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## As Sept. 11 Anniversary Approaches, Groups Debate Whether it Should Be a Nat'l Holiday

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**  
Assistant Editor

As the first anniversary of the day that terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon approaches, several organizations and individuals are calling to make a holiday of the Sept. 11th date, a date which has been repeatedly compared to the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese.

In New Jersey, state Senators Diane Allen, R-Burlington, and Joseph Palaia, R-Monmouth, sponsored Senate Bill 1732, which would designate Sept. 11th as a state holiday. The bill is currently in the Senate State Government Committee.

On the Internet, M. Carol Vasilik is among several individuals and organizations collecting signatures in hopes of getting Sept. 11th declared a federal holiday. As of press time, Vasilik has collected 180,300 signatures on PetitionOnline.com, which will be

forwarded to President Bush and Congress. (Other online sites contacted did not respond.)

"Signatures on the petition are from all over the country," Vasilik said. "I've also been contacted by media people from San Francisco, Las Vegas, New Jersey, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Atlanta."

Vasilik said she had two main reasons for sponsoring this online petition. "I work with the cousin of Mr. Mark Bingham, who died on Flight 93 in Pennsylvania. That was part of the reason for creating this petition. The other reason was for my children and grandchildren who are between the ages of 4 and 26. As you can see by their ages, Vietnam was way before their time and the Gulf War went on when they were very young. They have no memory of anything as horrible as September 11th in their lives. This is the most tragic event that has occurred during their generation."

But National JACL Executive Director John Tateishi, who spent

his childhood at the Manzanar War Relocation Authority camp, was not supportive of making 9/11 a holiday.

"I'm not in favor of such a holiday because the notion seems to be imbued (more) with sentimentality than reason," said Tateishi. "We all deeply mourn the loss of those who died in the 9/11 attacks last year, and I don't think anyone disagrees this was a national tragedy. But what is the measure of creating a holiday to commemorate any historical event? There have been many events in our past that have changed the course of the nation, and I think the decisions to commemorate historical events as declared national holidays are best left to a later time when the emotions surrounding the event don't guide our decisions on such matters."

Sumi Koide, president of the New York JACL chapter who spent the World War II period at the Minidoka WRA camp, said that at the chapter's August board

meeting "there was general agreement that it would be inappropriate to make 9/11 a holiday."

"Similar to December 7th, both attacks on the U.S. initiated a state of war between people having radically different principles of governance and contrasting concerns for human and civil rights," she said. "It would be tantamount to memorializing the treachery of others on their chosen dates."

Koide added that it was much too early to discuss holidays in connection to this ongoing war on terrorism.

"We anticipate that the current war will continue for many years as did World War II before there will be resolution of the open warfare," Koide said. "There will be many more dead or maimed — both civilians and military personnel — before this conflict ends. It is premature to consider what kind of memorial would be most appropriate." She added, "December 7th is not a holiday and appropriately not. Why memorialize the

treachery of others? It would be more appropriate to memorialize the valor and devotion of the living, the maimed and the dead at a time when peace and possibly reconciliation have been achieved. There will be a time then for reflection on the meaning of the cataclysmic conflict and the most appropriate memorial for peace and reconciliation."

Dr. Roger Daniels, a pioneer scholar on Japanese American history who served in the merchant marines during WWII and is currently a Charles Phelps Taft Professor of History at the University of Cincinnati, said, "We have not generally commemorated individual disasters, and I see no reason to begin to do so. Any commemoration of historical events should be distanced far enough from the events to allow for some historical perspective. Instant history is a contradiction in terms. What we should be concerned about is the distinct erosion

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### Soy Lovers Unite! Little Tokyo Celebrates 7th Annual Tofu Festival



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Clockwise from top left: festival emcees Rob Fukuzaki, KABC Channel 7, and Jane Yamamoto, KTTV Channel 11, give the dishes a taste test; a boy prepares to go water balloon bobbing under the children's activity tent; First Lady Sharon Davis, wife of Calif. Gov. Gray Davis, joined State Board of Equalization Chair John Chiang, Assemblyman George Nakano and L.A. Community College Board President Warren Fufutani to ask Asian Americans for their support of her husband's re-election this November.



### Hiroshima Mayor Criticizes U.S. as City Marks 57th Anniversary of WWII Atomic Bomb Attack

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HIROSHIMA, Japan—The mayor of Hiroshima criticized the United States for unilaterally pursuing its own interests and urged a worldwide ban on weapons of mass destruction, as thousands gathered Aug. 6 to mark the 57th anniversary of the world's first atomic bomb attack.

In the annual ceremony at Peace Memorial Park, Tadatoshi Akiba suggested that Washington's policies in the post-Sept. 11 world were misguided.

"The United States government has no right to force Pax Americana on the rest of us, or to unilaterally determine the fate of the world," Akiba said. He also urged President Bush to visit Hiroshima to see "with his own eyes what nuclear weapons hold in store."

At 8:15 a.m. — the minute on Aug. 6, 1945, when the bomb exploded after being dropped from a U.S. B-29 warplane — a bell tolled and more than 45,000 survivors, residents and dignitaries from around the world bowed their heads for 60 seconds of silence to remember the victims.

The bomb killed about 140,000 people and sickened hundreds of thousands more in Hiroshima, 430 miles southwest of Tokyo. Three days later, a U.S. bomber dropped a second atomic bomb on Nagasaki, killing 70,000 people. Japan surrendered Aug. 15, 1945, ending World War II.

In his remarks, Akiba criticized what he called the prevailing international philosophy of "I'll show you" and "I'm stronger than you are," particularly in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

Akiba called on countries to scrap weapons of mass destruction, even as nuclear-armed India and Pakistan remained on war footing in the hotly contested region of Kashmir.

"The probability that nuclear weapons will be used again and the danger of nuclear war are increasing," Akiba said. "Since the terrorist attack against the American people on Sept. 11 last year, the danger has become more striking."

This year's event comes less than three months after remarks by Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's top aide raised questions about Japan's resolve to maintain its anti-nuclear policy. In

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### COMMENTARY Securing Our Future

By **JOHN TATEISHI**  
JACL Executive Director

When the JACL was created 73 years ago, its founding members decided this organization would be self-sufficient and not accept funding from outside the membership. We would be free of outside influence and the taint of being bought out by outside forces.



Not a bad philosophy for an advocacy group challenging local, state, and federal authorities and statutes. There could be no accusation that the JACL was under the influence of any group. But it didn't stop our critics from supposing anyway.

For most of the existence of the JACL, we've depended solely on membership dues to support our operations and programs. During the days that I ran the JACL's redress campaign, we maintained a shoe-string budget because, frankly, there was little money to

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of the civil liberties of all Americans by legislation and fiat since that date, disguised as fighting terrorism."

But Phil Shigekuni, civil rights chair of the San Fernando Valley JACL chapter board, said he could envision 9/11 as a holiday.

