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Japanese Scholar Continues Search for Kibei Nisei Who Served in Japanese Military

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

A year ago, Nagoya, Japan-based scholar Hiroshi Kadoike embarked on a project to research Kibei Nisei who served in the Japanese military during World War II.

When he first started, Kadoike thought he'd be lucky if he located two or three Kibei Nisei draftees. To his surprise, he has been able to find 20. Of the 20, he has interviewed 16 (California 11; Tokyo-area 4; Hawaii 1).

"It's been amazing to meet so many draftees," said Kadoike dur-

ing a trip to California in February.

In the near future, Kadoike will be making a separate trip to Texas and Denver to conduct interviews.

The majority of the men Kadoike has interviewed served in the Japanese Army but two were in the navy and three were in the special kamikaze unit (two pilots, one navigator). They were stationed in areas ranging from China to New Guinea to the Philippines to within Japan.

By next year, Kadoike hopes to have tracked down more Kibei Nisei living in Japan.

"I've been told there are many Nisei draftees, who did not return to the United States and are still living in Japan," said Kadoike. "I want to try to find them."

The urgency of locating more

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Film 'Better Luck Tomorrow' Wants Mainstream Success for AAs

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

Justin Lin's independent film "Better Luck Tomorrow" already broke one barrier: it was the first Asian American flick to screen and subsequently pick up distribution at last year's Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

Now, it's going for a second: crossover success at the box office in April.

The film — about a group of

upper middle class AA high school teenagers whose ambition and academic success belies a darker struggle descending into a disturbing foray of sex, drugs and violence — is opening in limited release in major U.S. cities April 11 and 18, and Asian American audiences are being encouraged to make it a mainstream hit.

"For the first time, we are not on screen for some 'function' just

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PHOTO: TRAILING JOHNSON PRODUCTIONS
Han (Sung Kang), Virgil (Jason Tobin) and Ben (Parry Shen) in a scene from Justin Lin's feature film "Better Luck Tomorrow," which is opening in major U.S. cities April 11 and 18.

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JACL to Challenge U.S. PATRIOTS Act

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL is taking on the U.S. PATRIOTS Act.

At its first national meeting of the year March 1-2, board members voted unanimously to take a serious look at the Act and consider avenues to mount a legal challenge.

"It's one of those bills, after you read it you think, 'Oh my God' ... this is incredible," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "As a civil rights organization it's imperative that we challenge ... the legitimacy of the Act."

The U.S. PATRIOTS Act was passed by the House and Senate shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and signed into law by President Bush. Americans were devastated by the deaths of hundreds of fellow Americans and the Act saw little resistance, passing easily.

But now a number of civil rights organizations, including JACL, are dismayed at the actions taken by the U.S. government under the provisions of the Act, questioning their right to take away the civil freedoms of citizens and legal residents alike.

Under the Act the U.S. government: may monitor religious and political institutions without suspecting criminal activity to assist in a terror investigation; has secretly detained hundreds of people without charges; encouraged bureaucrats to resist public records

requests; can monitor public library records and bookstore purchases; may monitor jailhouse conversations between attorneys and their clients and deny lawyers to Americans accused of crimes; may search and seize Americans' papers and effects without probable cause to assist in a terror investigation; and may jail Americans indefinitely without trial.

Michelle Yoshida, JACL legal counsel, pointed to the case of

Osama Awadallah to illustrate the far-reaching powers of the PATRIOTS Act. Awadallah had originally been arrested as a material witness for a grand jury investigation shortly following the Sept. 11 attacks. He ended up being imprisoned for 83 days, spending most of his days in solitary confinement. On April 30, 2002, it was finally determined that Awadallah was unlawfully detained and the indictment against him dismissed.

"Mr. Awadallah was very much like most of us," pointed out David Hayashi, JACL vice president of planning and development. Originally from San Diego, Awadallah had been involved in the community and civil rights issues but he was arrested because of his race, said Hayashi.

With the help of legal counsel, JACL is currently looking for a case that will help them challenge the U.S. PATRIOTS Act. JACL is also looking to support an organization that has standing to challenge the Act. Several cities across the country have already passed resolutions protesting the provisions of the Act.

