterey JACL; info: Rob Bechtel, 626-2802.

MOUNT HERMAN

Wed., June 26—Maj. Gen. James H. Makoyama Jr. to speak on security; 7 p.m.; Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society summer conference at Mount Herman (30 minutes west of San Jose); founder of the Army Reserve Association, Motoyama was the first Asian American to command an Army division; veterans are especially invited. Info: Rev. Sam Tomonura, e-mail: SamT@JEMS.org.

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.

Sun., July 14—A conversation with artist Ruth Asawa; 2 p.m.; Oakland Museum of California, 10th & Oak Streets; underground parking available. Info: www.museumca.org.

Through Sept. 22—Exhibit, "Ruth Asawa, Completing the Circle"; Oakland Museum of California, 10th & Oak Streets; underground parking available. Info: www.museumca.org.

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

Sat., June 22—Exhibit opening, "Yes Yoko Ono"; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, 151 Third St.; Organized by Japan Society, New York; exhibit runs through Sept. 15. Info: 415/357-4000.

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

SAN MATEO

Sun., June 23—Sunday Movie Matinee, "Iron & Silk"; 1:30 p.m.; JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St.; about a westerner 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@crucio.com, www.jcfs.org.

STOCKTON

Sun., Sept. 15—SF Giants/Kimochi Japanese-American Day at Pac Bell Park; 10 a.m. bus departure from Stockton Buddhist Church; sponsored by Stockton JACL; introducing Tsuyoshi Shinjo and honoring Barry Bonds; RSPV, info: Edwin Endow, 477-6905, or May Saiki, 465-8107.

Central California

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.

FRESNO

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

MERCED

Through Sept. 7—Exhibit, "Obata: the Artwork of Chiura Obata"; Merced Multicultural Arts Center, 645 West Main St. Info: 209/388-1090; mcarts@elite.net.

SONORA

Sun., July 28—Slide lecture by Kimi Kodani Hill, granddaughter of artist Chiura Obata; Sonora Sierra Arts Council, 208 S. Green St. Info: 209/532-2787.

Through July 31—Exhibit, "Obata: the Artwork of Chiura Obata"; Sonora Sierra Arts Council, 208 S. Green St. Info: 209/532-2787.

Southern California

LONG BEACH

Sun., June 23—Narrated demonstration, "How to Prune Black Pines"; 9 a.m.-noon; Cal State Long Beach, Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden; parking available in Lot 16. Free. Info: 562/985-8420.

Sat.-Sun., June 29-30—Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center carnival; 3-10 p.m.; 1766 Seabright Ave., west of Santa Fe Ave., south of PCH.; food, ondo, martial arts demos, taiko, bazaar, sumi & ikebana displays, games, raffle, much more. Free admission. Info: Agnes Hikida, 714/236-0335.

LOS ANGELES

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

Sat., June 22—"Conversations With the Artists"; 1:30 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; the artists are recipients of the C.O.L.A. (City of Los Angeles) individual artist fellowships. Info: 213/485-1681.

Sat., June 29—Performance by Shasta Taiko and the ON Ensemble; 8 p.m.; George & Sakaye Aratani/Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Tickets, info: 213/680-3700.

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. 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. RSPV by July 2. Info: Japan America Society, 213/627-6217 ext. 206.

Through July 21—Exhibit, "Emerging Contemporary Japanese Ceramic Artists"; 2-4 p.m.; George J. Doizaki Gallery, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; 500 ceramic works from nine kilns in Japan, available for purchase. Free. Info: Hirokazu Kosaka, 213/628-2725; www.jaccoc.org.

PASADENA

Sat., July 20—Pasadena Nisei Reunion; 10 a.m.; First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln Ave. at Harriet St., Altadena; registration includes a bento lunch; bring mementos, yearbooks, memorabilia of the prewar and postwar periods. Registration, info: Fred Fukutaki, 626/798-9926, fukutaki@earthlink.net; Kiku Matsumoto, 727/794-0240; Tosh Kawahara, 626/794-3398; Ted Tajima, 626/797-6382, tedtaj@aol.com.

Through Aug. 25—Exhibit, "Asia's Woven Wonders"; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave.; includes kimono, *kesa*, *ikat*, *batik*, *pina* cloth, *saris*, robes worn by emperors of China, more. Info: 626/449-2742.