"Japanese Americans are in a unique position with regard to 9/11," Shigekuni said. "On the one hand, we must be clear in our support for what may well be a very popular sentiment for the holiday as a demonstration of solidarity to remember those who perished on 9/11. On the other hand, we must speak out against the violations of civil rights, which are presently occurring and affecting Muslims, Arab Americans and South Asians. I believe our support for the holiday would [alleviate] any ill will, which might come about as a result of our support for these persons, who are suffering from similar discrimination which we suffered 60 years ago.

"Along with support for the 9/11 holiday, I would like to see in the JA community more emphasis on the anniversaries of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki — August 6th and 9th respectively," continued Shigekuni. "The tragedy of 9/11 has produced countless stories of suffering, self-sacrifice and bravery. There are similar stories which can be told concerning the A-bombings. I would hope these annual times of solemn reflection would strengthen our resolve to do more to ensure that these sorts of horrors do not happen again."

Neither historians nor Nikkei could recall a similar movement to make Dec. 7th a holiday following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Americans had too much to do — some of which was misguided — to worry about such matters," said Daniels, alluding to the evacuation and incarceration of JAs that occurred a few months after the Pearl Harbor attack.

Dr. Art Hansen, history professor at California State University, Fullerton, and director of the university's Oral History Program and Japanese American Project, said while he has not heard of any national or state movement that occurred to make Pearl Harbor Day a holiday, he did hear that V-J day, victory day for the Allied forces over Japan, had once been a holiday.

"What I do recall was that V-J

day was a holiday in a number of states, all of which, save for Rhode Island, scrapped the holiday within the first decade after the war or so," said Hansen. "Even Rhode Island eventually, just a few years ago, got rid of this 'holiday.'"

When Vasilik was asked whether 9/11 and Pearl Harbor Day should both be holidays, she said, "The reason I feel September 11th should be a holiday versus Pearl Harbor Day is that a great percent of people who died on September 11th were ordinary, everyday citizens who got up and went to work that morning, never expecting to die. Pearl Harbor, on the other hand, was a military installation, populated with military personnel, who were trained by their country to fight and if necessary, die. It was their choice to be at Pearl Harbor. Not that any one death has greater value than the other, but certainly military personnel and their families are aware that they 'could be' in peril at any time during their enlistment. Citizens going about their daily business and their families are not."

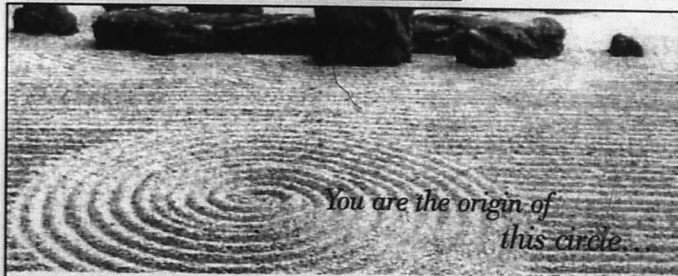
Tateishi felt that 9/11 and 12/7 should be remembered but did not feel that turning them into holidays would be the best course.

"Pearl Harbor Day has been discussed at times as a date that should be recognized by a national holiday, but it's never been more than a discussion as far as I know," said Tateishi. "But it doesn't mean that, as a nation, we ignore that date. Each year, we're reminded on December 7th of the attack, as Japanese Americans know only too well. Events like Pearl Harbor and 9/11 should be memorialized by the nation, but I think making them national holidays only serves to trivialize them. We seem to find ways to commercialize our holidays in this country."

Hansen felt that neither dates should be turned into a holiday. "The effect of such sanctioned commemoration is surely to be colored by militant nationalism and a spirit of revenge, which is precisely what keeps the world in a state of war and leads to more Pearl Harbors and 9/11s," he said. "Why not leave it to individuals and groups to choose for themselves whether these events should be commemorated and, if so, in what form?"

Daniels, making reference to the date that President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, said, "We should remember December 7th as we should remember February 19th. I would not make a holiday out of either." ■

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run a national campaign. The little we got from the national council we augmented with fundraising within the organization and occasionally from the community.

All the legislative battles the JACL fought over the decades were with JACL revenues generated from membership dues. It's amazing when you consider just how much this organization accomplished and did for the JA community and for others, but that would take another column or two to describe.

Until recently, we received no funding or major support from outside the organization, and in doing so, maintained the tradition of self-sufficiency. It worked for most of our existence as an organization, but it doesn't work now.

Our membership numbers have declined with the attrition of our Nisei membership, and it's become just too costly to run any organization on the kinds of dollars that might have been available five or 10 years ago. Self-sufficiency was fine in the past, but it's not today's reality. Today, we seek and get corporate support for our programs and our convention. And as you know, we come to you, our members, for contributions a couple times a year.

And yet, membership revenues make up a major part of our budget. Over fifty percent.

There's a pattern to our revenue flow from membership renewals that's consistent. From around November to around April or May, we get the bulk of our membership renewals, and accordingly, so too do we get the bulk of our membership revenues. And then we experience a steep decline in renewals through the summer months until the following November. It's like going from a lush, green valley to a dry and arid desert.

It's in the winter and early spring months that we build up reserves to get us through the dry period. We do a mid-year fundraiser to help get us through the dry months, as well as look to the

income we derive from our investment portfolio.

This year, we're especially feeling the impact of the summer months because we diverted our corporate support to the convention, and the cushion we depend on from our investments is no longer there because of the downturn in the market.

Right now, as I write this column, I'm having to think about options I'd rather not think about to keep this organization going through the next several months. But I will think about them because that's my job, that's what I'm paid to do. And that's fine. Own up to your responsibilities is part of what I was raised to believe.

The pattern of our revenue flow is part of what we have to change. And since we don't have an opportunity to do a mid-year fundraiser this year, this is a good year to begin to change the pattern. Here's what I have in mind.

A large number of you get your renewal notice around the end of the year or in the first few months of the year. How about changing your renewal date to, say, May or June or July... anytime from late spring to October? That way we can spread the wealth through the year, so to speak.

We build a reserve during the lush months to prepare for the dry spells, but it's still difficult because of unexpected expenses that invariably hit us. Spreading the revenue stream eases some of that.

What this also comes down to is this: it's a donation on your part to give us half a year's membership by moving your renewal date forward. It replaces our mid-year fundraiser, which we couldn't do this year, and it will help us next year to level out the pattern. It's your way of supporting the JACL at a time when we're deeply in need of additional financial support.

My goal is to change the pattern, but longterm, it's also to secure outside funding to help us with our operations and programs. And it's also to find ways to ensure that this great organization continues its work. ■

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## Report on Historic API Workers Hearing Released

The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), AFL-CIO, recently released a report summarizing the first California State Assembly Hearing on Asian Pacific Islander workers. The report is jointly issued by APALA and the UCLA Labor Center.

The hearing was convened on May 17 by the California State Assembly Committee on Labor Employment in conjunction with the California State Assembly API Legislative Caucus. During the hearing, API workers and labor advocates throughout the state testified against worker exploitation and its direct impact on workers and their families.

The workers and their advocates also provided concrete recommendations for "state legislative and enforcement actions that could significantly improve the lives of Asian Pacific Islander workers, their families and communities."