Tateishi noted that the need to challenge the PATRIOTS Act has become even more important since documents have leaked out showing that a PATRIOTS Act II is in the works, an act with even further ramifications than the original.

According to the Center for Public Integrity that posted Act II on its website, this new act would

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Trend of Declining Revenues and Trimming Expenses Continues for 2003

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL national board continued to trim expenses as revenues for 2003 are projected to fall short.

At the national board meeting March 1-2, the finance and budget committees met to deal with a projected revenue shortfall of close to \$420,000 for 2003.

After lengthy discussions the committee members were able to cut out expenses to meet the revenue shortfall while preserving the current limited staffing levels.

"We were able to make adjustments and keep the 16 personnel positions," said Art Koga, JACL secretary/treasurer.

To balance the budget, the

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MORI MEMO An Open Letter to the JACL Membership

By FLOYD MORI
JACL National President

Thank you to all of you for being members of JACL and supporting a great organization that continues to work for the benefit of us all. As we try to build up membership through various membership drives, we hope you will join us in encouraging others to join JACL as well. Many friends and relatives would join JACL if we approach them about membership. We can also give gift memberships to those whom we feel would benefit from JACL membership.

It is unfortunate that we have been required to raise the dues for JACL membership in order to keep JACL going. Increasing our membership numbers significantly would help us financially so that further dues increases might not be necessary. If most members of JACL would help us obtain one or more new members, it would



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Democratic Chair Calls for Resignation, JACL Joins Groups Requesting Meeting With Rep. Coble

By Pacific Citizen Staff
and Associated Press

The Democratic National Committee (DNC) has called on North Carolina Congressman Howard Coble to resign from his subcommittee chairmanship at the same time two dozen organizations, including the JACL, are requesting a personal meeting with Coble.

The DNC passed a resolution urging Coble, a Greensboro Republican, to step down from his post as chairman of the House Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security subcommittee, according to a statement released recently.

"In our work to keep our country safe from terrorism, policy-makers have an obligation to balance the need to protect our homeland and safeguard the constitutional rights of all American citizens and residents," Democratic Chairman Terry McAuliffe said in the statement.

"Congressman Coble is not fit to lead our country on security and constitutional matters and must resign from the chairmanship," the statement said.

A spokeswoman for Coble declined to comment.

Meanwhile, the JACL joined

two dozens organizations on Feb. 19 — the National Day of Remembrance — in requesting a meeting with Coble.

The groups visited Coble's office, dropping off a letter expressing their dismay with the congressman's comments during a Feb. 4 radio interview where he agreed with President Franklin Roosevelt's decision to intern 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942 and said the Arab American community today is a threat to national security.

Along with the letter, the groups dropped off two petitions with thousands of signatures — one organized by JACL and the Organization for Chinese Americans and the other by ModelMinority.Com — demanding that Coble step down as chair of the House subcommittee overseeing homeland security.

Part of the letter to Coble stated: "Your comments and the continued insistence that your statements were 'historical fact' have raised alarm among Americans throughout this country, as evidenced by the thousands of signatures on the attached petitions, which call on you to step down from your posi-

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Letters to the Editor

Response to 'Whither National JACL? To Live or Die Out?'

One wonders what Takasumi Kojima's commentary in the P.C., Feb. 21-Mar. 6, "Whither National JACL? To Live or Die Out?" seeks to accomplish. If his goal is reversing the trend of decreasing membership, he takes the puzzling tack of trashing a demographic group that the JACL has largely ignored, even though this group represents the future of the Japanese American community.

Unbelievably, Kojima states that the Hapa generation knows little about Nikkei culture. Worse, perhaps, they seem not to care. They continue to out-marry, and most don't try to bring their mate and children into the JACL. Elsewhere, Kojima derides ignorance, indifference and intermarriage, a phrase reminiscent of the losing political slur of rum, Romanism and rebellion.

With attitudes like this, is it any wonder that the JACL's membership is shrinking?

The vast majority of JAs are not members of the JACL. Some have decades-old anger over JACL leaders who collaborated with the War Relocation Authority, and others find little reason to join. So, why are those who out-married and their multiracial children being

blamed for the demise of an organization that does little to address the growing diversity of the JA community?

If the JACL and its various chapters are not growing, perhaps the problem lies with those who harbor a distaste for out-marriage and Hapas. Were JACL chapters welcoming the children of interracial marriages, their numbers would be expanding, not shrinking.