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

RIVERSIDE

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

SAN DIEGO

Sat., June 22—Eighth 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.

VISTA

Sat.-Sun., July 27-28—Annual Obon Festival; 12 noon-8 p.m.; Vista Buddhist Temple, 15 Cedar Rd.; food, flowers, produce, silent auction, obon dancing. Info: Rev. Lee Rosenthal, 760/941-8800.

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, 562/692-9960, or Bob Matsumoto, 626/966-5138.

Sat., July 6—Obon Festival; 12 noon-9:30 p.m.; West Covina Buddhist Temple, ESGV Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave.; martial arts, classical Japanese dance; taiko; obon folk dancing; exhibitions, games prizes, food. Info: 626/913-0622, or 626/960-2566.

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 Kuwahara, 626/289-7892, or Ray Onodera, 626/573-5279; Burbank; Teshi Sোধara, 818/848-8167; Culver City; Arnold Maeda, 310/398-5157; Los Angeles; Kazie Nagai, 213/380-2611.

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 Capital 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. 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. RSPV 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. ■

DEADLINE for Calendar is the Friday before date of issue, on a space-available basis. Please provide the time and place of the event, and name and phone number (including area code) of a contact person.

CARNIVAL



BINGO HOURS

SAT: 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.
SUN: 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.
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JUNE 23, SUNDAY • NOON-7:30

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Aoto, Alan Katsuzo, 63, Fountain Valley, May 26; Tokyo-born; survived by wife Sayoko Joyce; son Dr. Charles E. and wife Dr. Meicy Goei (Oregon); daughter Dr. Stacey Y. Aoto-Sullivan and husband Dr. Paul Sullivan; brothers and sisters in Japan: Yasuo and wife Toyoko, Takao and wife Shizuko, Haruo and

Annette Kakita and husband Roger; 3 gc.; sister Mitsuko Kuniyoshi; predeceased by husband Shigeru.

Kamiya, Tsukasa "Tiger," 79 Torrance, May 20; Oakland-born; Venice/Santa Monica-raised; survived by daughters Janice Overman and husband Bill, Sharon Kamiya; 2 gc.; sister Ayako Carole Toda and husband Minoru; sisters-in-law Chiyo Goka, Kiyoko Teshiba, Itsuye Teshiba; predeceased by wife Yukiye and daughter Elaine.

Kashitani, David, 53, Gardena, June 5; Salt Lake City-born; survived by wife June; sons Brian Murakami and wife Marie, Matthew; daughters Kristy Kashitani, Denise Kashitani; 1 gc.; parents Hideo and Joan.

Kofu, Haward Hiroshi, 88, San Francisco, May 19; Sacramento-born; survived by son Reid and wife Sharylne; 1 gc.; predeceased by wife Itsuko and brother Nobuo Kofu (Hiroshima).

Kosaka, Masako Y., 80, Norwalk, May 20; Baldwin Park-born; survived by son Gerald and wife Susan; 1 gc. (San Luis Obispo); brothers Haruo Yokoe and wife Himeko, Tom Yokoe and wife Mable, Kaneo Yokoe, Yukio Yokoe and wife Julie; sister Nancy M. Ohira; sister-in-law Kay Yokoe.

Koyama, Ray Yoshimi, 81, San Gabriel, May 21; Garden Grove-born; survived by wife Ayako May; sons Leonard, Glenn and wife Koyoshi; 4 gc.; sisters Mitsuyo Takiguchi, Toshiko Nagato (both Hiroshima); brother-in-law Robert Kawahara and wife Blanche.

Whitcomb, Louise S., 81, Whittier, May 21; Hillrose, Colo.-born; formerly of Scottsbluff, Neb.; survived by daughters Janet La Croix and husband Amedee, Paulette Flora and husband Richard, Rodney Kubomoto and wife Edie; 7 gc.; predeceased by husband Jack.

Masuda, Kimiko, 92, West Los Angeles, May 18; Seattle-born; survived by daughters Asako Masuda, Kayoko Yamanaka and husband Kenny; daughter-in-law Hiromi Masuda; 7 gc., 4 gc.; brother Hiroji Yoshida and wife Michiko (Japan).

