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Founders, Players Look Forward, Back on 50th Anniversary of California Nisei AA Baseball Tournament

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

America's national pastime never looked so golden — or yellow — as Japanese American players, organizers and team founders gathered Sept. 1 in Torrance, Calif., to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the California State Nisei AA Baseball Tournament.

Since the inaugural tournament in 1953, the annual Labor Day weekend contest has brought together some of the best Nikkei players from as far away as Japan, Hawaii, Colorado and Northern, Central and Southern California to compete for the state title.

This year marked an especially momentous occasion as founders and players from several of the original clubs received recognition and reflected on the impact that the sport has had on the community over the last half century.

"It's really amazing that we've lasted this long. It's an amazing milestone," said Buddy Takata, an original member of the Li'l Tokio Giants, which was founded in

1954 in Los Angeles and first participated in the state AA tournament in 1956.

"In 1945, I was 16 years old and I got to play for the Santa Fe Zebras at the Heart Mountain concentration camp, and we were the champions that year. Every Saturday and Sunday," Takata recalled, "we

Bob Umemoto, chair of the 2002 tournament steering committee, first participated in 1961 as a batboy for the Li'l Tokio Giants and has been involved as a player or an organizer ever since.

"I feel real good that we're taking the extra effort to celebrate it," Umemoto said. "The sad thing is

actually it's not growing. That may make it more monumental that we're having the 50th. Baseball as a sport in the community is dwindling. I hate to say it. But we're doing our best to keep it going.

"This (banquet) is celebrating both what has been done and what we hope will



PHOTO: KENNY MATSUI

This year's California Nisei AA Tournament winners the L.A. Pirates.

played a game. It was the first time I had participated in organized sports. I got coaching for the first time.

"Early on, I was a ballplayer and winning was the only focus at that time," he said. "But as I started to retire and started coaching, I soon realized that there's more to winning and that it really means a lot to the Japanese American community to continue baseball, to keep Japanese American baseball alive."

continue," he added. "The younger people just have to step up and realize... hey, this is a part of our community. Let's give this some thought, let's give this some consideration and help keep everybody involved."

This year, eight teams from around California and one team from Hawaii competed in the tournament. They included the Giants, Los Angeles Pirates, Gardena

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Smithsonian Makes Changes to 'A More Perfect Union' Exhibit After Pair Submits Critique

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History will be making changes including downgrading the number of medals awarded to Nisei soldiers during World War II in "A More Perfect Union" exhibit after a Utah Congressman and two Utahns contacted the museum.

The changes to the online exhibit have already been made and changes to the actual exhibit will likely take place in the fall, according to Valeska M. Hilbig, senior associate in the Office of Public Affairs for the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History (NMAH).

National JACL has sent a letter to NMAH Acting Director Marc Pachter saying the organization had no problems if the changes "reflect a true history," but also requested that the changes include the Medal of Honor upgrades to 20 Nisei veterans.

Hilbig could not confirm whether the Medal of Honor upgrades will be included but said it "would make sense."

The changes to the 15-year-old exhibit came about through the efforts of Lee and Sam Allen of Provo, Utah, who put together a "Critique of the Smithsonian Institution's Exhibition 'A More Perfect Union: Japanese

Americans and the U.S. Constitution."

The report questions the accuracy of the exhibit by challenging the number of medals awarded to the 442nd Central Postal Directory Team/100th Central Postal Directory, citing a "sound security reasons for the evacuation" through the "Magic" cables and charging that the exhibit was partly funded by a Japanese war criminal.

Franklin Odo, director of the Smithsonian's Asian Pacific American Program, was on a business trip at press time and could only say that "any changes in numbers of medals, etc., would not in any way jeopardize the recognition of Nisei heroism during World War II and should not diminish the significance of the 'A More Perfect Union' exhibition at the Smithsonian."

Although the report was presented in June 2001, the Allens did not receive a response from the Smithsonian until they contacted Utah Congressman Chris Cannon. Pachter, in a letter to Cannon, said there will be four areas of change.

Changes

Purple Hearts: The exhibit originally cited 9,486. The new figure will be "3,600 to 4,500." Pachter consulted the Army Center of Military History and

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Sansei, Yonsei Explore New U.S.-Japan Relations

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

In a Japanese American community that has often emphasized its "American-ness" over its "Japanese-ness," a small but growing movement among the community's younger members is bringing the motherland closer to home.

As a child growing up in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Times Reporter Teresa Watanabe always

felt a little bit out of place. She was often the only Asian among her classmates and like many of the Asian kids at the time, strove for the ideal California tan and curly locks over her naturally white skin and straight black hair.



PHOTO: CAROLINE AOYAGI
Dr. Mitchell Maki speaks at the recent "Why We Care" U.S.-Japan relations panel at JANM.

Later in her professional life as a journalist, Watanabe, a Sansei, often wondered why her natural tendency to shun the limelight and resist promoting her achievements was shunned by her colleagues and superiors.

She found her answers in Japan. During her first visit to her ancestral home, Watanabe immediately fell in love with the country and its people.

"I looked out of the plane window... and I saw people who looked like me. I just felt in some ways like I was coming home. I felt for the first time so connected," said Watanabe, who saw her own characteristics mirrored in the Japanese. "I felt validated to be in Japan as a Japanese American."

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JACL Protests Ashcroft Plan for Detention Camps

The JACL sent a letter to President George Bush Aug. 16 protesting a proposal by Attorney General John Ashcroft to establish government detention camps to imprison "enemy combatants."

Under Ashcroft's plan, the attorney general would have unilateral authority to determine who is or is not an "enemy combatant," following recommendations of an inner circle committee at the U.S. Justice Department.

Ashcroft's proposal comes at a time when the Justice Department is proceeding with its handling of Yaser Esam Hamdi and Jose Padilla, two U.S. citizens who are being held without charges in indefinite detention.

"We're alarmed at this recent proposal by the attorney general," said National JACL President Floyd Mori. "Little by little, we've witnessed the attorney general's efforts to chip away at constitutional protections guaranteed to American citizens. This attorney general has waged war on the rights of Americans to exercise his personal agenda for the far right. The time has come for this to stop."

The JACL issued a public statement criticizing Ashcroft for his proposal, stating that the attorney general "plays dangerously with the individual protections guaranteed by the Constitution."

Noting the experiences of

Japanese Americans during World War II and the dangers to constitutional rights under the Ashcroft plan, the JACL's statement urges the Congress to exercise its oversight powers to stop the proposal from becoming policy within the current administration.

Calling Ashcroft's latest proposal "madness" in a letter to the White House, John Tateishi, JACL national executive director, urged the president to step forward to bring any consideration of the proposal to a halt.

"The time has come for you to ensure that those in leadership positions within your administration live up to your words following September 11 that democratic principles will be maintained," he said.

The JACL noted that although they understand the need to protect national security and pursue those individuals who act against U.S. security interests, they also understand that the well-being of the nation depends on the adherence to the intent and spirit of constitutional protections.

"We need to speak out on this matter," continued Tateishi. "The future well-being of American democracy is at stake when we allow individuals in high political places to feel they can ignore democratic mandates to further their own political agendas." ■

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Letters to the Editor

eBay Still Using 'Jap'

I am sending you this short follow up regarding the racist slurs that have appeared on eBay. In fairness to eBay, I waited one full year to see if any significant changes would take place regarding their policies on listings. I am sad to report that they have not. As of today, the listing for items using the term "Jap" went from around 2,600 in 2001 to 4,260 this year! When one carefully looks through some of these listings not all who are listing are "racist," but some still do not understand that the "term" is racist. This is a sad commentary on today's society. It shows that there is still a lot of ignorance regarding the Japanese American experience.

What is equally appalling is that the Nikkei are not the only ones targeted. A search turned up 63 hits for the "N" word in reference to African Americans, 406 listings for the word "gook" and a very specific racial slur in reference to Chinese Checkers from an old 1930s game. This was particularly shocking to me as the Chinese were the "victims of Japan's war machine" and the United States tended to play up the Chinese American friendship of the 1930s. I am sure this will not sit well with those who protect the interests of these other significant minority groups.

It would be interesting to see if JACL Executive Director John Tateishi ever received satisfaction from Kevin Pursglove (eBay Senior Director of Communications) regarding this issue. It is also interesting to note that some of these slurs are completely unnecessary for a listing: for example, an anti-Japanese propaganda poster can be listed as "war poster" or "war poster anti-Japan," and I believe that the use of the "N" word is completely unnecessary for a listing! One does not need to be reminded of such horrible slurs that invoke images of post-Civil War oppression against African Americans. A simple title of "black memorabilia" would be enough for the serious collector to take a look.

An organization as large as eBay, which prides itself on customer satisfaction, should have better "failsafes" in place to make sure these racial slurs do not enter the auction market. eBay has categories for just about everything and should create one for "politically incorrect" memorabilia. To be sure, the upshot of the listings is just offensive and needs to be addressed seriously by eBay. I hope the JACL will continue to look into this matter.

Richard Inoué
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Las Vegas

Census 2000: 'Alone' vs. 'Combination'

First, I feel gratified to see so much space devoted to the 2000 Census results.

However, the accounts must consider problems not previously encountered such as self-identifying with two or more races. Thus, Harry Honda's article shows two columns of data taken from the census report. But, the reader ought to recognize that the "alone" category reflects a count of persons. The "combination" count — I think the whole label should have been used — includes those "alone" as well as those who chose that and some other race. The result is that the "combination" always shows a larger count. But, this count includes "alone" persons as well as responses (i.e., those persons who identified with this group as well as another one). But, in a table for the other group, the same response would be counted as well. In other words, the "combination" count is not of Hapas alone; their number is not that high.

Brian Niya's column faces the same difficulty, but he refers to his count as an "estimate." The work underway tries to "fix" this problem by creating a "bridge" between 1990 and 2000 data, which are otherwise not comparable.

Takuya Maruyama
Los Angeles

Pledge of Allegiance

Mas Hashimoto and the *Pacific Citizen* are to be commended for adding their voices to the national debate about the separation of church and state. ("An American Buddhist's Take on 'Under God' in The Pledge of Allegiance," P.C. Aug. 2-15).

Mas' commentary is right on

point: this is an issue that directly affects Buddhist Americans, as it does all minority religions, and should not be taken lightly. Already politicians are reacting to the ruling of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals with proposals to amend the Constitution. Both houses of Congress have passed non-binding resolutions condemning the 9th Circuit's ruling. President Bush said that the decision shows that "we need common-sense judges who understand that our rights are derived from God. And those are the kinds of judges I intend to put on the bench."

America is an incredibly diverse country with some 2,000 different religions, as well as millions of Americans who profess no religion at all. The surest way to protect the rights of every citizen and the integrity of religion in America is to keep the government neutral on religious matters. All we should have to ask is that our government respect our freedom of conscience and allow Americans of all faiths to make up their own minds just as the Constitution promises.

Larry Scheetman
Chicago JACL

Re: East Wind

I am very interested in the current set of columns Bill Marutani is writing about the Supreme Court decisions. I would appreciate his setting aside a column to discuss the Endo case. I was surprised, as I did some research, to discover the detention issue in this case has not received very much publicity as *Korematsu*, *Hirabayashi* and *Yasui*. Why is that? It seems to me that this case has significance in the current atmosphere regarding people of Middle Eastern background and the increasing comments about camps.

David Yamamoto
Ann Arbor, Mich.

First JA Woman NFL Trainer

I received my Aug. 2-15, 2002, issue of *Pacific Citizen*. I have one comment to make in reference to page 7 "In Sports" regarding the article "JA Woman Becomes

NFL's First Female Trainer."

On July 24, the article said, "the Pittsburgh Steelers named Arika Iso their new assistant athletic trainer. She is the first female and first Japanese American to become a full-time, permanent trainer for an NFL team." I don't know if Tracy Uba or the *Associated Press* checked with all the NFL teams to see if they had any permanent JA trainers.

The San Francisco 49ers have a JA permanent trainer, Jeff Tanaka. He has been a trainer for the 49ers for the past several years. I am not sure if he is the first permanent JA trainer in the NFL. I suggest you check with all NFL teams so recognition can be given to the proper person.

I would like to see a write up about Jeff Tanaka.

John S. Nakabe
via e-mail

Passport to Friendship


As a child I was a tomboy, but I dearly loved dolls. This passion for dolls has never left me and when I read about the doll display, "Passport to Friendship," at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, I hastened to see the exhibit. The dolls were absolutely life-like and beautiful!

There were three unusual displays: One was a Japanese doll with curly eyelashes and another Japanese doll displaying teeth. Thirdly, there was a rather large American doll seated right in the middle of the "steps" of the Hina Matsuri dolls.

I was completely enjoying the doll display until I came across three newspaper clippings taped to the wall with the word "Japs" on them. I felt these newspaper clippings were totally inappropriate and some of my negative Taurean traits were immediately evoked. I told some of my friends about the doll display and the newspaper clippings and they all asked, "Why did they do that?" WHY? INDEED!

In spite of the newspaper clippings, if you love dolls it would be regrettable to miss this wonderful and beautiful display of Japanese and American dolls.