As the spouse of a multiracial Sansei and the mother of a multiracial Yonsei in Sacramento, I joined the Florin JACL chapter because it offers programs to attract those of multiracial backgrounds, such as multiracial forums, and encourages multiracial individuals to take leadership roles.

How many other JACL chapters can claim they have developed programs to attract Japanese of mixed race backgrounds? Look at your membership and your board. If multiracial JAs are not well-represented, perhaps it is time that the chapter becomes more of what JACL claims to be: a civil rights organization.

Barbara Takei
Sacramento, Calif.

Religious Freedom for All

The Interfaith Freedom Foundation advocates civil rights for religious minorities and religious liberty for all. Most of our advocacy has been for Sikhs and Muslims, especially on behalf of our Muslim neighbors. We seek to protect the constitutional rights of America's newer religious minorities, ensure their well-being, and hasten their ultimate integration into every aspect of American life. This benefits all Americans, since religious liberty is indivisible. We are a public benefit nonprofit group. Our board of directors includes Christians, Jews, Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhists and Hindus.

We are alarmed and upset by the recent statements made by Rep. Howard Coble representing North Carolina's Sixth District in the U.S. House of Representatives. We refer to his endorsement of the interment of Japanese Americans during World War II. This is particularly ominous when one considers that he has just been appointed chair of the House Subcommittee

on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security. In some ways, his statement has the quality of a trial balloon: if any elected representative in his position is allowed to make such a statement without the strongest kind of challenge by democratically minded people, it can only serve to introduce and to some extent legitimize the idea that Muslim people might, under certain circumstances, have to be similarly interned.

We cannot allow that to happen. We have matured too much as a nation to allow the tragedy that befell the JAs to happen again. Never again can we allow internment on American soil.

We are convinced that we must learn from the JA experience — certainly we share your intense identification with civil rights and civil liberties.

Laurence Swain
Director, Interfaith Freedom
Foundation
Fremont, Calif.

A Story Worth Reporting

I read with great interest the article titled, "Renunciant Bill Nishimura Recalls Trying War Years," reported in the Feb. 7-20, 2003, issue of the *Pacific Citizen*.

I recently received a clipping from the *Deseret News* newspaper in Salt Lake City, Utah, featuring a story about Nelson Akagi who experienced a very similar situation as that of Nishimura. Akagi, however, directed his efforts towards what I would consider a positive result. I feel that this story is even more worthy of reporting than Mr. Nishimura's in that the sacrifice rendered by Akagi and his comrades of the 100th/442nd had a far more positive result for all Americans of Japanese ancestry and our parents.

Witness the fact that the Senate and House bills providing for the reparation and apology to the evacuees was labeled House Bill 442 and Senate Bill 100 which was signed by then President Ronald Reagan. I believe it was President Harry Truman who said, "Patriotism is a matter of heart, not of color of skin, national origin or religion," as he personally presented the seventh Presidential Unit Citation to the 100th/442nd as they were assembled in the

Rose Garden of the White House. No unit has ever received such an honor and distinction in the history of the U.S. Army.

The Nisei in concentration camps and at large, who volunteered or answered the call to serve one's country in time of America's need, are the ones who facilitated the passage of the Civil Rights Legislation of 1952 which allowed the heretofore "aliens" (our parents) to obtain their citizenship and restore their dignity as proper citizens of the United States.

All Americans of Japanese ancestry now enjoy a higher respect among our fellow Americans than other minorities as evidenced by the number of JAs in political, military, business, science and social circles. Even today, as America faces a time of peril from terrorists, the JA experience has been referred to in cautioning the American public relative to the rights of Arab Americans by President Bush, the U.S. attorney general, state governors and all those of authority. Something which was sadly absent during World War II.

Leo H. Hosoda
Roseville, Calif.

Pledge of Allegiance

The numerous letters to the editor on the controversy concerning JACL and the pledge of allegiance expressed various viewpoints. This letter will give another based on a brief historic perspective, and thereafter let the readers judge.

In 1892, Francis Bellamy wrote a "Pledge of Allegiance" for the magazine *Youth's Companion*. He was known to be a deeply religious man, but was a strict believer in the separation of church and state. He also opposed parochial schools on the grounds that it was the state's responsibility to educate children.