The summary report was compiled to spread awareness of API worker issues and to synthesize he

topics and recommendations in a form that could be utilized by workers, labor advocates, legislators and communities.

Within the report is demographic background on API workers, a summary of API worker issues, the impact of those worker issues on communities, recommendations to legislators, background on hearing speakers and additional sources and acknowledgments.

While neither the hearing nor the summary report represent an exhaustive study on API workers, both are meant to serve as significant steps towards future investigation.

"The magnitude of this groundbreaking event is immeasurable," said Luisa Blue, APALA national president. "The hearing gave workers, their supporters and legislators the opportunity to not only come together and discuss issues facing Asian American and Pacific Islander workers but to also take part in creating collaborative solutions to improve the lives of API workers and their families." ■

## JACL Legacy Fund Grants Committee Announces 2002

Each year, ten percent of the JACL Legacy Fund earnings are made available to support projects and activities sponsored by JACL chapters, district councils, and the National Youth/Student Council. This year, the committee approved funding for six projects from five different districts for a total of \$13,750.

They include the following:  
 • The Pacific Northwest (PNW) Youth/Student Council, received \$3,000 to implement a plan to create three local youth/student JACL groups, called "Kaizen" within the Pacific Northwest District. Some of the funds will be utilized to design a website and create promotional materials to recruit new youth/student members.  
 • The Cleveland chapter received \$2,000 to conduct an eight-hour teacher training workshop at Cleveland State

University. Fifty teachers will be invited to participate and will receive a copy of the JACL Curriculum and Resource Guide. Two other proposals were funded which will provide an opportunity for educators to receive information and resource materials on the Japanese American experience.  
 • The Wisconsin chapter received \$1,250 to support a presentation at the Wisconsin Council for Social Studies Conference.  
 • The Midwest District Council received \$1,800 to support a presentation at the Great Lakes Regional Council for Social Studies Conference.  
 • \$2,700 was awarded to the Idaho Falls chapter to support the collection, identification and cataloging of artifacts and memorabilia from the local JA community and to create a display of those artifacts from the Bonneville County Museum.

• The Sacramento chapter received \$3,000 to document the personal experience of Dr. George Goro Muramoto and the history of the Sacramento JACL chapter during the prewar and World War II era.

The current Legacy Fund Grant Program Committee members are: Hank Tanaka, interim chair (MDC), Amy Matsumoto (NY/SC), Deborah Ikeda (CCDC), Clyde Nishimura (EDC), Micki Kawakami (IDC), Andrea Parker (MPDC), Mark Kobayashi (NCWNP) Elsie Taniguchi (PNW) and Hiromi Ueha (PSW).

Pending approval by the national board, the Legacy Fund Grants Committee will make applications available for next year's program by Jan. 15, 2003, with the deadline for completed applications on April 1, 2003. ■

## The 2000 Census, Voting and Asian Americans

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON—They may be the fastest growing racial group in Massachusetts, but Asian Americans are the least likely to vote among minorities, according to a new report.

The study, which examined populations in 10 Bay State cities and towns, found that only a quarter of adult AAs registered to vote, compared to statewide figures of 41 percent of Hispanics and 56 percent of blacks.

"It's considerably lower, even than Hispanics and blacks, who traditionally have had lower registration numbers," said Paul Watanabe, a University of Massachusetts professor of Asian American Studies and co-author of the report. "It's fair to say it's the lowest of all racial groups."

One reason AAs are less likely to be registered to vote, the report found, is that many are immigrants who are either new arrivals or are residents but have not become citizens. In fact, the state's AA community grew by about 68 percent in the 1990s, according to census figures, the fastest growth of any large racial group.

"That's a voter pool that's ripe to be gotten," said Amy Sangiolo, who in 1997 became the first AA woman elected to Newton's Board of Aldermen.

Sangiolo, a child of Chinese and Japanese parents, said she tried to rally support among Newton's 6,000 or so AAs when she first ran for office, with little success.

"They don't see any representation of their issues and they don't

see any Asian Americans in office," she said. "It's a matter of not feeling that their vote will mean anything."

Lydia Lowe, a second-generation Chinese American who has been conducting voter registration efforts in Boston's Chinatown for 10 years, said language differences and unfamiliarity with the political system keep many AAs from participating.

About 240,600 Massachusetts residents identified themselves as AA on the 2000 Census. The largest Asian ethnic group was Chinese, representing slightly more than a third of that number.

HOUSTON—Because of the growing Vietnamese population in the Houston area, Harris County must begin providing Vietnamese-language ballots and voting material beginning in November.

Citing requirements in the federal Voting Rights Act, the Justice Department has ordered the county clerk to print ballots in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

The 2000 Census revealed more than 55,000 people in Harris County identifying themselves as Vietnamese. At least 10,000 of them are old enough to vote and are not proficient in English, which triggers the legal requirement to add the language to voting materials.

County Clerk Beverly Kaufman said she will meet with Vietnamese American leaders to identify voting precincts with the greatest need for the translated material. Her office will also distribute voter education materials in Vietnamese, recruit Vietnamese American poll

workers and hire Vietnamese speakers to field election day phone calls, Kaufman said.

Kim Nguyen, president of the Vietnamese Community of Houston and Vicinity, estimates there are about 12,000 registered Vietnamese voters in Harris County, but only about 3,000 of them voted in 2001.

Houston City Councilman Gordon Quan, who is Chinese American, said more ballot languages may be added as other AA populations grow.

Three California counties also were required by the Justice Department to provide Vietnamese voting material — Los Angeles, Orange and Santa Clara.

KENNEWICK, Wash.—When voters in some Washington state counties go to the polls this November, they can request ballots in Spanish and Chinese as well as English.

Yakima, Franklin and Adams counties are required by law to provide Spanish-language ballots. King County must provide ballots in Chinese. The changes are the result of the 2000 Census, which showed that at least 5 percent of the voting age population in those counties spoke those languages. In July, the Department of Justice notified local officials they had to satisfy the bilingual provision of the federal Voting Rights Act.

The census found that 25 percent of all citizens in Franklin County reported speaking English "less than very well." Yakima County had 22.6 percent and Adams County had 22.6 percent. ■

## Prosecutors Stumble in Efforts to Battle Biotech Espionage

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAVIS, Calif.—Former University of California eye researcher Bin Han is one of four Asian-born scientists working in U.S. labs who have been jailed in recent weeks, accused of stealing valuable research material.

A fifth admitted in May that he lied to the FBI to cover up for a colleague who allegedly looted \$2 million worth of Alzheimer's disease research.

But most charges against Han and the others have been downgraded or dropped. Han, originally charged with three felonies, now faces only a misdemeanor theft charge. The arrests have opened a window onto an industry that

experts say is plagued by spying and smuggling of American trade secrets, and a new U.S. law that has been able to do little about it.

On the other side, Asian American groups say the prosecutions smack of the same overzealous fear of Asian competition seen in the government's rigorous prosecution of Wen Ho Lee, a Chinese American accused in 1999 of copying sensitive nuclear weapons data at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Although Lee was held in solitary confinement for nine months, he was charged only with illegally downloading data.