Maggie Ishino
Los Angeles



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JACL Urges President to Reappoint Igasaki to EEOC Post

The JACL strongly urged the president to reappoint Paul M. Igasaki to his seat on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Civil rights advocates and the Asian Pacific American community have been awaiting Igasaki's re-nomination, which the White House had indicated it would complete by the end of August.



"Paul Igasaki has been in a holding pattern for months," said JACL National President Floyd Mori. "What is the delay? Senate Majority Leader Daschle indicated his support months ago, back in May. The civil rights and Asian Pacific American communities support Igasaki. Clearly, after eight years of service he is more than qualified to do the job. The EEOC is fortunate to have someone of his credentials. We do not understand the White House's reluctance to put his name forward."

The EEOC is led by a five-member, bipartisan commission on which Igasaki has served as a Democratic commissioner since 1994 after being nominated by President Clinton. He began service as vice chair and commissioner and served as acting chair for 10

months during a critical period in 1998.

Igasaki is the first APA to serve in these positions at EEOC and is the only APA currently on any federal civil rights commission.

"The president prides himself on the diversity of his administration, yet he is unwilling to re-nominate to his seat the only Asian Pacific American to serve on any federal civil rights commission?" said John Tateishi, JACL national executive director. "Given the debacle resulting from the insensitive comments made by a member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission last month, it is all the more apparent that we need commissioners who understand civil rights and the functions of their commissions."

"We are very concerned that a competent and committed public official will be sacrificed to politics here," said Kristine Minami, JACL director for public affairs. "If the EEOC loses Igasaki, then the American public really loses."

Prior to his appointment at EEOC, Igasaki was the executive director of the Asian Law Caucus in San Francisco and is a former JACL Washington, D.C., representative. He was also a community liaison with the City of Chicago's Human Relations Commission, the first director of the Chicago Commission on Asian American Affairs and served on the mayor's Affirmative Action Council. ■

Former Secretary of Army Louis Caldera to Keynote 2002 JACL PSW Awards Dinner

Louis Caldera, former secretary of the army and vice chancellor of California State University (CSU), will be the keynote speaker at the JACL PSW district awards dinner and silent auction Sept. 21, 6 p.m., at the Torrance Marriott Hotel in Torrance, Calif.



Caldera serves as CSU's vice chancellor for university advancement as well as president of the CSU Foundation. Previously, Caldera held two appointed posts in the Clinton administration, including secretary of the army from 1998-2001, during which time 22 Asian Pacific American World War II veterans' Silver Star distinctions were upgraded to the Medal of Honor. He also served as managing director and COO of the Corporation for National and Community Service from 1997-1998.

Caldera is a three-term California State Assembly member (1992-1997) who represented Los Angeles' 46th Assembly District. He holds a bachelor's degree from the United States Military Academy, an MBA from Harvard Business School and a juris doctorate from Harvard Law School.

This year, the JACL PSW district will honor Joe Allman, long-

time JACL member and community leader in Arizona; Tritia Toyota, former KCBS-TV anchor; Wilbur Sato, a resident of Torrance and long-standing JACL and civil rights community organizer; Union Bank of California; and the Holiday Cheer program, an annual holiday giving program in Los Angeles.

Allman has been an active member of Arizona JACL since 1986 serving on its board of directors and was previously president and newsletter editor. He has received a number of community awards, including Outstanding Citizen Award from the Arizona Asian Americans Association. Allman served in the U.S. Army from 1940-1964 and is co-chair of the Gila River Monument Committee.

Toyota is a well-known newscaster who has worked in both radio and television for over three decades. A former weekend anchor for KNBC-TV, Los Angeles, she was also an anchor at KCBS-TV on both Action News at Noon and Action News at Six. Volunteering much of her time in the Japanese American community, she is also one of the co-founders of the Asian American Journalists Association. Currently, Toyota is pursuing her Ph.D. at UCLA where she also teaches.

A life-long political activist and community leader who was interned at Manzanar, Sato has dedicated much of his life to JACL. He has served as president of the East L.A. chapter, chair of

the PSWD's Civil Rights Caucus and Gardena chapter member. An attorney who has focused on social justice issues, he is currently vice president of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance.

The Holiday Cheer is an annual JACL project helping to distribute small monetary gifts to individuals within the JA community during the holiday season. The program works with various community organizations to identify those who need a little help during the holidays. The program began as a way to lend a hand to those returning to the Los Angeles areas from internment camps in the late 1940s.

The Union Bank of California Foundation has generously supported the work of JACL's national and local programs, including JACL's national scholarship program and the PSWD's youth programming. The foundation contributed \$8.5 million in 2001 to support the work of nonprofit organizations throughout California dedicated to improving their communities.

The Torrance Marriott Hotel is located at 3635 Fashion Way in Torrance. Dinner proceeds will go towards the continued development of youth leadership for the JACL's PSW district. Tickets are \$100 each or table of 10 for \$1,000. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact the JACL PSW district office at 213/626-4471. ■

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California Assemblyman Nakano's APIA Advisory Commission Bill Headed for Governor's Desk

California is one step closer to establishing its first ever Asian Pacific Islander American Advisory Commission (APIAAC) as Assembly Bill 116, authored by Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, passed another major hurdle last week when the California state Senate approved the bill 22-9.

"I applaud my colleagues in the Senate for understanding how important the creation of this commission is and I am hopeful the Governor will also recognize how vital this bill is and sign it into law," said Nakano, chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus.

Nakano carried AB 116 in an effort to establish an advisory

commission to address the wide range of needs and concerns affecting over 3.8 million APIAs in California. The APIAAC would help identify and develop outreach programs to more effectively communicate with and respond to the needs of a growing and increasingly active community in California.

"Through this commission, California will be able to better identify and attend to the needs and problems affecting the APIA community. My goal is to reach out to these communities and in turn ensure California government understands and works to address any identified needs," said Nakano.

The 13-member commission

will hold meetings on matters affecting the APIA community and submit an annual report with specified recommendations to help advise the governor, legislature and state agencies on social and economic issues most prominent to the APIA community.

Nakano stressed the importance of community groups sharing their support for the bill with California Gov. Gray Davis. "I will continue to advocate the importance of this commission and I encourage every community group affected by this bill to do the same."

The governor must sign AB 116 before it will become law. For more information, call Nakano's district office at 310/782-1553 or visit www.assembly.ca.gov. ■

State Presents Heritage Grant for Castroville Schoolhouse Restoration

Officials from the State Parks Department presented a \$134,000 grant award to the Monterey County Redevelopment Agency for renovations to the historic Japanese School House building in Castroville, Calif., at a special program Aug. 28 at La Scuola Restaurant.

State and county officials and members of a visiting Japanese delegation took part in the program that included longtime residents sharing their personal memories of the schoolhouse in the 1930s and a presentation on the historical significance of the building by noted historian Sandy Lydon. Following the presentation, the public was invited to take part in a walking tour of the schoolhouse.

"We are doubly fortunate to have both this wonderful building and residents who are able to share recollections about the unique tradi-

tions of Japanese Americans in Monterey County," said Judy Pennycook, Monterey County supervisor, 2nd District. "This schoolhouse will be a precious resource for tomorrow and a proud reminder of the past."

The Japanese School House, building, at the corners of Geil and Pajaro Streets in Castroville, was built by area JAs in the 1930s and was used to teach children traditional Japanese culture and traditions. An integral part of a community redevelopment design, the schoolhouse will be renovated to serve as a community and recreation center.

The California Department of Parks and State Office of Historic preservation singled out the schoolhouse project as a recipient of a California Heritage Grant Fund Award because of the building's

historical and cultural significance and the community's widespread support for the renovation project.

"The Castroville Japanese School House renovation is exactly the type of project the Office of Preservation has in mind for funding under the California Heritage grant program," said Dr. Knox Mellon, State Historic Preservation officer with the California Department of Parks and Recreation. "The building is historically significant for its association with the Japanese American families in the 1930s to teach their children about the language, traditions and culture of the old country. Now, this structure will be able to serve another generation of Castroville residents."

For more information about the Japanese schoolhouse renovation project, call 831/786-1340. ■

National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff
and Associated Press

Civil Rights Groups Plan Protest of DOJ Policy

WASHINGTON—Groups representing Arab, Asian, Hispanic and black Americans will march on the Justice Department Sept. 13 to protest what they call an attack on civil liberties in the Bush administration's war against terrorism.

The "coalition of conscience" will protest the federal detention without charges of people suspected of being connected to terrorist cells. The process, said Jim Zogby of the Arab American Institute, is an assault on the constitutional right to due process and not about protecting the nation from future attacks.

Organized by Rev. Jesse Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, other participating groups include the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, NAACP, National Organization for Women, and League of United Latin American Citizens.

More than 100 foreign nationals picked up after Sept. 11 were still in custody as of late May, down from about 700, the Justice Department has said. The government has provided no updated figure or information about the charges detainees

face. U.S. officials said that national security could be compromised if the process was changed, names were released, and evidence was revealed in court.

White Applicant Appeals Reverse Discrimination Case

WASHINGTON—In a closely watched University of Michigan affirmative action case, a white woman who was denied admission to its law school appealed her case to the Supreme Court Aug. 9.

Barbara Grutter claims she was denied admission at Michigan in 1997 because of her race. A 43-year-old mother and businesswoman at the time, she had higher grades and test scores than some minority applicants who got in. Her appeal centers on the Constitution's equal protection law. She uses the language and rationale of civil rights-era laws to argue that the school discriminated against her and claims she probably would have gotten in had she been black or Hispanic.

The high court sent a mixed message in its last ruling on affirmative action in higher education admissions in 1978.

The case involved Allan Bakke, a white man rejected for admission to UC Davis medical school, while

minorities, with lower scores got in through a special program. A five-justice majority struck down the state-sponsored program that used racial quotas. Justice Lewis F. Powell wrote separately that schools could still consider race, so long as they didn't use quotas. Since then, the court has passed up other cases that presented similar questions about the use of race in higher education.

The court returns from its summer recess in late September and could accept or reject Grutter's case later in the fall, or it could delay consideration until the appeals court rules on another Michigan case.

Asian Shrimpers Absent In Protesting Industry Woes

BAYOU LA BATRE, Ala.—With shrimping prices bottoming out this year, largely because of the flood of Chinese imports, economic calamity has hit an industry in which many Asian Americans work. Yet, they have been largely absent in efforts to protect their livelihood.

Local shrimpers have called for financial relief and restrictions on competing imports, but due to cultural barriers few AAs have been part of the protests and current political controversy over creating a new

Alabama fishermen's association.

Every third person in Bayou La Batre is AA, according to the U.S. Census. Most were part of an exodus of Vietnamese, Laotians and Cambodians who immigrated to the Gulf Coast in the 1970s, fleeing war and revolution.

Matsunaka Faces Musgrave In November

BOULDER, Colo.—Colorado State Senate President Stan Matsunaka won the Aug. 13 Democratic primary with no opposition and will now face fellow State Sen. Marilyn N. Musgrave in the Nov. 5 general election for the 4th congressional district.

Matsunaka, who originally planned to run for governor, entered the House race after Republican Rep. Bob Schaeffer announced he was stepping down. As State Senate President, Matsunaka is the first Asian American in the United States, outside of Hawaii, to lead a state legislative body. He is also the first Democratic senate president in 38 years.

Korean War Remains May Be From Hawaii

HONOLULU—A Windward Oahu woman hopes one of seven sets of remains found in North Korea is that of her brother.

Pat Murashima, of Kailua, and her two sisters were at Hickam Air Force Base on Aug. 23 when the remains believed to be those of American

soldiers killed in the Korean War arrived in flag-draped caskets.

Army Sgt. Joseph Matsunaga was about 30 years old when he was reported missing Nov. 2, 1950, in fighting along the Chong Chon River. He was with the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He also served in World War II with the 100th Infantry Battalion.

Former UC Scientist Acquitted of Theft

WOODLAND, Calif.—A former University of California scientist was acquitted of theft Aug. 19 after a five-day trial, completing the collapse of a case that originally charged the eye researcher with economic espionage.

Bin Han, 40, was accused of stealing 20 vials of a protein gel researchers were using in attempts to grow replacement corneas for the blind. Police found the vials in his freezer and a plane ticket to his native China.

Originally charged with three felonies, including theft of trade secrets and embezzlement, Han, a naturalized U.S. citizen, was held without bail in solitary confinement for 18 days because authorities feared he was a flight risk. Han maintained he stored the vials in his freezer as a convenience and was fired before he could return them to the school.

Some critics compared it to the ethnically motivated case of Los Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee.

APAs in the News

Michael Chin, a cinematographer from San Francisco, received the 2002 Steve Tatsukawa Memorial Fund Award at Chivilivisions XV, an annual fundraiser for Visual Communications in Los Angeles, for his contributions to Asian American independent filmmaking and public television. Chin has worked as a cinematographer on such works as "The Color of Honor," the story of the 100th/442nd MIS; "Eyes on the Prize," a landmark public TV series on the civil rights movement; and "The Great Depression," a chronicle of that era in American history. The award was named after the late Tatsukawa, one of the nation's highest-ranking AA public TV executives at KCET-South California PBS and an executive director of VC. In July, Chin was also nominated for a primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Cinematography for Non-Fiction Programming for a PBS documentary on Ansel Adams.