McCabe, Lillie Yoshiko, 93, Lihue, Kauai'i, Hawaii, April 5; San Juan Bautista-born; survived by sons Ernest K. McCabe Jr. and wife Naoye (Canoga Park), Edwin Y. Yamada and wife Georgene (Lawai, Kawai'i); 5 gc., 8 gc.; brother Dr. Kenneth Sugikoa and wife Dr. Mary (Chapel Hill, N.C.); sisters Mabel Kenneth (Redondo Beach), Arlie Gildner and husband Dr. Robert (Albuquerque, N.M.), Mary Sakamoto (Tallahassee, Fla.), Dr. Gertrude Fujii and husband George (Los Angeles), Dora Uyen and husband George (Denver); predeceased by husbands Ernest K./Yamada Sr. and Francis A. McCabe.

Miyaji, Yasutsuchi, 69, Los Angeles, May 13; Hiroshima-born; naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by wife Fumiko; daughter Sachiko Christine Miyaji; brother Toshifumi and wife Naruko (Japan); sisters-in-law Kiyoko and Shizuko Miyaji (the latter in Japan).

Miyake, Shimpel, 83, Los Angeles, May 25; survived by wife Masako; son Robert; daughters Judy Asazawa, Kathie Nishida and husband Robert; 4 gc.; sisters Terue Yamanaka (Carlsbad), Mirry Fujita (Sacramento); brothers-in-law Sam Kiguchi and wife Mary, Mark Kiguchi and wife Margie; sisters-in-law Sets Kiguchi, Fumi Nakamura and husband Ty.

Miyata, Fred Toshimasa, 85, West Los Angeles, May 26; West-morland-born; WWII MIS veteran; survived by wife Tatsuyee; daughter Laraine Reiko Miyata; sons Gregory Toshio and wife Irene, Rod Kenji and wife Chris; 2 gc.; sisters Mary Cottrell, Marcella Miyamoto and

husband Sam; brother Tom and wife Rose; sisters-in-law Haruko Miyata and husband Lloyd, Tomi Miyata.

Miyazaki, Arthur Makoto, 76, Berkeley, May 8, survived by wife Minako; brother Kiyoshi; sisters Shizuko Hudson, Masako Abe, Toshiko Miyazaki.

Morimoto, Mary, 76, North Hills, May 12; Red Bluff-born; survived by sons Dale and wife Cindy, Kent; 2 gc.; sister Martha Lai and husband Arthur.

Oba, Kinishi Frank, 84, West Los Angeles, May 14; Los Angeles-born; survived by sons Alan and wife Amy, Curtis, Steve; 2 gc.; brothers Minoru and wife Mitsuye, Mitsuru.

Onoe, Takehiko, 66, San Francisco, May 28; Ehime-ken-born; survived by wife Junko; sons Max, James and wife Melinda; aunt Kajiko Yanagi (Japan); sister Hasami Ito; brothers Hisashi and wife Noriko, Isao and wife Chieko (Japan); brother-in-law Tetsukazu Hiura and wife Atsuko, Takakazu Ito and wife Shiori.

Oyakawa, Yoshio "Ralph", 80, Los Angeles, May 31; Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Hideko; sons Dr. Ray and wife Yuriko, Denis and wife Miriam; 4 gc.; sister Yukimi Taketa (Hawaii); brother Wayne Kaneshiro and wife Sue.

Ozawa, Yoshio "Yoshi", 80, Los Altos Hills, June 3; Cupertino-born; survived by wife Florence; daughter Irene Okimoto and husband Rod (San Jose); sons Ken and wife Atsuko, (San Jose), Gary and wife Kuniko (Mountain View); 7 gc.

Sakamoto, Toshiko Akashi, 97, Marion Station, Penn., April 7; Kurume, Fukuoka Japan-born; survived by daughters Shigeiko Kawano and husband James, Hiroko Nakata and husband Roy; 4 gc., 4 gc.; sister Masuko Sonoda and niece Lynn Harris.

Shibata, Takamasa Joe, 95, Torrance, May 31; Totori, Japan-born; survived by wife Masako; son Hiroshi and wife Yoshiko; daughters Reiko Yasuda, Mieko Kawana and husband Harry Yasunori; 7 gc., 6 gc.

Suo, Dr. Mikio "Mike", 67, Montgomery, Ohio, May 5; Fresno-born; Jerome and Gila River internee; innovative mechanical engineer whose research led to improvements in cooling systems for jet engines; survived by wife Harriet; son Steven and wife Laura (Portland, Ore.); sisters Jane Suo, Michiko Fukushima (both Fresno); brother Seiji and wife Ann.