In 1954, Congress added the phrase "under God" to the pledge. It was a political intent to distinguish the United States from godless communism and to unify the country.

In 2002, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that the phrase "under God" was unconstitutional.

Bellamy's original intent was for the pledge to be a unifying statement. Though a religious

man, he did not mean it to be a religious statement.

The congressional act of including "under God" runs contrary to Bellamy's original intent. Their hopeful purpose to unify the nation instead resulted in divisiveness. To distinguish a godly United States against godless communism was totally one-sided and unnecessary.

The Court of Appeals decision was courageous. It brought the pledge back to Bellamy's original intent. Further, it made it once again inclusive to all Americans regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion and beliefs.

Finally, and perhaps ironically, let us see what can be learned from the Holy Bible, King James Version, as found in Matthew 22:21 when Jesus proclaimed:

Render therefore unto Caesar
The things which are Caesar's;
And unto God the things that
are God's.

So in closing I say unto you, "E pluribus unum," the motto of our good old U.S.A.

Stanley N. Kanzaki
New York City



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* "Short expressions" on public issues, usually one or two paragraphs, should include signature, address and daytime phone number. Because of space limitations, letters are subject to abridgement. Although we are unable to print all the letters we receive, we appreciate the interest and views of those who take the time to send us their comments.

Asakawa Named New P.C. Chair

SAN FRANCISCO—Gil Asakawa has been named as the new Pacific Citizen editorial board chairperson, it was announced by JACL National President Floyd Mon during the March 1-2 national board meeting.

Asakawa is a writer, editor, and online content consultant with over 20 years of experience in the media field. He was written for the *Denver Post*, *Rocky Mountain News*, *Rolling Stone* magazine, and *Newsweek Japan*.



After more than a decade in print media, as music editor and reporter for *Westword* and entertainment editor for *Colorado Springs Gazette*, Asakawa has gone on to work for several dot-coms. He currently maintains the website content for the Colorado Dragon Boat

Festival, Japan America Society of Colorado, and Empowerful Changes.

A co-author of "The Toy Book" (Knopf, 1991), a history of baby-boomer-era toys, Asakawa recently completed editing "Orations & Essays" by Joyce Hirohata, a collection of valedictorian speeches by Japanese American students in California during the 1930s. He is currently working on a book about JA heritage and culture for Stone Bridge Press due in the fall of 2004.

Asakawa also writes the weekly online column "Nikkei View" about pop culture and politics from a JA perspective (<http://nikkeiview.com>).

He is a past president of the Mile-Hi JACL chapter and is a member of the Japan America Society of Colorado. Asakawa is also a member of the Steering Committee for the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, an annual pan-Asian celebration in Denver.

UC Riverside Student Newspaper Apologizes for Offensive Cartoon

The University of California, Riverside's weekly student newspaper, *The Highlander*, has issued an apology for running an offensive cartoon after several students and faculty wrote in to express their displeasure and outrage.

In a published statement, *Highlander* Editor-in-Chief Kahlil Ford said: "The *Highlander* understands that the xenophobic depiction deeply offended some of our readers, and we want to deeply apologize to them."

Ford noted that the publication of the anonymous cartoon was against the paper's own policy and said new steps were being implemented to ensure cartoons would now be subject to the same scrutiny as articles.

The "Mizzery" cartoon published in the Feb. 4 issue depicted an Asian teaching assistant speaking broken English while students at the back of the class asked, "Where did all the English speaking Grad Students go?"

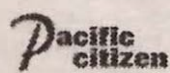


"As a foreign-born Chinese teaching assistant, I find this cartoon deeply troubling and offensive," wrote Kay Pih, a sociology graduate student, in a letter to the editor. "It is an extremely racist portrayal of Asian teaching assistants and all teaching assistants. Furthermore, to think one of my fees funds a publication that open-

ly contains racist material greatly angers me. I am most amazed that not one person on the *Highlander* editorial board found the cartoon problematic."

Professors in UC Riverside's sociology department wrote in the *Highlander*: "The cartoon is reminiscent of racist newspaper 'funnies' during dark times in our country's history when Blacks, Latinos, Asians and all minority groups were routinely ridiculed in public forums. Such portrayals encourage rude behavior and violence toward ethnic and racial minorities and have no place in our campus newspaper."