Regina Chu, 48, was appointed a judge of the Hennepin County District Court, making her the first AA woman to hold a district judgeship in Minnesota. She served as a special assistant attorney general and was a clerk for former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Douglas Amdahl. Chu follows the first AA man to become a district judge in Minnesota, Hennepin County District Judge Tony Leung, who was appointed in 1994.

Jeanne Hong, 36, was appointed to the Maryland District Court by Gov. Parris Glendening. She is the first Korean American female judge to hold the state's district court post and the first AA judge in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia. Hong, born in Seoul, Korea, became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1977. She recently headed the Vehicle Analysis Network in the city state's attorney's office and was the office's expert in prosecuting carjacking cases. Glendening has also nominated Brian Kim to the District Court of Montgomery County, possibly making him the state's second AA judge.

Jo-Lynne Q. Lee, 52, was appointed a judge of the Alameda County Superior Court by California Gov. Gray Davis. She's been an attorney with the law firm

Griffith, Castle & Schwartzman since 1998, specializing in construction defect litigation and real estate disputes. Lee was formerly an assistant district attorney in Bronx County, New York, where she prosecuted criminal offenses from 1974 to 1977. She is a member of the Alameda County Bar Association and the Asian American Bar Association.

Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance, was named to the Assembly Committee on Health, which oversees health care, Medi-Cal, mental health licensing of health and health-related professionals and long-term health care facilities. Many of the Assemblyman's constituents are facing serious threats to their health care with the potential closure of Los Angeles County Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and Daniel Freeman Marina Hospital, two major South Bay hospitals with emergency and trauma facilities.

Jacqueline H. Nguyen, 37, of Studio City, was appointed a judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court by Gov. Davis. She is the first Vietnamese American woman to be appointed as a trial or appellate court judge in California. Nguyen is currently deputy chief of the general crimes section of the U.S. Attorney's Los Angeles office. She is also a founding member and former president of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Born in Vietnam, Nguyen moved to the United States in 1975 as a refugee.

K. Patrick Okura was awarded the 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues at the Asian American Psychological Association's (AAPA) 30th national convention in Chicago Aug. 24. The award is given annual-

ly to a senior person who has made significant contributions over the course of their career in the promotion of ethnic and cultural issues in psychology. Dr. Reiko Homma True received the first Okura Community Leadership Award, also given by the AAPA. True was presented with a \$1,000 check and a plaque.

Dr. Alvin T. Onaka, state registrar and chief of the Office of Health Status Monitoring of the Hawaii Department of Health, was elected president of the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHISIS) at their 69th annual meeting in Anchorage, Alaska. Onaka will be working with the United States, Canada, Mexico and the United Nations to re-engineer national and international vital and health statistics systems to be prepared against threats of terrorism, identity fraud and for the electronic registration of birth and death vital events.

Tammy Chung Ryu, 41, of Lomita, Calif., was appointed a judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court by Gov. Gray Davis. She is the first Korean American woman to be appointed as a trial or appellate court judge in California. Ryu is currently a supervising deputy attorney general in the Health, Education and Welfare Department of the State Attorney General's office, which she joined in 1988. She has served as president of the Korean American Bar Association of Southern California and was appointed by Attorney General Bill Lockyer as a liaison to the Korean American community in 1999.

Professor Henry Yu, who holds a joint faculty position in History and Asian American Studies at UCLA, received the Norris and Carol Hundley Prize for "most distinguished book on any historical subject" by the American Historical Society (Pacific Coast Branch) for his book, "Thinking Orientals: Migration, Contact, and Exoticism in Modern America." It is the first intellectual history of Asian Americans and explains the path of Chinese and Japanese Americans from "Orientals" to "Asian Americans."



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Hundreds Attend Topaz Monument Dedication

DELTA, Utah—About 500 people gathered in the western Utah desert Aug. 10 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Topaz internment camp and to dedicate a new memorial marker.

The dedication was part of Topaz Commemoration Day, planned by Jane Beckwith of the Topaz

Nagata again designed the new monument, which was built on a slant closer to the ground. An American flag was also placed to fly near the monument to discourage vandalism.

The original words of Shigeki "Shake" Ushio were also incorporated and inscribed into the marker.

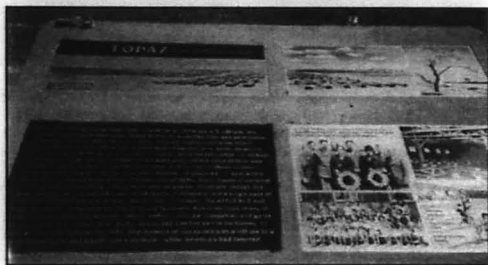


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The newly designed monument at the Topaz internment camp.

Museum, and the City of Delta.

Attendees included former internees, Delta Mayor Gayle Bunker, State Rep. Mike Styler and JACL National President Floyd Mori, who served as emcee. The colors were posted by World War II veterans from Salt Lake City: Nelson Akagi, Mits Kasai and John Owada.

A monument was originally designed by Salt Lake City graphic artist and former internee Ted Nagata and erected in 1976 to commemorate the Japanese American experience at Topaz, but over the years it had been damaged and defaced by vandals using it for target practice.

A new one was planned by a committee consisting of Mori, Nagata, Yeiko Nagata, Stuart Shimizu, Carolyn Valentine, Kevin Aoyagi, Amy Tomita, Jane Sakashita, Ryan Yoshida and Derek Omori, who solicited donations from JACL members, Topaz internees and the larger JA community.

The monument was installed by Harry Suekawa and his Ogden crew.

The U.S. government held more than 120,000 JAs in concentration camps during WWII, including thousands at Topaz. The 500-acre camp — once 19,000 acres — is now surrounded by private homes and subdivisions. The land was deeded to returning soldiers after the war.

Internees were forced to leave behind personal possessions, homes and lives when they were rounded up and incarcerated for up to three years.

Chizu Iiyomma completed her education by sending papers to professors hundreds of miles away at UC Berkeley. She was four months short of graduation when she was arrested and later shipped to Topaz. "My diploma was delivered to me by a U.S. postal carrier at the horse stall where I was living at the time," she said.

Many former internees are now in their 80s and want their children and grandchildren to know their stories.

"There's an anger and a fear and a sorrow from Topaz, but there's also a beauty — the friendships, the love and the kindness all rolled into one," said Beckwith. "And what you will hear today are ... stories ripe with the sweet truth of humanity." ■

Diablo Valley JACL

The Diablo Valley JACL recently held its 2002 scholarship awards luncheon in Danville, Calif. Bryan David Fong, a graduate of San Ramon High School, was awarded the Diablo Valley JACL Chapter Scholarship and will pursue business at USC in the fall. The George S. Fujioka Memorial Scholarship was presented to Trung Nguyen, a National Science Foundation Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics scholar winner who will transfer to UC Berkeley in the fall. The Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki Scholarship award for \$1,000 went to Rachelle Fera, a single mother and employee of Environment Resources Management. She will enroll in CSU Hayward's Nursing Program in the fall. The Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki Special Award for \$500 was Ryan Akihiro Hoshi, a bioengineering major at UC Berkeley.



Diablo Valley scholarship winners (from left): Rachelle Fera, Trung Nguyen, Ryan Hoshi and Bryan David Fong.

Houston JACL

The Houston JACL announced Christine Seiko Young, of Universal City, Texas, as its 2002 recipient of the Okumura Memorial Scholarship. She will be attending Westmont College in Santa Barbara to pursue marine biology.

Mile-Hi JACL

The Mile-Hi JACL chapter had a busy August taking part in three community events over an 11-day period. The chapter held a picnic

for its board members and its Dragon Boat Crew. The chapter also took part in the Dragon Boat Festival where the Mile-Hi chapter boat did very well. The chapter was able to register a number of people for the bone marrow registry at their booth. The Mile-Hi chapter also took part in the Boulder Asian Pacific Festival selling over 250 lunches.

Phoenix JACL

Approximately 60 people attended the Japanese Senior Center's monthly meeting at the JACL Hall in Glendale, Ariz., which included a Hawaii-themed luncheon, cash bingo and entertainment by the Masa Inouye dance troupe. Next month's meeting is scheduled for Oct. 16 and will feature information on micro dose therapy for arthritis.

San Francisco JACL

The San Francisco JACL will sponsor its annual National AIDS Memorial Grove Work Day Sept. 21 at 9 a.m. in Golden Gate Park. Since 1991, chapter volunteers have worked to maintain the grove of trees, plants and garden of remembrance. Tasks include weeding, raking fallen leaves, scrubbing and washing down stone entryways and benches, trimming and planting new vegetation and removing unwanted rocks and debris from pathways. A brief ceremony will be held prior to a buffet lunch to remember friends and loved ones who have been affected by HIV/AIDS.

For more information about volunteering with the S.F. JACL at the National AIDS Memorial Grove Work Day, call Geri Handa at 415/282-2803 or leave a message at 415/273-1015. ■

JACL Announces 2002-2003 Masaoka Congressional Fellow

The JACL announced Erin Watari of Troutdale, Ore., as the 2002-2003 recipient of the Mike M. Masaoka Congressional Fellowship award. She will work in the Washington, D.C., office of Mike Honda, D-San Jose.

Watari will begin her three-and-a-half-month fellowship in the spring of 2003, for which she will receive a stipend of \$8,500.

"Again, this year the committee received applications from many strong candidates, which presented us with a difficult decision," said Tom Tamaki, chair of the Masaoka

Fellowship Fund Committee. "Erin Watari is a highly motivated young woman, and we are pleased that she will follow Mike Masaoka's example of public service for JACL through this fellowship."

A 2002 graduate of Southern Oregon University with a degree in political science, Watari was appointed for a two-year term by the governor as a student board member/trustee for the Oregon University System, in which she helped oversee an educational budget of \$840 million.

At Southern Oregon, Watari served as student body vice president (2000-2001), leading the 2001 voter registration, education and "Get Out the Vote" drive, which registered more than 1,200 student

voters.

She also served as co-chair of the Oregon Students of Color Coalition/Oregon Students Association (2000-2001), campaigning for statewide awareness of racial profiling issues.

After completing her Masaoka Fellowship, Watari plans to get an advanced degree in public administration.

Students interested in applying for a 2002-2003 Masaoka Fellowship should contact the JACL Washington, D.C., office at 1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 704, Washington, D.C. 20036; e-mail: dc@jACL.org; or visit: www.jACL.org/masaoka/html.

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concluded that "As it turns out, there are no official records; the Army does not compile official records by unit. There is no reason to compile such statistics, and there are simply too many possibilities for error; parts of units are attached and detached, Purple Hearts are given out in hospitals and elsewhere, they can be awarded long after the action, and so on. Indeed, the source Mr. Allen cites, compiled directly after the war, has significant errors."

According to Pachter, the new estimate is from Dr. James McNaughton, command historian at the United States Army Pacific who was also involved in researching the recent Medal of Honor upgrades. McNaughton based his figures by estimating the number of casualties suffered by the 442nd/100th which merited a Purple Heart.

Silver Star: The exhibit originally cited 560. The new numbers will be "354 to 400." According to Pachter, their best information came from Orville C. Shirey's 1946 regimental history, which cited 342 Silver Stars and 12 Oak Leaf Clusters. However, Pachter added that "it is uncertain whether they include awards to the 100th Infantry Battalion." He cited the *Pacific Citizen*, which had reported that 36 Silver Stars had been awarded to the 100th before joining the 442nd.

Rescue of the "Lost Battalion": Although the exhibit took its material from the Congressional Record, Pachter concluded that in this case, the Congressional Record was "inaccurate" in saying that the 442nd suffered 814 casualties in rescuing the "Lost Battalion." The new text will clarify that the 814 casualties came about during 25 days of battle, which included a one-week period to rescue the "Lost Battalion."

Quote: In the exhibit, a quote is attributed to Gen. McArthur's intelligence chief (name not cited

in the exhibit), which credits the Nisei Military Intelligence Service for shortening the war by two years.

The Allen report claims this as a "total fabrication," saying in part: "You don't have to have more military experience than watching the first twenty minutes of 'Saving Private Ryan' to know that prisoner interrogation, document translation and other language activities such as those conducted by the MIS, while important, didn't shorten the war by two years or avert a million casualties. This claim is an outrageous falsification."

Pachter said the change will cite Col. Sidney F. Mashbir, U.S. commander of the Asiatic Theatre Intelligence Service who credited the Nisei MISers for victory in the Pacific. Mashbir's quote is cited by Dillon S. Myer, former director of the War Relocation Authority in his 1971 book, "Inside Story of Uprooted Americans."

Lee Allen, a retired Army Lt. Col. who served as an Intelligence Plans Officer for Terrorism at the Defense Intelligence Agency and whose father died in a Japanese POW camp in the Philippines, told the P.C. that he was satisfied with the changes that the NMAH will be making.

"I have great respect for Japanese Americans in this country," Allen said. "I think it is ill served as a group by people making exaggerations, and by ignoring or denying things."

Allen, president of Athena Press, recently reissued David Lowman's book, "Magic: The Untold Story of U.S. Intelligence and the Evacuation of Japanese Residents From the West Coast During World War II."

Allen secured permission to print Lowman's book in 1999 because he felt the book "seems credible."