Tamura, Linsy, 78, Spokane, Wash., June 3; Kent-Wash.-born; Tule Lake internee; survived by wife Iku; daughters Phyllis, Hathaway (Spokane), Teresa Seaquist (Kent), Ruth Mano (Everett); 6 gc.; brother Jim Tamura (Spokane).

Tatehara, Minoru "Harry", 84, San Francisco, May 4; San Francisco-born; survived by sister Hiroko Yamamoto.

Tokuyoshi, Kikuye Alice, 82, San Pablo, May 30; survived by husband Ken Kenichi; son Jimmy and wife Debbie; daughter Kathy Wong and husband Jerry; 2 gc.

Tomomatsu, Henry Isamu, 75, Gardena, May 21; Salt Lake City-born; survived by wife Yuki; son David (Gardena); daughter Jill (Saugus); brother Huddy (Van Nuys).

Ueki, Umeko, 96, Fresno, May 24; Hiroshima-born; survived by son William and wife Reiko (Fresno); daughters Ruby Yorizane, Margaret Watanabe and husband Frank, Anna Araki and husband Min, Maru Kikuchi and husband Ned, Thelma Sugita and husband Bob; 12 gc., 16 gc.

Umekubo, Ken, 36, Miami, May 18; Torrance-born; U.S. Navy veteran of the Gulf War and Somalia and anti-drug activist; survived by parents Yukimoto and Masako; brothers Rei, Riki; sister Mar.

Uota, Haruyo, 90, Salinas, May 12; Palapa, Hawaii-born; survived

OBITUARY

Lily Chin Passes on the 20th Anniversary of Son's Murder

Lily Chin, formerly of Oak Park, Mich., passed away at the age of 82 on June 9 at 1:55 a.m. at the Farmington Hills (Mich.) Health Center, after a long illness.

She was the mother of Vincent Chin, who was killed by two autoworkers in 1982.

Born in Heping, China, Chin came to the United States after World War II to marry David Bing Hing Chin, a Chinese American WWII veteran. David Chin had worked in Detroit's laundry and restaurant industry. In the early 1960s, the couple adopted Vincent, their only child. On the eve of her son's bachelor party on June 19, 1982, he was brutally beaten and died a few days later.

Chin fought for justice in her son's murder and the trials of her son's killers, Chrysler plant superintendent Ronald Ebens, and his stepson, Michael Nitz. After the legal battle ended with the acquittal on appeal of Ebens, Chin returned to China. A civil judgment of \$1 million was levied against Ebens, but he evaded making payment despite efforts of community groups to enforce the judgment.

Chin had planned to live out her years in China, until her illness brought her back to family and friends in Detroit.

Vincent Chin's slaying came to symbolize anti-Asian violence. His death took place in the climate of national anti-Asian hysteria. In the

by son Hiroshi and wife Nancy (Salinas); daughters Junko Yamano and husband John, Yoko Sumida and husband Tatsu, Fumiko Okabayashi, Gayle Richard and husband Peter.

Ushijima, Jerry S., 76, Las Vegas, May 20; Santa Monica-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Jeri, son Ken, daughter Sachiko Miranda and husband Alex (all of Las Vegas); brothers Ted and wife Bic, Tad and wife Jean (both Los Angeles), Fred and wife Mary (Culver City); 2 gc.

Yamada, Shizue, 91, Los Angeles, May 26; Seattle-born; survived by daughter Miyoko Oshima and husband Haruto; sons Takeshi and wife Toyoko, Norio and wife Yoshiko (Sacramento), George Shinya and wife Sheryl Mitoshi, Shizuo Bob and wife Priscilla (Washington); 14 gc., 13 gc.

Yamamisaka, Hiroshi, 92, Los Angeles, May 29; Fresno-born; survived by wife June Tsuyoko; daughters Carole Eiko Tsujimura and husband Howard, Gayle Teruye Stoner and husband Charles (Las Vegas); son Russell Isamu and wife Teresa; 10 gc., 15 gc.; sisters-in-law Tomiko Shimakawa, Arlyne Miyeko Namba and husband Roy; brother-in-law Yasuo Abe.