In response to the outcry, Steve Krawczuk, a UC Riverside sociology graduate student, developed a website to educate people about Anti-Asian stereotypes and caricatures. In it he talks about the *Highlander* incident and the history of racist cartoons (<http://home.attbi.com/~bkrawczuk/ucr1.html>).



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National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Michigan Senate Approves Takai for Information Technology Department Director

LANSING, Mich.—Teresa Takai, a computer and information expert in private business, was unanimously approved by the state Senate on Feb. 20 as the director of the Department of Information Technology Department.

Takai was appointed by Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm. The Senate approved her 38-0. It is the ninth time the Senate has approved Granholm's choice to lead a department.

Takai, 54, is the first woman and first Asian American to head the 14-month-old department, which has had only one previous director, Jacque Passino.

Takai moves into state government from her job as the process development director at Federal-Mogul Corp., a global supplier of automotive components and sub-systems based in Southfield. She also has held senior positions at corporations including Ford Motor Co. and Electronic Data Systems.

O'Neal, Top Lakers Execs Meet With Chu

SACRAMENTO—Assembly-

woman Judy Chu, D-Monterey Park, met with NBA star Shaquille O'Neal and Lakers franchise executives Feb. 19 to discuss increasing cultural sensitivity among NBA players and other athletes towards Asian Americans.

O'Neal was blasted by the AAs last month for racially mocking comments he made towards Houston Rockets center Yao Ming.

In an effort to increase outreach to the AA community, the Lakers hosted about 35 youth from the West San Gabriel Valley Girls and Boys Club and the Asian Youth Center at a recent game against the Houston Rockets and Yao.

The Lakers organization arranged for the youth and Chu to meet with O'Neal briefly before the game. Chu also met with Lakers executives Jeanie Buss, executive vice president of business operations, and Linda Rambis, manager of special events.

"I am very pleased that the Los Angeles Lakers organization arranged for this meeting and was open to discuss issues that were of concern to me and the Asian Pacific Islander American community," Chu said. "I appreciate the efforts by the Lakers organization to show its sincere support for Asian Pacific Islander youth and their dedication to promote more cultural sensitivity in the NBA."

Committee Approves Resolution on Rep. Coble's Remarks

HONOLULU—House lawmakers are seeking to "educate and sensitize" their members about the plight of Japanese Americans during World War II in response to comments made last month by U.S. Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C.

The House Judiciary Committee on Feb. 20 approved a resolution asking House Speaker Dennis Hastert to take such steps after Coble, in a Feb. 4 radio talk show interview, suggested JAs were interned during WWII for their own protection.

The resolution from Hawaii's Democrat-controlled House originally called for Hastert to review whether Coble should continue as chairman of the subcommittee overseeing homeland security.

His comments have drawn harsh criticism from Asian American groups and fellow congressmembers, including Rep. Barbara Marumoto, R-Kalani Valley-Diamond Head, a former internec, who stopped short of calling for an apology in a letter to Coble but asked that he re-examine his comments.

"Because of your important position," Marumoto wrote, "... it is imperative that you reassure minority groups that the same justification, or the same action, will never be used again."

APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Michio Kaku, a theoretical physicist and science communicator, will be honored April 30 at the Exploratorium's 26th Annual Awards Dinner, which recognizes leaders in technology, science and education. Kaku, an international best-selling author of nine books, is receiving the Public Understanding of Science Award for building a community of science enthusiasts through his website, www.mkaku.org, and his weekly, hour-long radio program, "Explorations." In these forums, Kaku makes keen observations of the impact of science on society. Several of his textbooks have become required reading in physics labs.

Bill Seki was installed as the 27th president of the Japanese American Bar Association of

Greater Los Angeles for the 2003-2004 year. He is a partner at the law firm of Mounger, Gonda & Seki and practices criminal defense law, with an emphasis in the representation of law enforcement officers. He represented several clients in such high-profile cases as the Los Angeles Police Department Rampart scandal. Prior to private practice, Seki was a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney for nine years and has been an adjunct professor of law at Southwestern University School of Law since 1991.