The Magic cables, declassified

in 1977, were decoded diplomatic communications from the Japanese government to their consular offices in the United States and other areas before and during WWII.

When asked about the slew of recently published books such as "Day of Deceit" by Robert Stinnett, "By Order of the President" by Greg Robinson and "Roosevelt's Secret War" by Joseph Persico, which assert that Roosevelt may have known about the bombing of Pearl Harbor before it happened, Allen said, "I don't get involved in that debate," adding that he has "not studied" the issue but felt that the assertions were "not true."

Because Lowman had brought up the Magic cables during the redress movement, researchers Aiko Herzig-Yoshinaga and her husband Jack Herzig, a retired Lt. Col. who served as a counterintelligence officer for the Army in Japan and Europe, studied Magic and published their findings in a 1984 *Amerasia Journal* article titled, "Japanese Americans and MAGIC."

Some of the Herzigs' conclusions include:

- Magic cables were strictly diplomatic messages, and not the primary source of military information;

- The Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, G-2, stated in 1946 that the most important source of military information on Japan prior to Pearl Harbor was the United States embassy in Tokyo;

- None of the agencies involved with the exclusion and incarceration of the JAs provides in the official histories any evidence connecting Magic or any other form of intelligence or counterintelligence to the relocation of people of Japanese descent;

- An analysis of the specific Magic cables cited by Lowman fail to substantiate his charge that authorities justifiably removed JAs from the West Coast;

- None of the surviving officials personally involved in the exclusion and incarceration program testified before the CWRIC that the Magic intercepts were a factor in the decision to forcibly remove and imprison the JAs on the West Coast. Although these officials made reference to the Magic cables in other contexts, not one witness suggested that Magic provided any credible reports of espionage and sabotage by JAs.

In the Allens' critique, they include a 1984 testimony from Assistant Secretary of War John McCloy before the House Judiciary subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, where he said Magic "more than supplied all the information needed to justify fully President Roosevelt's action."

But McCloy had earlier testified before CWRIC that intelligence from Japan was not a critical factor in issuing Executive Order 9066. McCloy only later cited Magic after Lowman criticized CWRIC for ignoring Magic. Both CWRIC's Chair Joan Bernstein and Special Counsel Angus Macbeth testified that the eight volume publication by the Department of Defense titled, "The 'Magic' Background of Pearl Harbor," had been reviewed and that the CWRIC found no reason to change their recommendations or findings.

When asked about the CWRIC's conclusion, Allen said Macbeth's addendum to "Personal Justice Denied" regarding Magic was a "weak argument."

In discussing Magic, Herzig said, "In the 1980s, that allegation (of questionable Nikkei loyalty) was made by a former National Security Agency bureaucrat, David Lowman, and then rejected by the distinguished members of a congressionally appointed commission, including a former Supreme Court Justice and several former senators who had reviewed those messages. Similarly in the 1980s, the validity of that same

allegation by David Lowman was soundly defeated by both House and Senate as they passed legislation that it had committed a wrong against Japanese Americans in World War II. ... The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals also dismissed the significance of the Magic cables and Lowman's testimony in the evidentiary hearing in the Hirabayashi coram nobis case."

The Herzigs, who testified as expert witnesses during the Hirabayashi coram nobis case, said, "It was only one court in the Hirabayashi coram nobis evidentiary hearing where Lowman appeared. It was in this one case in Seattle where the government attorney and Lowman's Magic were laughed out of the court when Judge Donald Voorhies broke out in laughter as the lawyer thrashed around in a desperate, unsuccessful last attempt to salvage something out of the government's losing effort."

But Allen countered that the Hirabayashi case had been too "emotionally and politically charged" and that the federal judge was "not in a position to judge."

Herzig notes that Japanese diplomats used Magic to transmit both sensitive and nonsensitive data, saying one intercept from the Japanese embassy in Rome to Tokyo urgently requested bottles of soy sauce to replace their depleted supply.

Allen, pointing to what occurred just prior to the terrorist attacks on 9/11, said it was not unusual to have nonsensitive information mixed in with sensitive information. "It's connecting the dots," he said.

Allen's two key points were that: 1) Japan, before going to war with other countries, often used Japanese nationals to gather intelligence in their war efforts; and 2) that it would be reasonable to assume that this pattern was followed before attacking Pearl Harbor. ■

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Famed Hawaii Swimmer/Surfer Honored With Commemorative Stamp

HONOLULU—A new 37-cent postage stamp bearing the likeness of famed Olympic swimmer and surfing pioneer **Duke Paoa Kahanamoku** was dedicated during traditional Hawaiian ceremonies Aug. 24.

The ceremony on the 112th anniversary of his birth capped a nearly 20-year effort by family and friends to honor one of Hawaii's most famous citizens with a commemorative stamp.

The official unveiling and dedication took place amid chants and the sounding of conch shells at Duke Kahanamoku Beach at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on the shores of Kalia Bay, where he grew up.

"What a great day it is," Sen.

Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, told the gathering. "And it's a day when we can look out towards the sea and say, 'Aloha, Duke. We're back here again with your stamp.'"

An enlarged image of the stamp was carried ashore from the voyaging canoe Hawaii Loa, which was accompanied by a flotilla of surfers.

"The Duke Kahanamoku stamp reminds us of the lasting, positive influence a talented individual and relatively unknown hero can have on our culture," said Robert Rider, chairman of the Postal Service Board of Governors.

Kahanamoku was born Aug. 24, 1890, and died Jan. 22, 1968, at the age of 77. His ashes were scattered off Waikiki in a beach boy funeral

witnessed by thousands.

The stamp features a youthful portrait of Kahanamoku by artist Michael J. Deas, with a couple of surfers and Diamond Head in the background.

Nationwide, 62.8 million Kahanamoku commemorative stamps were created, with about 2 million available in Hawaii.

Lobbying for the stamp began as early as 1983, said Pamai Tenn, a Kahanamoku historian. Three attempts were made in the 1990s, with signatures gathered on petitions during each effort.



DUKE KAHANAMOKU

Petition drives were undertaken by Tenn, the International Surfing Museum in Huntington Beach, Calif., and the Surfrider Foundation in Washington, D.C.

The plea for the stamp was one of about 50,000 requests made each year to commemorate people, said Felice Broglio, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Postal Service in Hawaii.

In 1994, Kahanamoku's name was placed on the Surfing Walk of Fame in Huntington Beach, and in October 1999, his picture appeared on the cover of *Surfer*

magazine, which named him "Surfer of the Century."

As a swimmer, he won medals in the 1912, 1920, 1924 and 1932 Olympic Games. He was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1965 and posthumously into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 1984.

He was elected sheriff of the City and County of Honolulu in 1934 and served in that position until it was abolished in 1960. That year, he was appointed Hawaii's Ambassador of Aloha.

Kahanamoku is the first Native Hawaiian to be on a U.S. postage stamp since King Kamehameha I was featured on a 3-cent Hawaii stamp in 1937.

BASKETBALL

United States Gets First Glimpse of No. 1 Draft Pick

OAKLAND, Calif.—U.S. players got their first look at 7-foot-5 **Yao Ming** in an 84-54 victory over China Aug. 22 and were impressed enough to say he has already earned their respect.

Yao was the No. 1 pick overall by the Houston Rockets in the NBA draft last June.

Yao drew a sellout crowd of 19,873 to the Oakland Coliseum Arena and had some good and bad moments in his first game against the United States. He swatted away six shots, denied Antonio Davis the honor of being the first American to dunk on him and finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

"At halftime, we did speak and said the kid is pretty good," U.S.

coach George Karl said. "There's no question he's a danger factor around the basket."

Yao showed he could be dangerous from as far away as 18 feet, exhibiting a silky touch on his turn-around jump shot. But he also blew a dunk and struggled when defended by Ben Wallace. Wallace twice poked the ball out of his hands as he held it high over his head, turning one of the deflections into a break-away dunk.

Yao missed his first shot, a turn-around one-hander, but then made his next three. He finished 5-for-12 from the field and was unafraid to push back when the Americans tried to shove him outside.

"To play against him was an eye-

opening experience for me. He's a lot better than what I thought," Michael Finley said. "He earned our respect."

Finley led the U.S. team with 19 points, Shawn Marion scored 14, Jermaine O'Neal 12 and Reggie Miller 10. The Americans were strong defensively but committed 20 turnovers and scored just 33 points in the second half.

Meanwhile, China was without 7-footer **Wang Zhizhi**, who flew in from Los Angeles earlier in the day and met with team officials at the arena in an effort to be placed back on the active roster. Wang angered the Chinese federation earlier this summer by refusing to return home for national team training.

BASEBALL

Red Sox Claim Outfielder Agbayani

BOSTON—The Boston Red Sox claimed outfielder **Benny Agbayani** off waivers from the Colorado Rockies on Aug. 26.

In parts of five major league seasons, Agbayani, 30, has a .273 career average with 57 doubles, 39 home runs and 148 runs batted in.

This season, in 48 games with Colorado, he hit .205 with four home runs and 19 RBIs. He has split the season between the Rockies and the club's Triple-A team in Colorado Springs.

He played for the New York Mets in 2000 when they won the National League pennant, hitting .289 in 119 games. He hit in 13 of 14 playoff games for the Mets, including a game-winning home run in the 13th inning of Game 3 of the NL Divisional Series against San Francisco.

A native of Honolulu and former standout at Hawaii Pacific University, Agbayani made his major league debut in 1998. A hand injury limited him to 91 games in 2001.

Nomo is 'Ace' of Dodgers' Pitching Staff

HOUSTON—Hideo Nomo does not consider himself the ace of the Los Angeles Dodgers' pitching staff.

"I think all of our starters are pitching well," he said. "Fortunately, I've stayed injury free. I can't cover what Kevin Brown means to this team."

Nomo won for the 11th time in his last 12 decisions, leading the Dodgers to a 2-1 victory over the

Houston Astros on Sept. 1.

"For a guy we were hoping would give us some innings as our No. 3 or 4 starter, you could make a strong argument for him being the ace of any staff in the league," said Dodgers manager Jim Tracy.

Brown, expected to lead the Los Angeles staff, has struggled after two stints on the disabled list and is pitching in relief with a 3-3 record.

The Dodgers, who lead the NL

wild-card race, have won 13 of their last 17 games.

Nomo (13-6) gave up five hits over seven innings, striking out eight. He has lost only once since May — a span of 21 starts.

Getting ahead of hitters has been a key for Nomo, according to Tracy. Nomo threw 17 of 27 first-strike pitches to Houston.

"He throws you fastballs, then he gets you to chase the split finger because it looks just like a fastball. It starts out high and ends up in the dirt," said Houston's Daryle Ward.

GOLF

Pak Wins Betsy King Classic, Despite Illness

KUTZTOWN, Pa.—Se Ri Pak nearly withdrew from the Betsy King Classic because of illness, but the South Korean's glad she didn't after birdying the final four holes Aug. 25 for a 9-under-par 63 and tournament record 21-under 267 total.

Pak, who earned \$180,000 for her third victory of the season and 16th in five full seasons on the LPGA Tour, had an eagle, nine birds and two bogeys in the final round on the Berkleigh Country Club course.

The 24-year-old star matched the course record of 63 set by Tina Barrett in 2000 and broke the tournament record of 18-under 270 set by Annika Sorenstam in 1996. She also had the best 72-hole score on the tour this year, topping Sorenstam's 19 under in the Evian Masters.

"My putting wasn't that good early on," Pak said. "After (two bogeys), I thought it might not be my day. I felt really good coming into this tournament, but I didn't feel that good early."

Pak quickly turned things around, chipping in a 30-footer pin high from the right of the pin for an eagle on the

No. 5. She ended her front nine with birdies on her Nos. 6 and 8.

On the back nine, Pak began her assault when she sank a 6-foot putt on 12 followed by a 7-footer on 13 for a pair of consecutive birdies. Angela Stanford took a one-stroke lead with a birdie on 10, but she parred the next two holes. When Stanford birdied 13, she and Pak were both 17-under. Pak parred the next hole before she ran off four consecutive birdies.

The highlight of her day was a 200-foot drive with a 7-wood on her second short on 18 that fell just three feet short of the cup. Her putt rolled off the rim and she settled for an eagle.

"That was my best shot," Pak said. "When I hit it, I thought it was going in."

Stanford closed with a 66 to finish second at 18-under 270, her first top-10 finish of the season. Australian star Karrie Webb had a 69 to finish third at 16-under.

With three victories on the tour this season, Pak hopes for two more over an anticipated seven tournaments through the remainder of the season.

FILM

S.F. AA Film Festival Seeks Submissions

The San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival is seeking film and video submissions for the 2003 SFIAAFF, which will run March 6-16, 2003, in San Francisco, Berkeley and San Jose.

Asian and Asian American filmmakers are encouraged to send in short- to feature-length narratives, documentaries, experimental works, animation and mixed media projects. Guidelines and entry forms are available at www.naatanet.org/festival or e-mail: festival@naatanet.org to have them mailed. The submissions deadline is Oct. 4.

The festival annually screens 130 films and videos during its 10-day run and is host to over 100 guests and 18,000 filmgoers. Highlights from this year's SFIAAFF included Justin Lin's "Better Luck Tomorrow" and Timothy Linh Bui's "Green Dragon."