Since 1996, when Congress passed the Economic Espionage Act, the Justice Department has prosecuted 47 people in 34 cases.

Of those, 16 were filed in the last 18 months. Asian defendants were involved in a quarter of those prosecutions.

Separately, federal prosecutors in Boston have agreed to delay an economic espionage case against former Harvard Medical School scientist Kayoko Kimbara and Jiangyu Zhu as a potential plea bargain on lesser crimes is negotiated.

That prosecution followed one from the Cleveland Clinic in which economic espionage charges were dropped against Alzheimer's researcher Hiroaki Serizawa in exchange for his admission that he lied to the FBI to cover up for Takashi Okamoto, a Japanese scientist now in his homeland resisting U.S. extradition attempts. ■



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# National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff  
and Associated Press

## □ Ethnic Coalition to Examine Cases of Immigrant Detainees

PHILADELPHIA—A new civil rights coalition, comprised of activists and lawyers, said it will examine cases of immigrants detained in Pennsylvania in the last year since the Sept. 11 attacks.

The Coalition for the Defense of Civil Liberties, spearheaded by the Philadelphia Arab-American Association, said it had yet to identify whether there were grounds for civil rights lawsuits, particularly involving Middle Eastern and South Asians, but that it will continue to serve in a watchdog capacity.

"It's the only way that the public can understand the hazards of essentially giving carte blanche to the Justice Department to investigate anybody they want," said Hiro Nishikawa, a former internec during World War II and current president of the Philadelphia JACL.

A U.S. District Court judge ruled Aug. 2 that the administration withheld the identities of more than 1,000 detainees and ordered that those names be released by mid-August. Administration officials said revealing those names would hurt its terrorism investigation.

An unknown number of detainees were held at the regional INS detention center in York, Pa. Some reported they were held for months, charged only with minor immigration violations. None were charged with crimes related to Sept. 11.

## □ University Eliminates Use of Race in Admissions

ATHENS, Ga.—In response to a federal appeals court ruling, the University of Georgia announced a new admissions policy July 31 that doesn't consider race.

The decision comes after years of lawsuits by white women who argued they would have been admitted if they were black or male. The school is predominantly female and favored male applicants for several years.

The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals threw out the university's policy last year. The school has now eliminated any consideration of race, gender or country of origin, as well as the tradition of favoring applicants related to Georgia alumni.

This fall's freshman class of about 4,300 was admitted on the basis of an interim formula combining high school grades with standardized test scores. In the past, the former admissions plan gave some "borderline" students a slight boost if they weren't white.

In a case that could go to the U.S. Supreme Court, a sharply divided federal appeals court in May upheld the use of race in admissions at the University of Michigan law school.

In 1996, a federal appeals court ruling led the University of Texas law school to stop considering race in admissions. Other appeals courts have upheld the University of Washington law school's race-conscious admissions policy.

## □ Hmong Doctor's New Practice Geared Toward Community

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Phua Xiong, 33, recently became the first female Hmong doctor in Minnesota to open her own practice. She is one of only a few Hmong women in the Twin Cities area who are doctors.

Xiong's practice is located in the St. Paul Medical Center on University Avenue in the heart of

Frogtown, home to thousands of the city's Hmong residents. She offers a full range of family practice services, including prenatal and obstetrics care, minor surgery and acupuncture.

But perhaps Xiong's greatest asset is her ability to deal with Hmong-specific and cross-cultural health issues. For instance, she allows patients to incorporate shamanism, the traditional Hmong healing faith, with Western practices, such as taking medications.

"When an elderly Hmong woman walks into her office, she will know that the doctor can speak to her without language barriers and that she will respect traditional Hmong beliefs," said Patricia Frye Walker, medical director of the Center for International Health.

Xiong moved to Minnesota in 1991 to go to medical school at the University of Minnesota, where she graduated in 1996. Before starting her practice, she spent four years working at Model Cities Health Center, a private, nonprofit health clinic.

## □ Old Chinatown Seeks to Reinvent Itself

HOUSTON—While new Chinatown in southwest Houston is growing as the area's Asian American population swells, old Chinatown in east downtown remains stagnant, but Dan Nip, an importer and accountant who has developed both areas, wants to change that.

The 1987 opening of the George R. Brown Convention Center, followed by a baseball park more than a decade later, failed to live up to predictions that old Chinatown would be revitalized.

Instead, many buildings are boarded up; others are used by unglamorous wholesale businesses.

Nip, chairman of the area's Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, envisions a new farmer's market, international food court and other retail centers to lure a mostly non-Asian clientele. It would be a contrast to new Chinatown, which caters to the area's AA community.

"This was the only Chinatown when I came to Houston 20 years ago," Nip said. "I know everybody in old Chinatown, and it's sad to see it falling behind. My heart is still here."

The first crusader for a revitalized old Chinatown was Lang Yee "Bobo" Woo, who died in 1991.

## □ Study Shows Shortage of AA Male Broadcast Journalists

DALLAS—Asian American women outnumber their male counterparts in broadcast journalism by 5-to-1, according to a new study released Aug. 9 at the 15th annual convention of the Asian American Journalists Association.

The study, conducted by USC's Annenberg School of Communications, found that in the top 25 television markets there are a total of 85 AA women on air and 19 AA men.

Other findings of the study include: AAs make up a small percentage of the student population in U.S. journalism schools, with females outnumbering males by 4-to-1; and AA males are more likely to go into science-related fields.

## □ Wen Ho Lee Still Hasn't Found Job

LOS ALAMOS, N.M.—Former government researcher Wen Ho Lee says he hasn't found a job since he was fired and prosecuted for making

copies of sensitive nuclear weapons data.

"I have tried to get a job in both the university and industry setting, but so far I have not been able to locate a job," Lee said in an interview in the July issue of the American Physical Society News. "I am currently doing my own research on semiconductor design. I hope that someday I can make a contribution to the electronics industry."

Lee pleaded guilty in September 2000 to a single count of downloading sensitive data to unsecured computer tape and was held in solitary confinement for nine months.

He said he made tape copies of codes to protect his access to his work after a computer malfunction destroyed or damaged several files.

"I used the best technique that I knew to protect my files," Lee told the online science publication. He said the worst punishment he had ever heard of for such violations was barring an employee from work requiring a security clearance.

## □ Minority Groups Urge Investigation Into Subcontracting

SACRAMENTO—Four minority advocate organizations urged a state investigation into how utility regulators awarded more than \$100 million in contracts encouraging energy conservation.

The groups — Council on Asian Business Association, Black Chamber of Commerce, California American Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and California Disabled Veterans Alliance — claim that the Public Utilities Commission engaged in contracting practices that prevented their members from vying for the contracts.

They alleged the PUC did not follow state contracting laws in the bid process, did not reach out to small businesses and did not competitively bid.

This summer, the PUC awarded almost 100 contracts to promote the use of fluorescent light bulbs, energy-efficient appliances and better insulation in homes and businesses.