Herb Watanabe, a lifelong resident of Coalinga, Calif., was honored as the 2002 Citizen of the Year by the city's Chamber of Commerce. Watanabe was the owner of the local Service Pharmacy, which was hit by the

devastating 1983 earthquake. At the time, he and pharmacist Jim Wood set up an emergency medical supply center for residents while the store was being rebuilt. Watanabe is currently on the board of the Coalinga Community Foundation. He received an honorary plaque from the chamber and a certificate of recognition on behalf of the state Senate, Assembly and county supervisors.

Hitoshi "Moe" Yonemura, who served as a lieutenant in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II, had a UCLA student scholarship posthumously named after him. The Class of '42, together with the Classes of '41 and '43, launched the Yonemura Memorial Scholarship at the Class of '42's 60th reunion last fall at the James West Alumni Center. Yonemura, a Bruin who traded in his UCLA yell leader sweater for a U.S. Army uniform, was killed during the war.



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give the government the authority to: provide almost unlimited surveillance and wiretapping powers to the intelligence community; hold secret detentions of terrorist suspects; limit defense attorneys' access to information; implement gag orders so defendants would be unable to talk about their cases; access genetic information; access visa files of resident aliens; implement a TIPS phone line to the Department of Justice so those suspecting persons of terrorist activities could report them with full immunity; and revoke citizenship of those with ties to a suspected organization.

"It's unprecedented," said Tateishi, describing Act II as "insane" and "the work of a madman." He added, "This is the ultimate nightmare of taking away people's rights in this country."

Tateishi believes that taking on Act I will be one of the most important things JACL ever does but that it will be a very long and involved process. "It's important that we do this," he said. "It's something that we really have to do in a careful way."

(Motion made by: David Masuo, PNW governor; second: Clyde Nishimura, EDC governor)

Other Issues:

CAPPS II

The JACL expressed concern about a new system to check background information of all commercial airline passengers, to be developed by Lockheed-Martin.

"I'm worried that this system will start to profile," said Tateishi, who has been talking to the Department of Transportation to express JACL's concerns. "We all have to get out there on this one ... it's another wrong step [the U.S. government] is taking."

CAPPS II, the Computer Assisted Passenger Prescreening System, ordered by Congress after

the Sept. 11 attacks, will gather much more information than previously. Delta Airlines will try out the system in about a month.

The nationwide computer system will check out credit reports and bank account activity and compare passenger names with those on government watch lists. The system will also rate a passenger's risk potential by assigning a color of either green, yellow or red.

Critics say the system will result in profiling, while supporters believe it will help weed out dangerous people while ensuring law-abiding citizens aren't unnecessarily scrutinized.

Rep. Coble

The JACL continues to press for the removal of Rep. Coble, R-N.C., as chair of the subcommittee on homeland security, after he made remarks endorsing the World War II internment of Japanese Americans.

"It was an innocent statement on his part but his views are very racist," said Tateishi, noting that Coble voted against the 1988 redress bill.

JACL and its chapters have sent several e-mails, letters and signed petitions to Coble demanding an apology and his resignation after so far receiving an unsatisfactory response from the longtime representative. JACL has also requested a face-to-face meeting but is still waiting for a response.

Gil Asakawa, *Pacific Citizen* board chair, noted that Asian Pacific American issues tend to fade quickly in the mainstream media and encouraged JACL to continue speaking up on the issue of Coble's removal.

"We need to let the media know we're pissed off," he said.

Tateishi noted that because of JACL's strong response on the Coble issue, he has been getting a number of hate e-mails.

"I haven't seen something like this since the redress days," he said. But undeterred, Tateishi plans to continue pursuing the issue.

"[JACL] is going to continue to press for his removal."

Pledge of Allegiance

The issue of "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance was once again revisited by the national board.

Mas Hashimoto of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapter presented a resolution on behalf of the NCWNP district in support of removing "under God" in the pledge.

"Freedom of religion makes us truly free," said Hashimoto, a retired high school teacher and a former Poston internee. "Japanese Americans are unique in the struggle for civil liberties. We should be leaders in fighting for civil rights for all."

Although Floyd Mori, JACL national president, said he believed in the separation of church and state, he also worried that JACL would be seen as a "Godless organization" if it passes a resolution to take "under God" out of the pledge. "JACL is not a Godless body," he said.