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Knights, Gardena Rebels, Lodi JACL, Florin Athletic Club, San Francisco Hawks and McCully from Hawaii.

The L.A. Pirates defeated McCully in the final game 7-6 on Sept. 2, 2002 MVP Kurt Kishita struck out 18 the day before in the semi-final against Lodi JACL and got the game winning RBI in the final on a sac fly.

The L.A. Pirates' Lance Aoki was the tournament's batting champ with a .667 average.

In 1953, five teams competed for the first state AA title in Lodi, Calif.: Los Angeles Nisei Trading, Long Beach/San Pedro Skippers, San Jose Zebras, Sacramento Valley Nisei All-Stars and Lodi Athletic Club.

That year, Sacramento defeated San Jose 10-7, with Lodi taking consolation.

The late Mas Okuhara, a player for several pre- and post-war Lodi teams, was largely responsible for conceptualizing the original tournament.

In 1915, Japanese immigrants who had settled in Lodi formed the first baseball team the Shikishima Club, which later changed its name to the Lodi Athletic Club, then Lodi Templars.

Fred Oshima, of Salinas, Calif., recalled that pre-war era of Nisei baseball as a young reporter.

"The last time I came here to cover baseball was in 1939," Oshima said. "I was a beat writer for the Lodi Times and the San Francisco *New World Sun*. We came down and played the San Pedro Skippers for the state title. I would say they were the two best teams. The Skippers were more or less the kingpins of Southern Cal. And Lodi was the best team up north."

Since then, other teams began forming to participate in the tournament, including the A & I Orions, which was made up of players from Japan in 1957.

A second, younger team was soon after dubbed the Nichiren Orions, which played in their first tournament in 1961. Ted Shimizu, then 16 years old, was an original player.

For the former MVP (1969), it was a joyous return to the 50th anniversary since he stopped participating in the tournament in 1983 as a coach.

"The people I thought were going to carry on (with Nichiren) sort of lost the leadership, but I'm glad this is continuing on," said Shimizu, who was born in Manzanar and raised in Fukuoka, Japan.

In his years of honing his players' athletic skills, Shimizu said he was most proud to have impacted their camaraderie and sportsmanship.

"I'm very proud of my team. We excelled at baseball, but at the same time, our kids became good citizens and that's more important than being good at baseball," he said.

Ed Hayashi, manager of the McCully team from Hawaii, agreed: "I wanted our Yonsei to meet the Yonsei from California because some have forgot where they came from, their heritage. Baseball is important, but more important was the fellowship that we made here and learning what happened here in California a long time ago."

For Hayashi and his team, it was their first trip to California to play in the tournament. "It was my dream to someday be on a team from Hawaii to play in this Nisei tournament," he said.

Kerry Yo Nakagawa, author and historian of JA baseball, keynoted the banquet, emphasizing the importance of preserving a legacy which goes back to early Issei immigrants who brought the sport over from Japan. His own grandfather emigrated from Hilo, Hawaii, to California's Central Valley in 1886.

"Baseball's been in my family for four generations," Nakagawa said. "I've been blessed to have uncles that played with Lou Gehrig, Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson, (Tony) Lazzeri, (Lefty) O'Doul, so I feel this anointment to be here and especially to be a part of this fraternity on its 50th anniversary."

Nakagawa, who just completed the documentary "Diamonds in the Rough: Legacy of Japanese American Baseball," is currently embarking on another film project on baseball in the camps during World War II.

"What I'm hoping we'll be able to do on our project is to show the internment from the inside out, where the audience will realize that the ballplayers, the internees, were Americans like any other red-blooded American," Nakagawa said. "When 70 percent of Americans aren't even aware of internment, I think through the prism of baseball we can hopefully entertain, educate and basically show them our history." ■



East Wind

Bill Marutani

The Trilogy: Kiss of Death

barbed-wire camps, and (3) such exclusion — and resulting confinement — were continuing in force, to Hirabayashi's (and the 115,000 persons of Japanese descent's) detriment. Notwithstanding these compelling factors, the Supreme Court addressed the gravity of the situation on the basis of violation of a curfew restriction! Assessing the gravity of the forcible uprooting and exclusion of 115,000 hapless souls in the context of the least intrusive curfew restrictions presented a less reprehensible factual basis to sustain.

It may be likened to judging whether a rape was perpetrated by focusing on whether there was a precedent uninvented kiss.

EIGHTEEN MONTHS LATER, in *Korematsu*, 323 US 214 (Dec. 18, 1944) the Supreme court, by a vote of six to three, upheld the legality of the exclusion order. Justice Black, writing the majority, opined that the

Hirabayashi decision (on curfew) was controlling: "Like curfew, expulsion of those of Japanese origin was deemed necessary because of the presence of an unascertained number of disloyal members of the group.... In the instant case, a temporary exclusion of the entire group was rested on the same ground." (323 US at 218-219). Similarly, Justice Frankfurter in concurring: "I am unable to see how the legal consideration that led to the decision in *Hirabayashi* ... fails to sustain the military order which made the conduct now in controversy [refusal to obey the exclusion order] a crime." (323 US at 224).

A kiss (uninvented) and a rape are the same after all.

We shall devote the next (and final) column on The Trilogy to the dissenting opinions — by Justices Roberts, Murphy, and Jackson, in the *Korematsu* case. Justice Douglas was not among the dissenters. Apparently he had not yet reached the road to epiphany. ■

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U.S.-JAPAN

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Watanabe shared her experiences at a panel discussion titled, "Why We Care: A New Generation Looks at U.S.-Japan Relations" at the Japanese American National Museum Aug. 19 hosted by JANM, the Consulate-General of Japan in Los Angeles, and the California Japanese American Community Leadership Council. The discussion was the first in a series of ongoing dialogues on U.S.-Japan relations.

For many of the Sansei and Yonsei it is these inaugural visits to Japan that spark interest in learning more about the country and their own history. For Watanabe, her visit to Japan sparked her interest to become the *Los Angeles Times* Tokyo correspondent from 1991-1997. Currently a religion and spirituality reporter for the *Times*, Watanabe continues to write about topics involving U.S.-Japan relations.

"Because Japan has given me so much, it has given me a lot of affection for Japan," she said.

Like Watanabe, Dr. Mitchell Maki, acting dean of Cal State University, Los Angeles, got a chance to visit Japan for the first time as part of a delegation of JA leaders invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this past March. For Maki, a Sansei, it was an opportunity to see the homeland of his pioneering Issei grandmother.

For Maki, his JA history had always stopped with his grand-

mother's immigration to Hawaii, but on his visit to Japan he realized for the first time the vastness of his family's legacy. It was also the first time he realized not only was he JA, he was also an integral part of the Japanese culture and people surrounding him.

"For the longest time I thought that my history as a Japanese American stopped at the time my grandmother came to the United States. My history was the Japanese American history," said Maki. "The history of Japan seemed far away and long ago. But I am a Japanese American. I am both Japanese and Japanese American."

Unlike the other JA delegates on the recent trip to Japan, the visit was more of a homecoming for attorney Eric Akira Tate.

Born in Japan to a Japanese mother and an African American father, Tate grew up feeling and being told he was Japanese. Even after his family returned permanently to the United States he continued to feel a close connection to Japan and its culture, unlike many of the Sansei and Yonsei. For him, the history of the World War II internment that seems to bind the JA community together was not a part of his family's experience.

Although the Japanese may sometimes feel that JAs are apathetic to their ancestral country, Tate wanted to assure them that there are many in the community who do care. "I want to confirm that there are a lot of us who do care," he said. "I care and I know a lot of people that I work and associate with that care very

deeply about the Japanese American role with respect to Japan."

Taro Kono, a member of Japan's parliament, flew into Los Angeles to take part in the panel discussion. Encouraged by the enthusiasm of his fellow JA panel members and the high turnout at the event, he hopes the current interest in Japan will continue exponentially.

There's a vital need to keep Americans interested in Japan, said Kono, and who better to lead the way than the Sansei and Yonsei. He encouraged JAs to come to Japan for a visit or to live and work. By coming to Japan, JAs can have an integral role in helping educate Japan about America.

The need is immediate not only because of Japan's economic troubles but also because of declining birthrates and the increasing number of elderly who are placing great stress on Japan's social security system, he said. There is also an increasing international interest in China that is pushing Japan to the wayside.

"We definitely need someone in the United States who has an interest in Japan. Not only the Japanese economy but the Japanese history and culture," said Kono. "I believe if the Japanese Americans, the Nisei and Sansei, are not interested in Japan I don't know who else will be interested in Japan in the United States."

Like Kono, *Asahi Shimbun* Washington Correspondent Toshiaki Miura believes JAs are

the perfect conduit to teach American culture to the Japanese. Most of what the Japanese know about American culture lies in the more commercialized aspects such as McDonald's or Disneyland but he believes JAs can teach them the more spiritual and idealistic aspects.

Miura remembers talking to some of his colleagues following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks who were bewildered by the flood of American patriotism such as the prominent displaying of American flags. What they did not understand was that Americans were going through a healing process and that expressions of patriotism were a way to unify the American public.

"This is where the role of the Japanese American plays an important part," said Miura. "It's important for Japanese Americans to show their Americanism. To show that they are Americans because America is a country based on principal and ideals. This is the hardest part for the Japanese to understand. So I think we need this sort of encounter ... it's very important for the Japanese to learn about Japanese Americans."

Both Miura and Kono are sensitive to the history of JAs in this country and the long-held need for JAs to show their loyalty as Americans, especially following World War II. They are not asking JAs to turn aside their "American-ness," they said, but to allow some space to learn about their Japanese history.

"All we are asking from the

Japanese Americans is to have an interest in Japan. Get a sense of connection back to their homeland," said Kono. "I think that'll be enough. If we can have that it'll be wonderful."

Many in the JA community are heeding the message. Maki, like many of his generation, is quickly realizing the importance of U.S.-Japan relations from a global perspective. Today, it is inevitable that whatever happens in Japan or Asia affects all JAs and Asian Americans because of the simple fact that we all look alike.

"Whatever happens in Japan ... in Asia ... affects everyone in this room that has an Asian face because the reality is the general public can't tell the difference," he said.

The younger generations are taking the message a step further, reminding those involved in U.S.-Japan discussions to include all segments of the community, especially Hapas, a rapidly increasing segment.

"It's critical that not only the Japanese American community ... but also the Japanese realize the role that people that are mixed can play in these types of issues," said Tate, a co-founder of Hapa Issues Forum.

U.S.-Japan relations today are experiencing a resurgence and we need to take advantage of the current situation, said Tate. "We have a lot of momentum right now in the Japanese American community and with Japan relations. We should really act on this momentum because we need to do it now." ■

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JACL COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sat., Sept. 21—Program, "Public Catastrophe, Personal Change: A Discussion"; 2:30 p.m.; Carmichael Auditorium, National Museum of American History, Constitution Ave. and 14th St.; featuring U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta, Stanley Honda, freelance photographer at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, and George Takei, actor and chairman of the board of JANM. RSVP by Sept. 12: Christa Trager, 202/778-2112.

ATLANTA

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 21-22—Japanfest Weekend at Stone Mountain Park; taiko, dance performance, food, children's games; organized by the Japan America Society of Georgia and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce; Southeast JACL will have a membership booth. Info: Roger Ozaki, 770/979-3616; www.japanfest.org.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sat., Sept. 14—Washington DC JACL Japanese Cooking Class with Laura Nakatani; 2-4 p.m.; Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Info: Laura Nakatani, lnakatani@bellatlantic.net or 703/519-9378.

Midwest

CLEVELAND

Sun., Sept. 22—2002 Community Picnic; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Brushwood Shelter, Furnace Run, Summit County Metro Park; *undo-kai* (games, relays, prizes for children of all ages), obento, hiking, relaxing, volleyball, fishing; sponsored by the Cleveland Japanese American Foundation. Info: John Ochi, 440/442-8133.

Fri., Oct. 18—Teacher Training Workshop; Cleveland State University, Mather Mansion; co-sponsored by the university and the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the Ohio Council for Social Studies; Hank Tanaka, chair, Ed Ezaki, co-chair.

TWIN CITIES

Sun., Sept. 15—Twin Cities JACL Golf Tournament; first tee time 12 noon; Francis A. Gross Golf Course, Minneapolis.

Sun., Sept. 15—7th Annual Walk for Justice; 3.5-mile walkathon starting at Boom Island Park in Minneapolis, going over the Stone Arch Bridge and back. Info, pledges: Natalie Nakasone, 651/698-3647; ncellie4217@aol.com.

Sun., Sept. 29—Theater Mu will perform "Of Hope and Courage"; 2 p.m.; Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave., So. Minneapolis; adaptations of two Korean and Japanese folk stories; a portion of each ticket supports Twin Cities JACL youth programs. Tickets, Info: Natalie Nakasone, 651/698-3647; ncellie4217@aol.com.

Sat., Oct. 12—Luncheon Seminar, "Add Meaning to Your Success Through Charitable Contributions"; 11 a.m.-12 noon; Edina Community Center, Room 350, 5701 Normandale Rd.; bento lunch from Kikugawa; presented by Steve Kumagai, sponsored by Twin Cities JACL. RSVP: Cheryl Hirata-Dulas, 952/925-2429; cdulas01@msn.com.