Yamamoto, Noboru, 102, Chula Vista, May 31; Okayama-ken-born; survived by wife Shizue; sons Kengo and wife Mae, George and wife Ann, Koichi and wife Joyce, Sachie and wife Jane; daughter Sachie Yamamoto; sister Chiyoko Miura; 8 gc., 2 gc.

Yamamoto, Sally Tsunedo, 81, Los Angeles, May 23; El Monte-born; survived by daughter N. Hisaye Norris and husband Randy, Joyce Yamamoto, Lynda Yamamoto, son Kenneth and wife Anh Tuyet; 7 gc., 10 gc.; siblings Fusako Kumamoto, Yoshio Kawai.

Yonemitsu, Robert T., 81, Sedro Woolley, Wash., May 24; Los Angeles-born; Manzanar internee; member 442 Company I; survived by wife Sue; brother Mike and wife Dorothy (San Diego); sister Lucy Takeuchi (Gardena); daughters Linda Mizokawa and husband Jerry, Kathy Anderson and husband Eric, Teri Chihara and husband Jim, Francine Yonemitsu; sons David and wife Mary Struc, Mike and wife Charlene, Tony and wife Nancy (all in Washington); many nieces and nephews.

moments before the attack, witnesses overheard Ebens say to Vincent, "It's because of you mother----- that we're out of work."

After Wayne County Judge Charles Kaufman sentenced the confessed killers to only three years' probation and fines, American Citizens for Justice was formed, with Chin's active involvement. The case was recorded in the Academy-award nominated documentary film, "Who Killed Vincent Chin?"

Federal prosecutors eventually filed the first criminal civil rights prosecution involving an Asian American victim in U.S. history. AA efforts on Vincent Chin's behalf and other hate crime victims led to a broadening of federal hate crimes prosecutions.

Commemoration events are scheduled around the country, including in Detroit, Washington, D.C., New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco. For information visit: <http://rededication.cjb.net>

Chin established a scholarship in Vincent's memory. Donations may be sent to American Citizens for Justice, P.O. Box 2735, Southfield, MI 48037.

Chin was a member of the Farmington Hills Chinese Bible Church. She leaves behind a sister, Amy Lee, and nephew Lewis Lee, both of Farmington Hills, niece Jenny Lee of Troy, and many relatives in the United States, Hong Kong and China. ■

DEATH NOTICE

JAMES MICHIO "JINX" MATSUNO

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Michio James "Jinx" Matsuno, 78, passed away June 7 at his residence. Loving husband of Hisako Mary Matsuno. Survived by sister Toshiye (Yutaka) Harada and brother Shigeru "Shug" (Hedy) Matsuno. Proud father of daughter Christine (Harry) Fukumitsu, sons Mark Matsuno, Rick (Susanne) Matsuno, grandchildren Skeye and Trent Fukumitsu and Myles and Alyssa Matsuno.

DEATH NOTICE

ROLAND SATOSHI KADONAGA

OAKLAND, Calif. — Roland Satoshi Kadonaga, 83, passed away June 9 at Carlington Convalescent Hospital. A native Californian, he lived in Oakland for 83 years. He received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1945. He graduated from U.C. Berkeley Optometry School in 1946, and was self-employed as an optometrist in Oakland for more than 35 years. He was a member of the American Optometric Association and the JACL. His daughter Cynthia (Chris) Mochiuki, brother Kaneo (Kike) Kadonaga, brother-in-law John (Yuku) Kitagawa, his parents Shuichi and Kisayo Kadonaga, and grandchild Shigeyo Mochiuki survive him. A memorial service will be held June 29, at 2 p.m. at Buena Vista Methodist Church, 2311 Buena Vista Ave., Alameda, Ca. Interment will be at Chapel of the Climes in Oakland.

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FICTION

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By John Galligan
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When a young American teacher disappears in small-town Japan, Tommy Morrison, an older teacher on the run from his troubled life, must find out the truth. Told from multiple viewpoints, this debut novel by John Galligan explores the crucible of race foreignness, the perilous attraction between men and women of different cultures and the position of the white man in the new century. **Escape From China: The Long**

NONFICTION

Journey From Tiananmen to Freedom
By Zhang Boli
Washington Square Press
271 pp., \$26 hardback

On April 18, 1989, thousands of students gathered for a peaceful demonstration in Tiananmen Square. On June 4, 1989, the gathering ended in a massacre, and Chinese officials ordered the arrest of all survivors connected to the protest.