PUC officials defended the bidding as fair and said state contracting rules did not apply to the contracts because the money came from ratepayers, not the state treasury.

The complaints are now under review by the California Department of General Services, which oversees most state contracting.

## □ Former Hawaii Victim of Sept. 11 Attacks Identified

HONOLULU—The New York medical examiner has positively identified the body of a former Honolulu resident as a victim of the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center.

Heather Ho's mother, Mary Ho of San Francisco, confirmed that she received word that her daughter was identified.

"It's nice to know that they found her," Mary Ho said Aug. 1, "but we still miss her very much. Heather is still gone."

Heather Ho, 32, was one of 2,823 people killed when the Twin Towers were hit.

Ho was executive pastry chef at the Windows on the World restaurant on the North Tower's 107th floor. Services were held for her Sept. 30 at Hanalei School in Honolulu, which she attended as a child. She was also a 1987 graduate of Punahou High School.

Ho is survived by her father, Stuart T.K. Ho, and grandmother, Betty C. Ho, both of Honolulu. She was also the granddaughter of the late Honolulu financier and real estate developer Chinn Ho. ■

## APALA Releases Congressional Voter Guide

The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), AFL-CIO recently released its first Congressional Voter Guide, a new publication designed to inform Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders of the current voting records of their senators and members of the House of Representatives. The voter guide was compiled to introduce voters to the important issues concerning the various AAPI communities.

The issues that were focused on included votes taken on legislation, sponsorship of legislation not voted upon, and endorsement of resolutions or statements that support AAPI concerns.

The voter guide outlines actions

on subjects such as election reform, the citizenship requirement for airport screeners, hate crimes, benefits for Filipino veterans, restoring food stamp benefits to legal immigrants, minimum wage, restoring welfare benefits to legal immigrants, the DREAM Act, economic stimulus and patient protection.

The voter guide is a useful tool to keep the public informed of stances that have been taken by their elected officials," said Gloria T. Caoile, chair of APALA's Political Action Committee. "Keeping voters informed of the positions of their representatives encourages them to participate by voicing their concerns and holds elected officials accountable for their own actions." ■

## APAs in the News

John Hayashi, 48, of San Luis Obispo County, was appointed president of the State Board of Food and Agriculture by California Gov. Gray Davis. Hayashi is a third-generation vegetable farmer and has served on the Food and Agriculture Board since December 2001. He is the managing partner of Irrigation West and the president/owner of Farms, Inc. The board advises the governor on how the agricultural industry and consumers may best be served by the department.

Carol Lam, a Superior Court judge from Vista, Calif., was nominated for U.S. Attorney of San Diego and Imperial counties by President Bush. If confirmed by the Senate, she will be the first Asian American to fill that post. Lam was appointed to the bench in November 2000 by California Gov. Davis. She

presided over such cases as the "two-dollar bandit," who robbed four banks and led police on a chase before being sentenced to 175 years in prison.

Victor Uno, of Oakland, was elected business manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 595, one of the largest electrical unions in the west. He is the first Japanese American to fill that post in California and will oversee apprenticeship training, contract negotiation and organization of the IBEW in Alameda, San Joaquin and Calaveras counties. Uno was previously elected to the executive board and as president of Local 595, which represents more than 2,000 electrical workers. He is a founding member of the Asian Pacific Labor Alliance (APL-CIO). ■

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## COMMENTARY

## Meeting Friends at Tule Lake 2002 Pilgrimage

By HIROSHI KASHIWAJI

At the biennial Tule Lake pilgrimage this year (July 4-7) I had the opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Yukio Takeshita, a former Tulean who now lives in Japan, approached me with the attention-grabbing remark: "You are famous in Tokyo." Mr. Takeshita had spoken about the pilgrimage to a group in Tokyo where an actress had read the Japanese translation of my poem, "A Meeting at Tule Lake."

Shiro Tokuno reminded me that we had been in a play together at Tule Lake. I was astounded that he remembered. It was a prison play in which I portrayed a convict and Shiro was the priest giving me my last rites before my execution — or something like that.

Shiro's late brother Ted had also been in the theater group. He once portrayed a mad Russian in a play titled "The Boor." I had recently met Ted's widow, Lucille Tanaka Tokuno of Sacramento, at an audition for a commercial. She had been a dancer before marrying Ted. I hope she got the part. I didn't.

A German American at the pilgrimage told me his German uncle was the model for the prison commandant in the Billy Wilder film "Stalag 17." His uncle had divulged this shortly before his death when he admitted to close family members that indeed the part had been based on his war experiences. All I remember of "Stalag 17" is the late William Holden winning an Academy Award. I'll have to see the film again and focus on the commandant who was portrayed by the director/factor Otto Preminger.

I also met Edward Miyakawa, author of the novel "Tule Lake." When I met him and his Caucasian wife I was embarrassed to say that I had not read the book; I have since. The self-published book, which came out in 1979, had just broken even but was selling briskly at the

pilgrimage.

When Edward said he had a Julliard-trained sister who became an opera singer, something clicked — Agnes Miyakawa, the Nisei opera singer. I had seen her in a pre-war Japanese film.

I asked Edward if his family had anything to do with the Japanese Hospital in Sacramento. I believe he said his father had established the hospital for the benefit of the Japanese people living in the Sacramento area. I told him, "I was there," explaining that I had had an operation for blood poisoning when I was 5 or so and had spent a week in the Japanese Hospital. As proof, I pointed to the scar on my neck.

I met Eucaly Shirai, daughter of Noboru Shirai whose book was recently translated into English as "Tule Lake: An Issei Memoir." I had read the original Japanese version — that is, I had read it in my fashion, skipping the difficult "Meiji" characters. Since I was familiar with the story, I could guess the author's intention. I told Eucaly my brother had been a member of the Tule Lake Wakaba baseball team, which Mr. Shirai managed.

Then I revealed a family secret to Eucaly. My brother once participated in an English oratorical contest at Tule Lake, which the Stanford-educated Mr. Shirai judged. Although there were no "winners" as such,

Mr. Shirai critiqued each speech and stated that my brother's speech was the best. Where do I come in on this? I was the author of my brother's speech. It's a good thing there was no plaque or medal commemorating the event.

The most intriguing person I met was Tsutomu Jimmy Mirikitani, an artist from New York City. He had come with a film editor who had discovered him painting scenes of the Tule Lake camp on the streets of New York. While incarcerated in Tule Lake, Mirikitani painted and taught art. Now 82 years old, he has

lived and worked in New York for 60 years.

He is definitely a Renaissance man. In addition to being an accomplished artist, he worked for six years as a chef at a Florida country club. "I love golf," he said, so I assume he's a fair golfer, and I was told he dazzled the drummers in a taiko workshop with his Zen-like taiko demonstration.

He is Janice Mirikitani's second cousin, and I heard that he and the former poet laureate of San Francisco met for the first time in San Francisco before the pilgrimage.