Mountain Plains

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

Sun., Sept. 29—Aki Matsuri; Park Square.

FORT LUPTON, Colo.

Sat., Oct. 19—Fort Lupton JACL's 60th Anniversary Banquet; 4 p.m.; Fort Lupton Buddhist Temple; all current and former members are invited. No cover charge. Info: Naomi Matsumura Nguyen, 970/785-0836; naomijn@hotm.com.

Pacific Northwest

BELLEVUE, Wash.

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 14-15—Aki Matsuri, Japanese Fall Festival; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday; Bellevue Community College; portable shrine procession (*O-Mikoshi*) with a Shinto priest; music, dance, martial arts, arts and crafts exhibits and demonstrations; "robot sumo," *kami-shibub* storyteller; children can write their names in Japanese and be photographed in a kimono. Info: <http://enma.org>; 425/861-9109.

PORTLAND

Through Sept. 22—Free exhibit

showcasing 120 years of Japanese American history in Oregon; Portland Art Museum; 1219 SW Park Ave.; in conjunction with the museum's exhibit, "Splendors of Imperial Japan" (entrance fee required). Info: 503/226-2811; www.portlandartmuseum.org.

Northern California

BERKELEY

Sun., Sept. 8—Nikkei Widowed Group Meeting; new members welcome, both men and women. For time and place call M. Kusabe, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

Sun., Sept. 8—Solano Stroll, "Journey of 1000 Cranes"; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Solano Ave.; Berkeley JACL will have a booth next to the Asian American bone marrow donor booth; the cranes will be given to the Albany and Berkeley Fire Departments. Info: Jim Duff, 510/782-8286 day, 510/336-3371 evening, 510/384-3712 cell.

Sat., Oct. 12—Teacher Training Workshop for elementary and secondary educators about the WWII Japanese American internment; Albany High School; includes a comprehensive curriculum guide, guest speakers, workshops, lunch, panel discussions, books, raffle; sponsored by Berkeley and Contra Costa JACL with the Go for Broke Foundation.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

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.

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

OAKLAND

Sun., Nov. 3—NCWNP JACL District Meeting and Youth Conference; hosts, Berkeley JACL; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; James Irvine Conference Center. Info: Jim Duff, 510/782-8286 day, 510/336-3371 evening, 510/384-3712 cell.

SACRAMENTO

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 6-8—Eighth Biennial Tule Lake Gathering; DoubleTree Hotel, 2600 Point West Way. "A tribute to the Nisei for their contributions to our community, our culture, and our lives"; includes free workshops and panel discussions, and exhibits on Saturday; artifacts from Japanese American Archival Collection at CSU; photo display featuring the "Uncle Tim" collection; Friday evening mixer; Georgianna White; panel with Professor Wayne Maeda; storyteller Megumi; bone marrow drive for Carol Ouye Hisatomi; Saturday evening banquet with George Takei and the Moonlight Serenaders; golf tournament; more. Info: Lorna Fong, 916/393-0405; e-mail: tulelake2002@hotmail.com.

Sat., Sept. 14—Special Public TV presentation; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; KVIE Channel 6; Certified Master Chef Martin Yan shares recipes from Hong Kong, Taiwan and Thailand. Info: 916/641-3535

Sun., Sept. 22—Asian Pacific Islander Voters Candidate & Education Forum; 2-5 p.m.; no-host cocktails 5-6 p.m.; fully educational, nonpartisan, non-profit; meet and greet candidates and officials; Q&A session on issues; Sheraton Grand Hotel, J Street & 14th. RSVP: Irving Teranishi, 707/428-4444; Norm De Young, 916/686-2031; Tom Bhe, 916/355-4159, Mayne Carlson, 916/355-5988, Linda Ng, 916/966-3770; www.apapa.org.

Sat., Sept. 28—Jan Ken Po 2nd Nakamie Bazaar; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Asian Community Center, 7375 Park City Drive; things Japanese, old and new. Info: 916/427-2841; e-mail: cfmueda@attbi.com.

Sat., Oct. 19—Forin JACL Annual Scholarship Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo; 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Forin YBA Hall; raffle; free bingo. Info: Bob Ueyama, 916/689-9610.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat., Sept. 7—Nikkei And Retirement presents "Issi: The Shadow Generation" with speaker Dr. Tsukasa Matsueda; 1-3 p.m.; Hinde Tower-Nihonmachi Terrace, 1615 Sutter St. at Octavia (use back entrance). Free and open to the public. Info: 415/661-0413.

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 6-8 and 13-15—Los Angeles-based comedy group OPM will perform at the San Francisco Fringe Festival; Exit Theatre, 156 Eddy St. between Mason & Taylor. Tickets at the door only. Info, show times:

415/931-1094; www.opmcomedy.com.
Thurs., Oct. 3—Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation's benefit event, "Poetry in Motion"; 6 p.m. registration, no-host cocktails, 8 p.m. dinner and awards presentation, 8 p.m. program; The Carmel Room, 555 California St., top floor; honoring Surrey Blackburn, Thomas Layton, Yeny Wong; silent auction until closing. RSVP by Sept. 25: 415/561-2160; www.aiisf.org.

Sat., Oct. 12—San Francisco Video Documentary premiere showing, "Calling Tokyo: Japanese American Radio Broadcasters During World War II"; 3 p.m.; JCCNC Memorial Hall, 1840 Sutter St.; produced by Gary Ono, son of one of the WWII broadcasters; screening co-sponsored by San Francisco JACL. Free. Info: Jill Shiraki, JCCNC, 415/567-5505 ext. 228; jshiraki@jccnc.org.

Sat., Nov. 16—Recognition Dinner & Dance in honor of all members of the Santa Clara Valley 100th/442nd and MIS; Hyatt Hotel; hosted by San Jose JACL and San Jose Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9970. RSVP: Henry Wadahara, 408/926-6642, or San Jose JACL, 408/295-1250.

SAN JOSE

Sun., Oct. 13—Film screening and forum, "Asian American women in the Arts/Media"; 2-4 p.m.; Wesley Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 566 N. 5th St., Japantown; includes "Slaying the Dragon," a documentary by Deborah Gee; panelists include Phillip Kan Gotanda, Professor Wei Ming Darios, Julie Hata; hosted by San Jose JACL and the Nihonmachi Outreach Committee. Free. Info: San Jose JACL, 408/295-1250.

SAN MATEO

Wed., Sept. 25—Tomodachi/Community Center trip to Apple Hill Ranch in Placerville; 8 a.m. departure from the Buddhist Temple parking lot. Info: Amy Izumizaki.

Fri., Sept. 27—San Mateo JACL Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon; 12 noon; Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, 725 Monte Diablo Drive; Dr. Tsukasa Matsueda will speak on "Chiri mo tsumoreba, yamato nari" ("Even dust, when it accumulates can become a mountain"). RSVP: Roz Enomoto, JACL Community Center, 650/343-2793.

Sun., Oct. 20—2002 San Mateo JACL Golf Tournament; first group tee-off, 10 a.m.; Poplar Creek Golf Course, 1700 Coyote Point Dr.; supports San Mateo JACL's scholarship program; players of all levels are welcome. Info: Vince Asai, 650/349-3590.

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; RSVP; info (inquire re security measures): Edwin Endow, 477-6905, or May Sakai, 465-8107.

Central California

FRESNO

Sun., Sept. 15—Fresno JACL 17th Annual Shinzen Run; 7 a.m. (registration starts at 6 a.m.); Woodward Park. Info: Bob Shintaku, chair, 449-0273.

Southern California

ANAHEIM

Sun., Oct. 6—Dinner and Concert, "An Evening with Keiko Matsui," contemporary jazz artist; 5 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. concert; The Grove of Anaheim, 2200 E. Katella Ave.; Asian fusion menu prepared by celebrity chef Michael Kang. Tickets: 714/712-2700 or A3M, 888/236-4673. Info: www.AsianMarrow.org.

LONG BEACH

Fri., Sept. 13—"Last Dance: A Jazz, Taiko, Storytelling Performance With Historic Photos About the WWII Japanese American Internment"; 7 p.m. reception, 8 p.m. performance; Carpenter Performing Arts Center at CSU, 6200 Alherton St. Info: Carla Sakamoto-Gordon, clegordon@aol.com.

GARDENA

Sat., Oct. 5—City of Gardena's 9th Annual Heritage Festival, "Gardena: A Rainbow of Cultures"; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Gardena Civic Center, 700 W 162nd St.; pancake breakfast at 7 a.m.; children's arts & crafts, games, rides entertainment, kiddie party, food samples; cultural entertainment; car show. Info: Recreation Manager Deryl Lloyd, 217-6169.

LOS ANGELES

Sun., Sept. 8—Exhibit Opening, "Boyle Heights: The Power of Place"; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; includes oral histories collected by scholars and students from USC and Roosevelt High. Exhibit runs through Feb. 23. Info: 213/625-0414.

Wed., Sept. 11—Play opening, "Queen of the Remote Control" by Sujata G. Bhatt; 8 p.m.; East West Players, David Henry Huang Theater, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo; previews Sept. 5-8; black comedy about an upper middle class South Asian American family in Calabasas; play continues Thursdays through Sundays until Oct. 6. Times, tickets, info: 213/625-7000.

Sat., Sept. 14—Art tour of the five installations at three new Metro stations; 9:30-11 a.m.; including creatively lit benches by Kipp Kobayashi at 7th St./Metro Center/Julian Dixon station; the artists will be at their installations to meet guests. Info: 213/922-4ART; www.mta.net/metroart.

Sat., Sept. 14—The 2002 World Festival of Sacred Music will open with the Offering of Peace, with Tea Grand Master Shoshitsu Sen; 10-11 a.m.; Aratan/Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; includes flautist Elk Whistle, cellist Robert Eren, Kumu Hua Clarice Wahineali'i. Info: 213/680-3700.

Sept. 14-29—2002 World Festival of Sacred Music; 43 venues from Northridge to Long Beach and Santa Monica to Downtown L.A. For schedules, locations, etc., call the festival hotline, 310/825-0507, or visit www.festivalof-sacredmusic.org.

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

Sat., Sept. 21—"Inekari: The Harvest Celebration"; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; JACC Plaza, Little Tokyo; displays; hands-on craft activities for children; food booths; performances by hereandnow theatre company, Thai Community Arts and Cultural Center Dance Group, Kaibigan Dance, Nippon Minyo Kenyukai, Korean Classical Music and Dance; a program of the 2002 World Festival of Sacred Music. Free. Info: 213/680-3700.

Sat., Sept. 29—Aki Matsuri Boutique by the WLA JACL Auxiliary; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr.; dressy to casual clothing; ties; jewelry; gold, silver, pearl, costume; gift items; art; ceramics; stationery, etc. Info: Jean, 310/390-6914, or Eiko, 310/820-1875.

Sun., Oct. 20—Japanese American Korean War Veterans (JAKWV) Family Day at Santa Anita Race Track; 10:30 a.m. to the last race; price includes entrance fee, parking, program and BBQ tri-tip buffet. RSVP early! Sam Yamaguchi, 310/822-6688.

Fri.-Wed., Nov. 8-13—Special travel package: Honolulu to Los Angeles to Las Vegas to Honolulu; includes "Evening of Aloha" dinner ticket (see Nov. 9) and three nights plus meals at the California Hotel in Las Vegas. Info: Jan Hirata, Go For Broke Educational Foundation, 310/781-9100.

Sat., Nov. 9—The Go For Broke Educational Foundation Inaugural Gala Dinner, "An Evening of Aloha"; California Science Center at Exposition Park; featuring Hawaii chef Sam Choy. Info: 310/328-0907.

RIVERSIDE

Sat., Sept. 14—Family Village Festival; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Riverside Municipal Museum, 3580 Mission Inn Ave.; folk dance groups, singers, storytelling, games, arts and crafts, cultural displays, ethnic foods; Mihoko Powers' dance group will perform; Riverside JACL will have a craft booth.

SAN DIEGO

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 4 & 5—Video Documentary premiere showing, "Calling Tokyo: Japanese American Radio Broadcasters During World War II"; 3:30 p.m. Friday at Madstone Theatres, 7510 Hazard Center Dr.; 1:30 p.m. Saturday at UC San Diego; screening co-sponsored by San Diego JACL; part of the San Diego Asian Film Festival. Info: 619/291-7777.

SAN PEDRO

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 7-8—Festival of Philippine Arts & Culture, "Pagdadalang Sining (Nurturing the Arts)"; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ft. Fernin; art, crafts, storytelling, poetry contest, health fair, Asian and Filipino cuisine, market-place, parade, hall room dancing, more; free parking and shuttle at San Pedro Skills Center, 920 W. 36th St., and White Point Elementary, 1410 Silvius Ave.

TORRANCE

Sat., Sept. 21—JACL Southwest District Awards Dinner and Silent Auction; 6 p.m.; Torrance Marriott Hotel, 3635 Fashion Way; keynote speaker Louis Caldera, Cal State University vice chancellor and former Secretary of the Army; honoring Trina Toyota, Joe Allman, Union Bank of California, Holiday Cheer program, Wilbur Sato. RSVP: 213/626-4471.