Twenty-one student leaders became fugitives. Over the next few years, police managed to track down everybody — except for one.

In this first-person narrative, Zhang Boli reveals why he risked his life for the cause of democracy and how he evaded a ruthless police search for more than two years before finding freedom in America. Some of his experiences include: his rescue by Russian peasants, whose compassion spared him from certain death if he had been turned over to the Chinese government; his brutal winter in a primitive hut on the shore of the Wild Deer River, barely surviving on freshly killed game and crows; his pain at being forced to abandon his young wife and infant daughter; his daring return to Beijing for a final reunion with his mother; and his ultimate escape to the West; thanks to a sympathetic and resourceful woman on the force of China's police.

This is Minidoka: An Archeological Survey of Minidoka Internment National Monument, Idaho
By Jeffrey F. Burton and Mary M. Farrell
Western Archeological and Conservation Center, National Park Service, 130 pp.

Following "I Rei To: Archeological Investigations at the Manzanar Relocation Center Cemetery," the archeological team of Jeffrey Burton and Mary Farrell recently came out with their findings on the Minidoka War Relocation Authority camp, which had been surveyed between May and July 2001. As in their previous camp publications — "I Rei To" and "Confinement and Ethnicity" — the authors provide a detailed account of their investigations,

which included surveying, mapping and photographing the area to assess the structural artifacts that still remain on the Minidoka site. The publication includes both color and black & white photographs, comparison then-and-now photographs, a number of historical photographs, a pull-out map, a list of archeological features found at Minidoka, and recommendations for future management. The title, "This is Minidoka," was taken from the last line of a poem engraved on a stone at the Japanese American Historical Plaza in Portland, Ore.

For a free copy of the Minidoka publication, write to the Western Archeological and Conservation Center, Publications in Anthropology #80, National Park Service, 1415 North Sixth Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705.

For those awaiting the publication of "Confinement and Ethnicity," the University of Washington Press is scheduled to release it this August for \$27.50.

Nisei: The Quiet Americans — Revised
By Bill Hosokawa
University Press of Colorado
584 pp., \$27.95 paperback

This revised third edition of "Nisei: The Quiet American," which was first published in 1969 and a second time in 1992, contains a new "Afterward 2002," recounting the acceleration of Japanese America's acceptance into mainstream America since World War II. Other than the new afterward, the rest of the book remains unchanged.

The book is newspaperman Bill Hosokawa's account of the Nikkei experience, beginning with the origin story of the Japanese in Japan, the Issei arrival in America, the birth of the Nisei, the formation of the JACL, the contributions of the JACL during the war years, the battle of the Nisei soldiers, and the fight for redress.

The Remains of War: Testimonies of the Japanese Imperial Army and Its Filipino Victims
By Jintaro Ishida
Translated by Makiko Okuyama-Ventura, Reynald Ventura & Satoshi Masutani
The Lyons Press
320 pp., \$22.95 hardback

Jintaro Ishida, a World War II veteran of the Japanese military, secured more than 200 interviews with both Japanese assailants and their Filipino victims to expose war crimes that were committed during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines during WWII. These firsthand accounts reveal that while some former Japanese soldiers now wish to apologize to their victims, others still believe the killings were justified and believe they did nothing wrong. Juxtaposed to those accounts are the words of the surviving Filipino victims and their families. Because the Japanese government and military leaders continue to ignore the atrocities committed during WWII, Ishida said, "I strongly believe that the present Japanese political leadership, once confronted with the overwhelming evidence of this book, should take full responsibility for the horrible acts committed against the Filipino people during World War II, and that they should offer an official and public apology, expressed through compensation."

The Courage Our Stories Tell: The Daily Lives and Maternal Child Health Care of Japanese American Women at Heart Mountain
By Susan McKay
Western History Publication
159 pp., \$15.95 paperback

The opening paragraph of this book begins with a quote: "Nothing special happened to me." With that opening, author Susan McKay aptly captured the prevailing sentiment among Nisei women who

survived and even thrived under extraordinary circumstances at the Heart Mountain War Relocation Authority camp during World War II. Some of the topics covered in this book include: "Internment and Young Women's Daily Lives," "The Heart Mountain Hospital: Maternal and Child Health Care," "Women's Stories of Pregnancy and Birth" and "Community Mother and Baby Care."