He was also a good friend of the painter Jackson Pollock. Pollock was an admirer of Yokuzo Kawai's work, and when Mirikitani gave Pollock a Nikko landscape painting by Kawai, their friendship began and lasted until Pollock's suicide in 1956. Pollock, in turn, gave Mirikitani a 30x40 canvas painting titled "Peace of the World." Mirikitani said Pollock loved sashimi and tempura, which Mirikitani used to prepare for him at parties.

Mirikitani's works have been exhibited at the Nishido Gallery in Tokyo and various galleries in New York City. Presently, he is working on a book of his works dealing with Tule Lake. ■

## Peace Corps Holds API Roundtable

Peace Corps Director Gaddi H. Vasquez met with local Asian American and Pacific Islander leaders July 26 in a roundtable discussion of the agency's strategy for diversifying its volunteers and staff. The goal was to promote a greater understanding of America's diversity and to diversify the Peace Corps so that it more accurately reflects the American culture.

In an effort announced and supported by President Bush, the Peace Corps aims to double the number of volunteers over the next five years. The recent roundtable was the first of many discussions with ethnic minority leaders about strengthening the Peace Corps' diversity strategy.

APIs are seen as an important source of potential Peace Corps volunteers. Currently ethnic minorities make up only 15 percent of the total volunteers, with APIs representing 4 percent. Since 1961, the Peace Corps' active recruitment of people from different ethnic backgrounds and age groups has played a central role in building the agency's great legacy of service.

"I am truly committed to enhancing the diversity of the Peace Corps," said Vasquez. "Towards that end, I am delighted to be able to count on such a prestigious group of leaders in the Asian American/Pacific Islander community to help guide us in our efforts. As the Peace Corps expands and grows, we will depend on their help and counsel."

Each year, the Peace Corps sends thousands of trained men and women to live and work in interested countries around the world. The Peace Corps is working to ensure that even more people of color can experience the opportunities for professional and personal growth that come with serving as a volunteer. More than 165,000 volunteers have served in 135 countries since the Peace Corps was established in 1961. Today, more than 7,000 volunteers serve in programs to address education, health and HIV/AIDS, information technology, business development, the environment and agriculture. ■

## Station to Produce Documentary on JA Business in California During WWII



Image courtesy of Marysville JACL  
A group poses in front of the Nakamura Company (208 Oak Street, Marysville) with two delivery trucks. This was a San Francisco Japanese import company that brought Japanese goods to the Marysville area by train.

The Sacramento Asian-Pacific Chamber of Commerce (SACC), Central Valley Asian-American Chamber of Commerce (CVACC), and Public Television Station KVIE Channel 6 are partnering to produce a documentary that probes the impact of the incarceration of Japanese American business people during World War II.

"Forced Out: Internment and the Enduring Damage to California's Cities and Towns" will be going into production this summer, with broadcast expected next year.

The producers are looking for information from those with first-hand experience, as well as family photos, home movies, business records and other documents that might be useful in the research phase of the production.

The half-hour documentary will be complemented by community education outreach including a website and speakers bureau. It will target groups and people who are not familiar with the incarceration of more than 110,000 West Coast residents of Japanese ancestry, the majority of them American citizens. Special effort will be made to reach members of the business community and students of economics and other business subjects.

The two chambers will advise KVIE on story development and take the lead in outreach efforts. "Imagine what our community would look like today, if our government had not forced the hundreds of Japanese American families to give up their homes and their livelihoods for forced internment," said Pat Fong Kushida, president and CEO of the SACC. "This project will shed light into what our community has forever lost through that experience."

"The chamber is looking forward to working with KVIE on a project that connects with and speaks directly to our community about the history of the Japanese entrepreneurial experience in the Central Valley," said Dennis Lee, president and CEO of CVACC.

Professor Wayne Maeda of California State University Sacramento and the University of California at Davis is conducting research into the economic impact of internment, including the large ripples caused by the sudden absence of merchants and other business people in vibrant city and town cores. One premise the research will test is that the induced impact far exceeds the more than a billion dollars in direct losses. Economic theories and measurements developed in the half century after the war may be able to provide a more accurate picture of the totality of the losses, including those on non-JA businesses and even on regional economics.

The documentary will be KVIE's fifth on issues of interest to JAs, including "We came to Grow," about the Issei, and "Forsaken Fields," about JA farmers in the Central Valley during WWII.

Veteran radio and television broadcaster Jan Yanehiro will host the program.

Producer Corita Gravitt's most recent project for KVIE was "Bittersweet Roots," a documentary on the settlement of the Chinese in the Sacramento Delta.

The project will be funded by the California Civil Liberties Public Education Project (CCLPEP) and the Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Fund; additional funding is being sought.

Anyone with archival materials or information can contact Corita Gravitt at KVIE via e-mail at cgravitt@kvie.org, or phone her at 916/641-3511. ■

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## Snake River JACL Chapter Presents Scholarships



(L-R): (back row) Akimi Murata, Kylie Igarashi, Christina Yano, Kirby Saito, Cory Kumagai, Ryan Bertalotto; (front row) Charles Pressley, Nicole Hata, Ashley Yamamoto, Brian Hunt; (not pictured) Alan Fujishin, Staci Uriu, Brandon Ishida, April Koda, Kayla Morinaga, Molly Uyeki, Derik Clark, Jason Rucker, Ann Hayden

The Snake River chapter recently celebrated its annual graduation banquet. Local high school seniors of Japanese descent were honored, and high school senior scholarship recipients were presented.

Ryan Bertalotto of Fruitland, Idaho, son of Paul and Sue Bertalotto, and Akimi Murata of

Ontario, Ore., daughter of Warren and Shirley Murata, each received \$2,000.

The keynote speaker was Max Mohammadi of Boise, Idaho.

The scholarships and grants were funded by the chapter and the Idaho-Oregon Nikkeijinkai, with an endowment from Sig and Mitsuko Murakami. ■

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## Heart Mountain Reunion Fever

By RAYMOND UNO  
Heart Mountain Reunion  
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The last meeting of the Heart Mountain Reunion VIII committee was intense! Discussed were tours, exhibits, dinners, etc. The conclusion: "We will be ready."

There is a correction on local tours: the city tour will be Fri., Aug. 30 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Olympic Venue tour will be Sat., Aug. 31 from noon to 5:00 p.m. There was some confusion due to conflicting notices.

The registration has been greater than expected, and if the pace continues, we should soon hit 400 participants. Keynote speaker for the Sayonara Banquet will be U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta.

A tribute will be paid to two groups at the banquet. We will honor veterans of all wars who served from Heart Mountain, with particular attention to the World War II veterans, and also to the resisters of conscience.

In addition, the banquet will include a presentation by Troop 333, a raffle and an auction.

Our Friday mixer will be an evening of nostalgia. Joy Takeshita will present renditions of "camp songs"; Mamoru Inouye will share insights about Heart Mountain High School; Babe Fujioka will kick around tales of our athletes; Kim Akizuki will reminisce about the girls clubs; Joy Wilson will remind us how hard it was to teach us; Shig Yabu will come up with

interesting trivia; and Dave Reetz has a special assignment.

Saturday morning's breakfast will include a presentation by the Heart Mountain Foundation, who will also be conducting oral interviews.