WEST COVINA

Sat., Sept. 28—"Oldies Dance XIII"; 8 a.m.-12:30 a.m.; East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave.; 21 and older; music by Steve Kikuchi and High Resolution. Advance discount. Info, song requests: Joanie, 626/284-8192, Roy, 909/595-6183, or Frank, 714/890-1776.

YORBA LINDA

Mon., Sept. 9—Japan America Society Annual Golf Classic; Yorba Linda Country Club; 19400 E. Mountain View Ave., phone 714/779-2461; 10:30 registration; presentation of the Japan America Cup & Foreign Minister's Cup; entry fee includes BBQ lunch, prizes, putting contest, golf cart, reception & awards dinner, etc. Info: 213/627-6217 ext. 207.

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: Tosh Sedoru, 818/848-8167; Culver City: Arnold Maeda, 310/398-5157; Los Angeles: Kazie Nagai, 213/380-2611.

Fri.-Wed., Nov. 8-13—See Los Angeles for Go For Broke Educational Foundation special travel package: Honolulu to Los Angeles to Las Vegas to Honolulu.

RENO

Sun., Sept. 22—Reno JACL Fish Fry and Scholarship Awards; 12 noon; Knights of Pythias Hall, 575 Nevada St. Info: 775/853-8850.

Hawaii

HONOLULU

Tues.-Thurs., Sept. 24-26—Opening ceremony and reception for the JAKWV Korean War Exhibit; Hawaii Capitol Grounds; speakers, retired Lt. Gen. Alan Ono and Medal of Honor awardee Hershey Miyamura; optional tours to Pearl Harbor, the Battleship Missouri, the Arizona Memorial, the Polynesian Cultural Center and the Punch Bowl, etc. Info: 818/591-1269; e-mail: tonaim@pacbell.net.

Fri.-Wed., Nov. 8-13—Special Go For Broke travel package: Honolulu to Los Angeles to Las Vegas to Honolulu; includes "Evening of Aloha" dinner ticket (see Los Angeles, Nov. 9).

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Please provide the time and place of the event, and name and phone number (including area code) of a contact person.

Announcement
The Oakland-Fukuoka Sister City Association seeks volunteers to help with their 40th anniversary festivities, Tori Gate dedication and cultural moon-viewing festival.

The association works to promote cultural awareness, understanding and friendship between the people of Oakland and Fukuoka. Monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Buddhist Church of Oakland, 825 Jackson St.
For more information, or to volunteer, call Liane Scott at 510/482-5896.

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Akune, Tetsuo, 81, Los Angeles, Aug. 10; Kagoshima-ken-born; naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by wife Sadako; daughters Janet Mariko Akune, Irene Reiko Akune, Christine Hiroko (Akio Suzuki) of Japan; 3 gc.

Ban, Matsuo, 79, Gardena, Aug. 26; Yamaguchi-ken-born; survived by daughter Margie; brother Uichiro Takahashi; sisters Chiu Hatsumi, Kinuyo Adachi, Misao (Ryohai) Irisawa; sister-in-law Chikako Ban.

Fujii, Bernice Nobuko, 75, Torrance, Aug. 6; Elk Grove-born; survived by husband Dewey R.; son Gary; daughters Cindy (Lowell) Huff, Janice Fujii; 3 gc.; brother Frank (Emi) Yamaguchi; sisters Chiyo Maruki, Yuki (Al) Morishige; sister-in-law Mabel Yamaguchi.

Fukushima, Tadashi, 74, Los Angeles, Aug. 1; survived by wife Mabel; son Gary (Maryann); daughter Janet; 1 gc.; brothers Sei (Shigeko), Hisashi (Misako).

Greene, Michael, 47, Los Angeles, Aug. 7; survived by wife Cathy Lynn; mother Rita Greene.

Hamachi, Akira, 76, Torrance, Aug. 14; survived by wife Naomi; sons Michael (Diane) of Torrance, Dale (Kari) of Lakewood; daughters Candace (Patrick) Allison of Hawthorne, Ann Hamachi of Torrance; 8 gc.; sister Chizuko (Kaizo) Hamamoto of Japan; brothers Joe (Takako) of Redondo Beach, Yoshio (Gladys) of Torrance.

Hamataka, Yoshiko "Sue," 85, Florin, Aug. 12; survived by son Ronald; daughters Hannah Pierce, Jane and Constance Hamataka; 2 gc., 2 ggc.; sisters Janet Shintaku, Pat Ohara; brother George Wakabayashi; predeceased by husband Toshio.

Ichimaru, Sachiko, 56, Gardena, Aug. 10; Fukuoka-ken-born; naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by husband Nick Nobuo; son Mark Frerichs; brothers Kazuyoshi and Tokio Higuchi and sister Sumiko Nakamura, all of Japan.

Iseri, Herb Tatsuji, 89, Wapato, Wash., July 26; Pahala Kau, Hawaii-born; Heart Mountain internee; survived by wife Fumiko Ono.

Ishida, Toshio, 101, Riverside, Aug. 8; Hiroshima-born; survived by daughter Toshiko Komura; 7 gc., 4 ggc.; son-in-law Kikuyoshi Komura; daughter-in-law Kayoko Ishida; predeceased by wife Shizuko, sons George and Shizuo, daughter-in-law Pat Ishida.

Iwasaki, Richard Shigeru, Ph.D., 86, Palos Verdes, Aug. 16; survived by wife Dr. T. Gwen Okimoto Iwasaki; daughters Julie and Lisa; mother Yoshie of West Sacramento; sister Jane (Morris) Kosakura of Concord, Phyllis Iwasaki of West Sacramento; predeceased by father Nathan.

Kato, Riyo, 96, Los Angeles, Aug. 6; Aichi-ken-born; survived by daughter-in-law Doris Kato; 6 gc., 7 ggc.

Kobori, Kimiko, 75, San Leandro, July 31; Tokyo-born; survived by husband Yutaka; sons Marvin (Debbie), Larry (Melissa), Gary; daughters Joyce (Mateo) Go, Joan (Elliot) Myerowitz; sisters Miyoko Kido and Toshiko Kawamura, and sister-in-law Aki-ko Koizumi, all of Japan.

Komatsu, Chisato "Chris" F., 81, El Cerrito, Aug. 6; survived by husband S. Richard; son Richard S. (Cynthia Clearwater) of Pleasant Hill, Kathryn K. Roderick

(Michael) of Richmond; 2 gc.; brother Dr. Hiroshi Kuwata (Sue) of Rolling Hills Estates; sister Fumiko Fukuzawa of Gardena.

Komai, Shizuye, 82, Alexandria, Va., Aug. 14; San Francisco-born; survived by daughter Laura; son Donald; 1 gc.; daughter-in-law Lynne; brothers Masao and Takeo Miyamoto; stepbrother Tomatsu Taki; predeceased by husband Dan.

Kubo, Yoshio, 80, Los Angeles, Aug. 25; Hollywood-born; 442nd/100th R.C.T. WWII U.S. Army

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veteran; survived by wife Yuriko; sons Greg of Stockton, Kevin (Mary); daughters Karen (Tom) Akashi, Tracy (Ron) Okubo, Linda (Marty) Bedwell; 7 gc.; brothers Takashi, Tadew (Shiz); brother-in-law Jack (Michi) Ota; sisters-in-law Mary (Mas) Oshiki; Mabel (Paul) Kishi, Sidney Ota, Mabel Ota.

Kumekawa, Kiyochika "Ki," 77, Vancouver, B.C., July 31; San Francisco-born, formerly of Darien, Conn.; Topaz internee; U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, served in the Japan occupation, organized exchange to compare U.S. and Canadian internee experiences; survived by wife Kuni; sons Eugene (Lia) of Wellington, New Zealand; son Michael (Patricia) of Clinton, Conn.; daughter Carol (John) of Bellingham, Wash.; 2 gc.; brother Glenn (Yoshiko) of Wakefield, Rhode Island; predeceased by sister Nobu Kumekawa Hibino.

Kuwahara, John Takashi, 84, Los Angeles, Aug. 10; Sebastopol-born; survived by son Terry (Sallie); daughters Arlene Burrus, Sharon (Alan) Shibata, Judy (Bruce) Kawaguchi; 4 gc., 3 ggc.; sister Shizuko Motomi of Japan; predeceased by wife Elizabeth Shizuko.

Matsuda, Masao John, 84, Los Angeles, Aug. 19; New Castle-born; survived by wife Mitsuko "Mickey"; daughter Judy (Jack) Matsuda-Lew; son Michael Tadashi (Karie Bessho); 1 gc.; brother Mimon (Fumie) of Japan; sisters Fujie Idemoto of Watsonville, Yukiko Nakanishi; sisters in Japan: Sumie Miyamoto and Chikaye (Isao) Hiromoto.

Minamide, Alice, 82, Fountain Valley, Aug. 12; survived by sons David, Daniel, Alan; brothers Roy, Hoover and Thomas Hiroto.

Miyamoto, Yuriko T., 82, Marina Del Rey, July 31; Lompoc-born; survived sons Michael (Gladys), Darryl; 1 gc.; brother Sumio Tsuyuki; sisters Kiyoko Murakami, Yukiye Iwasaki, Tamaki Kikuchi, Mariko Nakagawa.

Murakami, Shigeo "Sig," 86, Ontario, Ore., Aug. 17; Seattle-born; pioneer Japanese farmer in the Ontario area; inducted into the Union Hall of Fame by the Idaho-Oregon Onion Committee; survived by wife Mitsuko "Mitzi"; son David of Ontario; daughters Janis Commeser of Spring, Texas, Eileen Gonzalez of Ontario; sisters Kazuo Okasaki of Los Altos, Molly Shigeno of New Plymouth, Ore., Masako Kobayashi of Lawndale; predeceased by brothers Thomas Kitajima, Kiyoshi and two grandsons.

Murata, Elizabeth F. "Betty,"

91, Sacramento, Aug. 6; Courtland-born; formerly of Washington, D.C., and Palo Alto; survived by son Steven (Cookie) of River-side, Conn.; 2 gc., 1 ggc.; sisters Kimi Shimizu and Yvonne Noguchi, both of Sacramento; brother Ard Kozono of West Sacramento; predeceased by husband Kiguma "Jack" and sisters Lorraine Hara and Yoshiko Oji.

Nishiguchi, Roy, 86, Reno, Aug. 13; Provo, Utah-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by brother Art; sisters Mary (Chad) Chadwell, Ida (Bob) Otani, Joy (Al) King, Mini Davis; gc., ggc.; predeceased by wife Elizabeth and sisters Bessie Allard and Grace Nishiguchi.

Noriyuki, Glen, 74, Palos Verdes Estates, Aug. 12; Fort Lupton, Colo.-born; survived by wife Hideko; brothers Sam (Amy) of Ft. Collins, Colo., Keish (Marge) of Burley, Idaho, Gram (Lillian); sisters Mary (Paul) Greene of Dayton, Ohio, Betty Kajikawa of Denver, Louise (Earl) Osaki of San Diego; brothers-in-law George Nakamura, Yutaka (Hisako) Nakamura; sisters-in-law Ayako Yamachika, Fusae (Joe) Endo.

Ogawa, Iwao George, 78, Rancho Palos Verdes, Aug. 18; Wakayama-born; survived by son Norman Kurasuke; daughters Linda Keiko (Yoshioki) Mori-waki, Marie Yukiiko (Richard) Negron; 7 gc.; brother-in-law Ben (Sumiyo) Ogawa.

Okamoto, Kazumi, 82, Oakland, Aug. 14; career military serviceman, graduate of the U.S. Army Military Intelligence School; survived by wife Mieke; son Eugene (Pat); daughters Joanne, Linda (Alan); 4 gc.

Okumoto, Chisao, 98, Berkeley, Aug. 4; survived by sons Masao, Nobuo; daughters Fumiko O. Sasaki, Miyoko O. Tsukamoto; gc., ggc.

Onaga, Eiko, 77, Montebello, Aug. 9; El Monte-born; survived by son Jim (Brenda); daughters Carolyn and Georgina Onaga; 7 gc.; sisters Betty Kinoshita-Matsui, Kiyo Keefe.

Oshima, Enney, 94, Woodland, Aug. 9; Oakland-born, longtime Sacramento resident; Tule Lake internee; survived by son Alan (Yuki) of El Macero; daughter Sharon (Kinya) Tsuruta of Oakland; 9 gc., 3 ggc.; daughter-in-law Tami Oshima; sisters Kimiko Miyamoto of Woodland, Sumi Tsuruda of Cupertino; predeceased by husband Hashiro Coffee and son Mel.

Osuga, Yasuhara, 108, Chatsworth, Aug. 22; longtime resident and Methodist minister in Simi

Valley, also in San Jose, Palo Alto and Portland, Ore.; survived by daughters Jean (Sam) Dorge, Ruth T. Inatomi; 5 gc., 4 ggc.

Sakamoto, Ikuko, 78, Los Angeles, Aug. 8; Terminal Island-born; survived by son Michael (Carol); daughter Aileen (Roy) Kozaki; 3 gc.

Sakamoto, Mitsue, 85, Torrance, Aug. 9; survived by sons Drs. Edwin (Janis) and David; 2 gc.; brother Frank Nakamoto; sister Matsue Fujikawa.