To order directly from the publisher, contact: Western History Publications, P.O. Box 291, Powell, WY 82435.



From Foe to Friend: One Man's Experience in Japanese/American Trade
By Shinsaku Sogo With Bill Hosokawa
Fulcrum Publishing
216 pp., \$30 hardback

Shinsaku Sogo was a Japanese robotry worker who became a key player in Japan's postwar development as an exporter of manufactured products, everything from Japanese steel and automobile seat belts to high fashion. Today, as a retired executive director of the semi-official Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Sogo recounts how his country's stumbling efforts at developing exports were transformed into understanding that "trade is not a dirty word." Sogo joined JETRO in 1958. Four years later, he was sent to JETRO's New York office as assistant director of public relations, although he knew nothing of the skills required in the job. A decade later, he was made director of JETRO's Overseas Public Relations Department, responsible for the communications activities of the organizations 78 offices on five continents.

Daughter of Taiwan: A Journey Home
By Jenyng Wu
KLVX Communications Group & Information Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office — San Francisco, 57 minutes

Although this video documentary focuses on Producer Jenyng Wu's search for identity in America, it plays a larger role in showing the cultural divide that usually develops between first-generation immigrants from any country and their second-generation children.

Wu's parents came to America from Taiwan in search of a better future, and Wu grew up

Americanized and unappreciative of her Chinese heritage. This caused years of friction between Wu and her parents until she decided to return to her parents' homeland of Taiwan in search of her "missing" Chinese part. Through the process, she discovers that in Taiwan, the question is no longer one of being Chinese or America but one of being Chinese or Taiwanese.

The documentary was initially aired in May 2001 on a PBS affiliate in Las Vegas and since then has aired in major cities around the United States. It is scheduled to air in Taiwan and/or China later this year.

VHS copies are available from KLVX Communications Group for \$20. Call Mearlon Johnson at 702/799-1010 ext. 339.

Study of the Japanese in the Americas

Two books have been published as a result of the International Nikkei Research Project (INRP), which was coordinated by the Japanese American National Museum. Funded by The Nippon Foundation, the project was a three-year collaboration of over 100 scholars and 14 institutions located in 10 different countries. The INRP sought to explore Nikkei communities and identities and the transformation between "being Japanese" and "becoming Nikkei." Ultimately, the project sought to increase knowledge of the different Nikkei communities, while creating greater communication between those communities and fostering greater community linkages and cross-cultural understanding.

New World, New Lives: Globalization and People of Japanese Descent in the Americas and From Latin America in Japan
Edited by Lane Ryo Hirabayashi, Akemi Kikumura-Yano and James A. Hirabayashi
Stanford University Press
358 pp., \$24.95 paperback, \$60 hardback

This anthology contains 17 case studies involving the major emigration from Japan to countries such as Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Paraguay, Peru and the United States. Ninety percent of Japanese emigrants settled in the Americas in the last century but to wide-ranging experiences, depending on the country in which they built their lives. Some of the surprising findings include: Professor Audrey Kobayashi of Queen's University explains that two-thirds of the Japanese immigrants to Canada were women; at one point, there were approximately 1,000,000 Brazilians of Japanese descent, and over a quarter of a million Japanese Brazilians have recently settled in Japan, according to Professor Masato Niinomiya of the University of Sao Paulo; between 1985 and 1999, Japanese Brazilians have sent back to Brazil an average of \$2,000,000,000 U.S. dollars annually, according to World Bank researcher Edson Mori. Larger questions are examined, including the definition of who or what is a "Nikkei." The anthology also addresses the differing status of Nikkei women in each of the seven countries studied and even provides informed evaluations of the future prospects of Nikkei communities in the Americas.

The Encyclopedia of Japanese Descendants in the Americas: An Illustrated History of the Nikkei
Edited by Akemi Kikumura-Yano
AltaMira Press
336 pp., \$49.95 hardback

This encyclopedia is the first comprehensive reference of the history of Japanese immigrants in the countries of the Western Hemisphere. For each country, there is an historical overview, bibliographic essay, annotated bibliographies (for English, Spanish and Portuguese-language materials), demographic data and over 200 historical photographs. Research took place in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, the United States and Japan. Each chapter was written in collaboration with scholars and participating institutions located in the different countries.

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