Later on Saturday will be a Women's Conversation with Marjorie Matsushita Sperling as facilitator. The panel will include Karen Okabe, Shirley Higuchi, Jeanette Misaka, Toshi Ito and Kara Kondo.

The Children's Cultural Activity, a hands-on project at the Salt Lake City Public Library where educators will teach youngsters about camp, is nearly filled to capacity.

Exhibits will include: a Heart Mountain photo exhibit, curated by Mamoru Inouye, at the Salt Lake Public Library, with a reception for Mamoru on Sun., Sept. 1, from 2-4 p.m.; an existing camp exhibit by the Special Collections Department of the University of Utah will be available at the public library's second floor; and we will have our own exhibit room with camp memorabilia.

On Sunday, Sandra Yamate will be signing her book at the Japanese Church of Christ with part of the proceeds going to Heart Mountain.

If there is interest, there will be an open forum where participants can engage in lively exchanges: Also Memory Makers and Bacon Sakatani will be taking pictures for post-reunion albums, and the Manzanar National Park Service will be videotaping the reunion for their collection. — See you soon! ■

## California State Nisei AA Baseball Tournament to Hold 50th Anniversary Banquet on Sept. 1

The California State Nisei AA Baseball Tournament will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a banquet set for the Torrance Hilton Hotel on Sept. 1.

To commemorate the 50th year of the tournament, the organizers will host the baseball games at USC and Loyola Marymount University. The tournament begins on Sat., Aug. 31 and runs through Mon., Sept. 2, with the final games set for LMU. Teams set to participate in this year's tournament include the San Francisco Hawks, Florin Athletic Club, Lodi JACL and special guests, McCully from Hawaii. The top four Southern California Nisei Athletic Union AA teams will round out the field.

The first California State Nisei AA Baseball Tournament was held in 1953 in the Lodi area. After playing in Lodi for the first five years, the tournament began moving around the state. Currently, the sites alternate between Northern and Southern California. Traditionally held over the Labor Day Weekend, the tournament

brings together the top Japanese American baseball teams. Over the last 50 years, participants have come from all over California, Hawaii, Denver, Colorado, and even Japan.

Historically baseball was one of the cornerstone activities for the JA community, especially before World War II. The revival of organized team competition in the 1950s has provided an important outlet for succeeding generations of Nisei to this day.

The organizers hope to recognize at the banquet some of the early pioneers involved with the California State Nisei AA Baseball Tournament and the many baseball teams that sprang up throughout the state. The banquet is open to all current and former players and their families.

The 50th anniversary celebration sponsors and organizers include the *Rafu Shimpo*, the Japanese American National Museum, the Southern California Nisei Athletic Union (NAU) and the Aki Komai Memorial Awards Committee. The

organizers are still seeking sponsorships for the tournament and the banquet.

Anyone interested in attending the banquet can make dinner reservations by writing checks to the Japanese American National Museum-Nisei State and sending them to: State AA Baseball, P.O. Box 27844, Los Angeles, California 90027. The deadline is Aug. 18.

The Torrance Hilton Hotel is located at 21333 Hawthorne Blvd. There will be a no-host cocktail hour at 6 p.m. and the dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$40 for adults and \$25 for children and the banquet is open to the public.

For more tournament information, check the organizers' website at [www.niseistateAAbaseball.com](http://www.niseistateAAbaseball.com). All games are free to the public and schedules will be available on the website. Anyone wishing to donate should send their donations to the above address. For further information, call Bob Umemoto at 323/661-8769 or Mike Henmi at 310/378-0270. ■

## JACL Leaders Participate in OCA National Convention in Salt Lake City

The Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) recently held their 2002 national convention in Salt Lake City, which was attended by various JACL leaders, including National President Floyd Mori and Washington, D.C., Representative Kristine Minami.

Various panels were held, including the State of America Summit focusing on how Sept. 11 impacted the United States and Asian Americans in particular. The event was moderated by Howard University law professor Frank

Wu. Panelists included Mori; Debasish Mishra, board member of the South Asian American Leaders for Tomorrow; Cao O, executive director of the Asian American Federation of New York; Cuc Vu, of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance and SEIU; Jenny Yang, of the Department of Justice; and Paul Igasaki, vice chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Several panelists discussed experiencing the Sept. 11 tragedy firsthand as residents of New York, while others reported on the increase in hate crimes against Arab, Muslim and South Asian American following the attacks

and the need to stay vigilant against incidents of national origin discrimination.

Other JACLers who participated in the conference included Yas Tokita, former JACL IDC governor, who moderated "The Power of Community Partnerships" panel; Micki Kawakami, current IDC governor; Tricia Sugiyama, acting director of the State of Utah Office of Asian Affairs and Salt Lake JACL member; Randy Okamura, trustee of the Fremont Union High School District Board; Randy Horiuchi, Salt Lake County Council member; and Tom and Edith Mitko, Mount Olympus JACL members and OCA convention committee members. ■

## Japanese American Experience Exhibit to Open in Merced County

A new exhibit, "Japanese American Experience in Merced County," will open in April 2003 at the Merced County Courthouse Museum. The exhibit will focus on the life of JAs who lived in this area between the early 1900s and late 1950s.

The Committee for the Japanese American Experience in Merced County is seeking photographs that show everyday activities of JAs at work, school, play, or at cultural

and community events. These could have been taken either at home or away (e.g., Amache camp). Artifacts either made or used by JAs during the same period are also requested.

For questions or submission ideas, contact Emi Tanioka at [jaemc2003@bigvalley.com](mailto:jaemc2003@bigvalley.com) or call 209/723-6429 and leave a message. Deadline for submissions is Sept. 15. Merced County Historical Society is sponsoring the exhibit. ■

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### Take Out: Queer Writing from Asian Pacific America

By Quang Bao, Hanya Yanagihara and Timothy Liu  
Temple University Press for the Asian American Writers' Workshop  
400 pp., \$22.95 hardcover

This anthology brings together established and emerging artists to define their personal and collective vision as gays and lesbians. A variety of topics are explored such as inter-generational relationships, domesticity, pop culture, camp, Hollywood, fairy tales and Asia.



### Confinement and Ethnicity: An Overview of World War II Japanese American Relocation Sites

By Jeffrey F. Burton, Mary M. Farrell, Florence B. Lord and Richard W. Lord  
University of Washington Press  
472 pp., \$27.50 paperback

"Confinement and Ethnicity" was originally published as a report of the Western Archeological and Conservation Center of the National Park Service, but the demand was so high that it went out of print after three press runs. The University of Washington Press has now reissued it with a new forward by Tetsuden Kashima, associate professor of American ethnic studies at UW.

Based on archival research, field visits and interviews with former residents, the book provides an overview of the architectural remnants, archeological features and artifacts remaining at the various sites. Included are numerous maps, diagrams, charts and photographs.