Shibata, Yoshikuni, Sacramento, Aug. 16; survived by wife Ruth.

Shimoda, Shigeru Larry, 84, Monterey Park, Aug. 14; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Michiko; sons Andrew (Linda), Robert (Debbie), Glenn (Lisa); daughters Elaine Shimoda (Dennis) Jung, Carol Shimoda (Evey) Fong; 6 gc.; brother Yoshio; sisters Toshiko Hirano, Ayako Takizawa.

Taba, James Shinji, 73, Monterey Park, Aug. 8; Riverside-born; survived by wife Tomoko; sons James Shinichi (Doreen), Richard Keiji (Aileen); daughter Lillian Yoko; 2 gc.; sister Toshiko Miyata of Japan; sister-in-law Yasuko Taba.

Tatsuno, Walter Noriyoshi, 86, Monterey Park, Aug. 24; Bakersfield-born; survived by wife Lily Midori; sons Brian (Shirley), Walter T. Kenji; daughter Naomi (Joe) Hiraga; 3 gc.; brothers Harry of San Francisco, Albert of Bakersfield.

Uchida, Ruth Michiye, 75, San Francisco, Aug. 18; Salt Lake City, Utah-born; survived by daughter Chiyo; predeceased by husband Ryo.

Uyeno, Hiroshi, 77, Sacramento, Aug. 18; survived by

brother Fred (Alice); sister Mieke Ogawa of San Francisco; stepson Kenji (May) Nishimoto of Los Angeles; 2 gc.

Wakita, Jakob Tyler, 11 months, Torrance, Aug. 14; survived by parents Mark and Celeste; sister Madison; grandparents Henry and Jean Teraoka of Kingsburg; grandmother Nancy Nishi; grandfather Osamu Wakita.

Watanabe, Isamu Sam, 78, Los Angeles, Aug. 20; Marina Del Rey-born; survived by wife Rose Y.; daughters Diane H. (Ronald) Kato, Suzanne T.; son Dennis I. (Wendy); 2 gc.; sisters Yuriko Shimasaki, Masako (Ted) Omachi; brother Haruo (Kunika); brothers-in-law Lui (Mary) Kodama, Seiji (Linda) Kodama; sisters-in-law Fumiko (Louis) Sasaki, Akiko Narahara, Michiko (Akira) Miyoda, Mutsako (Mitsugi) Miyakawa.

Yamaguchi, Mitsuru, 65, Montebello, Aug. 10; Kagoshima-ken-born; survived by son Ken Kenishi; daughter Rumi Yamaguchi; brothers Ryochi (Kimi) and Mamoru (Dora) Hanamura; sisters Chiyoko and Takako Hanamura, Choko (Takeshi) Onohara.

Yamane, George, Seattle, July 31; Tacoma, Wash.-born, Japan-educated; led planning and execution of the March 2001 program, "America at its Best," honoring WWII Medal of Honor recipients James Okubo and William Nakamura; survived by sons Curtis, Jeffrey, Craig.

Yamashita, Sam Sakan, 83, Gardena, Aug. 16; survived by wife Etsuko; sons George (Julie), Richard (Joyce); daughter Christine "Qris" (Chris Komai); 1 gc.; brothers Takashi (Molly), Shigeru, Tommy (Leiko); sisters Ritsuko Higgo, Sumiko Yamashita; sister-in-law Miki Yamashita. ■

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The Literary Life

FICTION

The Flower Drum Song
By C.Y. Lee
Penguin Putnam
272 pp., \$14 paperback

Originally published in 1957, "The Flower Drum Song" was a groundbreaking work of popular literature and an immediate bestseller. It inspired the classic Rodgers & Hammerstein stage and screen musical, which enjoyed a revival in Los Angeles in 2001, and a musical version will open on Broadway this fall.

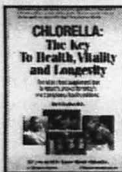
The novel, long out of print, is being reissued with a preface by author C.Y. Lee, who recounts his early days in the Chinatowns of Los Angeles and San Francisco trying to make a living as a writer, and an introduction by playwright David Henry Hwang, who considers the context in which the book was written and read, and the book's significance for today's readers.

The story is set in San Francisco's Chinatown, and tells the story of the Wang family. Old Master Wang misses the old way of life in China and tries to recreate it in his new home while keeping his two sons in line. Son Wang San wants to be a normal American teenager, playing baseball and imitating John Wayne, while son Wang Tai aspires to the American Dream. He reluctantly attends medical school in pursuit of a great career and women. Wang Tai's various romantic interests—ranging from a wild playgirl who seems to receive expensive gifts from her many "brothers" to an innocent just arrived from China with her father—showcase the difficulties inherent in immigration and the controversial issue of assimilation that still resonate almost 50 years later.

NONFICTION

The Miraculous Healing Nature of Chlorella
By Mark Drucker, M.D.
Health & Happiness Publishing
130 pp., \$12.95 paperback

Dr. Mark Drucker touts the health benefits of chlorella, a single-celled fresh-water green algae, which has been popular in Japan. Tucker asserts that chlorella can strengthen the immune system; help eliminate toxic chemicals and heavy metals from the body; and provide nutritional support to people with poor diets.



Shirakawa: Stories From a Pacific Northwest Japanese American Community
By Stan Flewelling
University of Washington Press
250 pp., \$24.95 paperback

The White River Valley is a fertile crescent between Seattle and Tacoma, Wash. As the surrounding cities grew, the Valley was their breadbasket. Japanese migrants called the area "shirakawa," or "white river." Employed at first as itinerants, some Japanese workers leased farms in the Valley and settled there. They brought wives from the old country, and encouraged countless other fortune-seekers to follow. By the 1920s, the Japanese were the majority ethnic group in the



Valley farm belt. Over half of all Japanese farms in Washington state were in the White River Valley.

Part community history, part anthropology, the book details how the Issei overcame waves of organized opposition to forge a viable, cohesive community, and how they paved the way for their American-born children. It also examines the swift demise of the community after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

More than 40 Nisei who grew up in the White River Valley were interviewed for this book, with a forward by Gordon Hirabayashi.

Manzanar Rites
By William Minoru Hohri
Epistolarian
162 pp., \$5

William M. Hohri, author of "Repairing America: An Account of the Movement for Japanese-American Redress" and "Resistance: Challenging America's Wartime Internment of Japanese-Americans," ventures into fiction for the first time with "Manzanar Rites." As the title indicates, the story is set in the Manzanar War Relocation Authority camp during World War II and follows the "coming of age" of the Yamanaka family, in particular Kenzo Yamanaka and his Hapa friend Frederick Inouye. The book can be ordered through the Japanese American National Museum, 213/625-0414 or www.janm.org; or through the Asian American Curriculum Project at 650/357-1088, www.AsianAmericanBooks.com.

Unequal Freedom
By Evelyn Nakano Glenn
Harvard University Press
306 pp., \$39.95 hardback

In "Unequal Freedom," Evelyn Nakano Glenn compares the treatment of Japanese Americans in

Hawaii with the similar experiences of African Americans in the South and Mexican Americans in the Southwest. She is thus able to develop a broad analysis of how racism has been used by powerful social and political groups in different parts of the country to achieve their economic goals.

The time frame of the book covers the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and thus covers the initial Japanese immigration to Hawaii and the period of plantation labor. Also included is the early period of labor organizing, and efforts within the Japanese community to maintain Japanese cultural values. The book also deals with the strong resistance of JAs to attempts to control their citizenship rights, and compares these efforts to those of other people of color. Glenn, a professor of Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, received JACL's Japanese American Biennial award for 1992-1994.

The Lim Report
By Deborah K. Lim
144 pp., paperback

The controversial report, originally commissioned by the JACL, to investigate JACL's role during World War II is now available in book form. For a free copy, write to Patricia Glaviano at 101 Park Avenue, Suite 2900, New York, NY 10178. Two independent websites also have the report posted at JAVoice.com and Resisters.com.



Hum Bows, Not Hot Dogs: Memoirs of a Savvy Asian American Activist
By Bob Santos
International Examiner Press
216 pp., \$18 paperback

In his introduction, Ron Chew, executive director of the Wing Luke Asian Museum, refers to author Bob Santos as a "hero in an urban hamlet called the International District, an Asian neighborhood along the southern edge of downtown Seattle."

During the 1970s and 1980s, Santos, then-executive director of the International District (ID) Improvement Association, was the driving force behind a multi-ethnic/multi-generational movement to preserve and develop the ID as a residential

the will of the human spirit.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. The Authors on Asia series is free but reservations are recommended. For info, 626/449-2742 or visit www.pacificasiastore.com. The Pacific Asia Museum is located at 46 N. Los Robles Ave. in Pasadena.

Other Readings

Thursday, Sept. 19 — 7 p.m.
Making a Literary Life: Advice for Writers and Other Dreamers
By Carolyn See

Vroman's Bookstore, 695 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, Calif. For info, visit www.CarolynSee.com.

Children's Books

In America's Shadows
By Kimberly Komatsu & Kaleigh Komatsu
Thomas George Books
96 pp., \$24.95 hardback

This book tells the story of the Nikkei experience during World War II through 65 historical photographs, many of them never before published. Printed in sepia tones, the goal of the photographic reproductions is to invite young readers on a visual journey into camp history. The photographs are accompanied by prose written by Yonsei Kimberly Komatsu and Kaleigh Komatsu, whose family were interned during the war.

The book had a special West Coast release in June, and a general release is scheduled for October. For more information, contact Thomas George Books at P.O. Box 861853, Los Angeles, CA 90086 or call 626/572-3544 or fax 626/572-8772.

Raymond's Perfect Present
By Therese On Louie
Illustration by Suling Wang
Lee & Low Books
32 pp., \$16.95 hardcover
Ages 4 to 10

To help his mother feel better, Raymond decides to grow her some flowers from seeds, but his mother returns to the hospital before the flowers bloom. Soon the flowers begin to die, and Raymond thinks his present is ruined. But to Raymond's surprise, an even greater present unfolds, lifting his mother's spirit higher than he could have imagined.

Winner of the Lee & Low's New Voices Award Honor, this book captures the innocence of a child's love for his mother as he struggles through a difficult time.

Buddhists, Hindus and Sikhs in America

By Gurinder Singh Mann, Paul David Nurnick and Raymond B. Williams
Oxford University Press
\$24 hardback
Grades 6-12

This latest addition to the "Religion in American Life" series begins with a history of early Buddhists, Hindus and Sikhs in America. Successive chapters explore how Americanization has changed the three religions, and how, in turn, the religions have affected American life. Discrimination, particularly against Hindus and Sikhs, is also discussed. In addition, there are historical and contemporary photographs, excerpts from primary sources and accounts from school-age Buddhists, Hindus and Sikhs.

neighborhood and viable commercial area. In the early 1990s, Santos helped formalize the ID Village Square project, a public/private partnership of apartment units, office space, social service agencies and retail businesses. Santos, who grew up in a Chinatown hotel room in Seattle, would later go on to become a congressional aide and official for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Recently, Santos was asked to return to the ID to his former position as the director of the ID Improvement Association.

Now, Santos recounts his past involvement in the ID. The title of the book includes the term, "hum bow," Chinese for a barbecue pork bun. The term is of Toisanese origin, the dialect used by the early settlers in Seattle. The entire title, "Hum Bows, Not Hot Dogs," was a slogan used in the 1970s as a rallying cry against large-scale development projects that threatened the ID.

The book can be ordered through the International Examiner, 622 S. Washington St., Seattle, WA 98104 or visit iexaminer@iexaminer.org.

Making a Literary Life: Advice for Writers and Other Dreamers
By Carolyn See

Random House
288 pp., \$23.95 hardback

Carolyn See, writer and creative writing instructor, has come out with a how-to guide for aspiring writers. Her practical advice is couched in humor such as her encouragement to "make rejection a process," set up a travel budget for that first trip to New York's literary world and to deduct part of their clothing costs from their taxes as a "costume" expense.

The following is an excerpt from her book: "You know the last thing in the world people want to hear from you, the very last thing they're interested in? The fact that you always have wanted to write, that you cherish dreams of being a writer, that you wrote something and got rejected once, that you believe you have it in you—if only the people around you would give you a chance—to write a very credible, if not great, American novel."

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Sunday, Sept. 15 — 2 p.m.
China Dawn: The Story of A Technology Business Revolution
By David Sheff
HarperBusiness
320 pp., \$26.95 hardback

Journalist David Sheff will discuss his new book which examines the entrepreneurial players who are leading Asia into the 21st century. Sheff introduces the American public to people such as Bo Feng, a venture capitalist who discovered some of China's most promising Internet Technology companies, and Ed Tian, a national hero who left his own company to join a government-funded start-up with the immediate mission of wiring China for broadband. Sheff

investigates what is beneath the surface, to view the tensions, political red tape and unpredictable meddling of the Chinese leadership.

Thursday, Sept. 19 — 7 p.m.
Remembering Heaven's Face: A Story of Rescue in Wartime Vietnam
By John Balaban
University of Georgia Press
336 pp., \$19.95 paperback

John Balaban, an objector to the Vietnam War, went on a mission to Vietnam to save lives. Risking his own life, Balaban helped injured children survive. In his memoir, Balaban recounts those years and writes of the rescued children who have become living testimonies to

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