After a short debate the national board passed a resolution to support the removal of "under God" in the pledge: "... the National Board of the JACL, as a civil rights organization that supports the Separation of Church and State and whose members represent many religious faiths, goes on record as supporting the removal of the words 'under God' from the Pledge of Allegiance." (Made by: Mark Kobayashi, NCWNP governor, second: Reiko Yoshino, MPDC vice governor; vote: abstentions - Hiromi Ueha, PSW governor, Bob Taniguchi, CCDC governor)

University of Michigan

JACL has joined in on the affirmative action debate at the University of Michigan. The court has allowed JACL to file an amicus brief in favor of the university's admissions policies. The University of Michigan currently provides points to minority applicants as a way of increasing diversity on its campus.

Total Information Awareness System

The national JACL board went on record opposing the Total Information Awareness System that allows the U.S. government the authority to access personal information including credit card transactions, medical records, phone records, bank records and

travel records in their efforts to fight terrorism.

"Now therefore be it resolved, the District Council of the NCWNP and the National Board of the JACL go on record as opposing the Total Information Awareness System." (Made by: Kobayashi, second: Micki Kawakami, IDC governor; vote: unanimous)

Title IX

The JACL voted to show their support of Title IX and oppose any changes to the law championed by the late Hawaii Rep. Patsy Mink that has helped increase women's participation in sports nationwide.

Tateishi will write a letter to the chair of the Title IX committee that is currently looking at changing the law. (Motion made by: Ken Inouye, v.p. of public affairs; second: Ueha; vote: unanimous)

Macy's Buddhist Shorts

The JACL and the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) have sent out a second letter to Macy's complaining about their offensive boxer shorts after an unsatisfactory response to their first letter was received, reported Inouye.

The organizations had been complaining about boxer shorts that showed a picture of Buddha with the words, "Rub me for luck." So far, only a form letter from Macy's has been received.

The JACL and BCA want an apology and action taken to prevent such offensive products from being sold in the future by Macy's.

"This is much more than a merchandise preference; this is something that demonstrates an insensitivity to Asian Americans," JACL and BCA noted in their letter.

'Jap' Ads

After the JACL complained to both the *Miami Herald* and the *Sun Sentinel* for accepting ads that use the word "Jap," both newspapers have now changed their policy and will no longer accept such ads.

"While individuals in the general

public may not be aware that 'Jap' is as much a derogatory word to Americans of Japanese ancestry as the 'N' word is to African Americans, I would expect an informed staff of a newspaper in a major city to be aware of this," wrote Tateishi in a letter to the *Herald*.

Since the decision of both papers to stop running the ads, several of these Florida companies have contacted Tateishi to express their displeasure with JACL's actions.

Miguel Estrada Nomination

The national JACL board voted unanimously to have Tateishi write a letter in opposition of Miguel Estrada's nomination to the federal appellate bench. (Motion made by: Inouye; second: Ueha)

For three weeks now Democrats have blocked Estrada's nomination from a final Senate vote saying the Washington lawyer has not been open about his legal opinions during his hearing last year. They also say he lacks experience to be placed in such an important position. Republicans accuse Democrats of treating Estrada unfairly because he is a conservative Hispanic.

JACL Anti-Hate Crimes Program

Thanks to a generous grant from the Ford Motor Company the JACL has completed two handouts and a brochure to educate people about hate crimes against APAs.

"When Hate Hits You" is an informative APA hate crime response guide, and "Anti-Asian Sentiment on Campus" and "Words can kill the spirit ..." are two handouts that help explain the many forms hate crimes can take.

JACL plans to distribute the materials to all JACL chapters first and then a mail-out will be made to various media, APA organizations and public officials.

The next national board meeting will take place May 31-June 1, 2003. ■

people about the injustice of internment, we respectfully request the opportunity to meet with you to share our concerns and move towards a resolution on this issue."

The JACL noted that close to 1,000 messages have been sent through its website to Congress, urging the House Leadership to remove Coble from his position.