### Recalling Local Pasts: Autonomous History in Southeast Asia

Edited by Sunait Chutintaranond and Chris Baker  
University of Washington Press  
216 pp., \$18.50 paperback

The history of Southeast Asia, especially mainland Southeast Asia, has been written as a history of kings and states. The modern states of Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam thread their way back into the past, and the emergence of these states, the importance of their capitals and the power of their dynasties have been the dom-

inant themes of the history of the region.

This collection of essays challenges this perspective. Taken together, they question how powerful the great centers and their rulers really were. The authors shift the focus to smaller settlements and more peripheral communities, looking at the capitals and the central authority from this viewpoint. They react against the modern impulse to look at the commonalities of the region and instead concentrate on the variety. The result is a historical view of Southeast Asia as a society of cosmopolitan cities, mobile communities and fluid local politics.

### Asian Americans on War & Peace

Edited by Russell Leong & Don Nakanishi  
UCLA Asian American Studies Center Press  
224 pp., \$16.95 paperback

This compilation addresses the parallels between recent world events and the legacy of war, xenophobia and resistance in Asian American history. Featured are 24 scholars, writers and activists who offer their personal reflections on September 11 and its aftermath.

The book is divided into four sections: "Worlds of Crisis," which documents the range of national and global reactions immediately following the terrorist attacks; "Civil Liberties and Internment," where authors examine the 9/11 attacks which the media dubbed "another Pearl Harbor"; "Geopolitics," which examines the cultural, economic and political implications of the "war against terror"; and "Peace," where authors call for compassion and vigilance in moving toward peace.

Contributors include (in order of appearance): Helen Zia, Jessica Hagedorn, Roshni Rustomji-Kerns, Vijay Prashad, Amitava Kumar, Russell Leong, Jerry Kang, Eric Yamamoto, Susan Kiyomi Serrano, Frank Chin, Moustafa Bayoumi, Stephen Lee, Janice Mirikitani, Ifi Nasim, Arif Dirlik, Grace Lee Boggs, Vinay Lal, David Palumbo-Liu, James Yamazaki, Jeff Chang, Angela Oh, Michael Yamamoto and Mari Matsuda. Photography by Corky Lee, Eric Chang and Mary Uyematsu Kao.

### Roosevelt's Secret War: FDR and World War II Espionage

By Joseph E. Persico  
Random House  
656 pp., \$35 hardback

Among the revelations that Joseph Persico has uncovered in his book are: Franklin Delano Roosevelt wanted to bomb Tokyo before Pearl Harbor; a defector from Hitler's inner circle reported directly to the Oval Office; FDR knew before any other world leader of Hitler's plan to invade Russia; FDR and Churchill concealed a disaster costing hundreds of British soldier's lives in order to protect Ultra, the British code-breaking secret; and an unwitting Japanese diplomat provided FDR with a direct pipeline into Hitler's councils.

### Race-ing Art History: Critical Reading in Race and Art History

By Kymberly N. Pinder  
Routledge  
413 pp., \$35 paperback

This is the first anthology to place issues of racial representation by European artists squarely on the canvas. Assembled chronologically and in four parts, these essays draw upon multiculturalism, post colonialism and critical race theory to confront the tradition of art as a means of looking at "the other." The essays address questions about racial visibility and racial politics, asking whether modern concepts of race can be imposed upon ancient art, whether there is a link between pictorial realism and "Orientalism" and how today's artists and critics can engage our visual culture's inherent racialized dimension.

Contributors include Rasheed Araeen, Albert Boime, Anna Chave, John R. Clarke, James Clifford, Okwui Enwezor, Jean Fisher, Sander L. Gilman, Michael Hatt, bell hooks, Patricia Leighton, Reina Lewis, Robert Linsley, Linda Nochlin, Kymberly N. Pinder, Jae Ryung-Roe, Abigail Solomon-Godeau, J. Gray Sweeney, Cornel West, Judith Wilson and Diane Wolfthal.

### Dreamer Prophets of the Columbia Plateau: Smohalla and Skolaskin

By Robert H. Ruby & John A. Brown  
Red River Books/University of Oklahoma Press  
272 pp., \$19.95 paperback

The Ghost Dance was a 19th-century movement to reclaim American Indian culture by bringing the dead back to life. As many as 2,000 Indians from various tribes followed the Dreamer religion and its two dreamer prophets, Smohalla and Skolaskin.

Authors Robert H. Ruby and John A. Brown rely on government documents, U.S. military correspondence, Indian Service employees' letters, old newspaper accounts and personal recollections to tell the stories of these two influential religious men.

The authors purport that the religion suffered a blow when Skolaskin was incarcerated at Alcatraz in 1889. When Smohalla

## No More Hiroshima or Nagasaki Peace From Nuclear War

Sadako Suzuki was 2 years old when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. In February 1955, she was diagnosed with leukemia. She died in a matter of months on Oct. 25, 1955. Before her death, Sadako focused her energy on folding 1,000 paper cranes as a peace offering, thus turning her personal tragedy into an international campaign for peace. Since then, Sadako's story has been told and retold in several books. The following are the latest to come out:

### Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes

By Eleanor Coerr  
Illustration by Ronald Himler  
Putnam Publishing Group  
80 pp., \$16.99 hardback  
Ages 4-8

Eleanor Coerr crafted this story of Sadako's 12th year after reading the book of Sadako's letters her classmates compiled after her death. Included in this book is a brief biography of Coerr, describing her work on this book, and instructions on how to fold paper cranes.

### One Thousand Paper Cranes: The Story of Sadako and the Children's Peace Statue

By Takayuki Ishii and Takeyuki Ishii  
Laureleaf  
112 pp., \$4.99 paperback  
Ages 9-12

This book goes through Sadako's life, from the morning the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima to how she continues to inspire others even after her death to work towards world peace. The book also includes instructions on how to fold paper cranes.

### Rain of Ruin: A Photographic History of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

By Donald K. Goldstein, J. Michael Wenger, Katherine Dillon and Donald M. Goldstein  
Brassey, Inc.  
192 pp., \$19.95 paperback

This book presents more than 400 black-and-white photos of the United States atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Many of these United States and Japanese governmental images have not been previously published. They portray everything from the devastation to the celebration of survivors to modern-day monuments.

### The Atomic Bomb: Voices From Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Edited by Kyoko Selden and Mark Selden  
M.E. Sharpe  
256 pp., \$27.95 paperback, \$73.95 hardback

Survivors of the atomic bomb present their stories in factual accounts, short stories, photographs, poems and drawings.

died of old age in 1894 the movement was virtually over, although many practitioners continued to utilize their sacred longhouses as places of worship and rallying points for resistance to government persecution.

### Geography of Rage: Remembering the Los Angeles Riots of 1992

Edited by Jervey Tervalon  
Really Great Books  
256 pp., \$14.95 paperback

When the "not guilty" verdict was handed down in the Rodney King beating trial, those most impacted were the Korean

American business people working in South Central Los Angeles. April 29, 2002, marked the 10th anniversary of the uprising, and this book includes a wide array of personal reflections on the riots and its aftermath. A short list of contributors includes: Wanda Coleman, Kitty Felde, Gar Anthony Hayward, Lynell George, Gary Phillips, Elizabeth Wong and others.

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