The various groups signing on to the letter include: American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC); Arab American Institute; Asian American Coalition of Chicago; Asian American Institute; Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF); Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum; Asian Health Coalition of Illinois; Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO; Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON); Chinese Mutual Aid Association; FilCRA (Filipino Civil Rights Advocates), Chicago Chapter; Hmong National Development, Inc. (HND); JACL; Japanese American Service Committee; Korean American Coalition; NAACP; National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse (NAPAFASA); National Coalition For Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD); National Council of La Raza (NCLR); National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA); Organization of Chinese Americans; Sikh American Heritage Organization; Sikh Coalition; and Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEAR-AC). ■

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JACL Sets Membership and Fundraising Goals for 2003

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—To help offset JACL's predicted revenue shortfalls for 2003, the organization has set forth various membership and fundraising goals.

Lucy Kishiue, JACL national program director, announced the organization's goal of increasing membership by 2000 new members this year.

Each district will be in charge of recruiting new members with the following targets: NCWNPDC - 807 new members; CCDC - 114 new members; PSWDC - 533 new members; PNWDC - 162 new members; IDC - 95 new members; MPDC - 43 new members; MDC - 152 new members; EDC - 94 new members.

Kishiue hopes each district will do their best to meet the above goals.

During the past year, Ryan Chin, v.p. of membership, has also been promoting the gift membership program using his own monies to fund the initiative.

Although 1,310 gift cards were distributed, only 138 gift memberships were purchased, a figure both Chin and Kishiue find disappointing.

"There was a lot of opportunity here but we haven't pushed [the gift memberships]," said Kishiue.

Originally the first gift membership cards were distributed to the various districts, but there was little response. Now, Kishiue will change tactics and do a direct mailing to all Life, Century Club and Thousand Club members asking them to gift a

membership.

In addition to the gift memberships, JACL has also been reaching out to its past national scholarship winners, many of whom have not continued membership in the organization. After an initial mail-out of 542 letters, to date 27 have renewed their memberships.

Kishiue is currently working with the National JACL Credit Union on a possible sponsorship of the JACL membership brochure. In addition, the Credit Union has agreed to help JACL open a merchant account so membership and fundraising payments can be made with a credit card, with the Credit Union picking up the service charges.

National JACL Gala Dinner

The national JACL will be holding a gala dinner Sept. 13 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles. "Salute to the Japanese American National Leaders" will honor Sen. Daniel Inouye, Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, Rep. Bob Matsui and Rep. Mike Honda.

National JACL is working closely with the PSW district, which has volunteered to help organize the dinner and has also provided the initial seed money for the event. Hiromi Ueha, PSW governor, encouraged all the board members to attend the dinner and asked for names and contacts of possible sponsors for the event.

Inaugural National Nikkei Golf Tournament

The JACL and the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) will be hosting the Inaugural National Nikkei

Golf Tournament July 14 at the Westfields golf course in Northern Virginia. Details are currently being worked on and more information is to follow.

Proceeds from the event will be split between JACL and NJAMF. Currently, they are looking for possible sponsors for the event.

Annual Giving Campaign

The 2002 Annual Giving campaign raised \$89,846.21, a noted increase from the 2001 campaign which raised \$51,301.67. The response rate was approximately the same in both years but in 2002 people made larger contributions.

JACL plans to run a mid-year fundraising campaign in May and its 2003 Annual Giving campaign in either October or November.

Legacy Grants

David Hayashi, JACL v.p. of planning and development, announced that the Legacy Grants program would be on hold for 2003 since the Legacy Fund is currently below its principle value and thus withdrawals from the fund cannot be made.

District Fundraising Activities

Floyd Mori, JACL national president, asked the governors to be more aggressive when it comes to pushing membership and fundraising efforts in their own districts.

"We can't expect members to do things we're not willing to do," he said. "We have to be a lot more responsible than we've been."

PNW District - David Masuo, PNW district governor, said that many in his chapter are willing to help chapters and their district but not national JACL.

"It's been a big problem," he said.

Members of the PNWD are seeking more detailed financial information from national JACL and a detailed strategy to address the current fiscal issues. Until they receive the information, they are unwilling to support national JACL's fundraising efforts, said Masuo.

In response, Mori reminded Masuo that his district office is being funded by national JACL. As leaders on the national board, he emphasized that it is up to the governors to filter down the information that is disseminated at the board meetings.

Mori noted that the JACL national budget is their plan, showing the programs currently being run by the organization. "It's not that there is no plan, our budget is our plan," he said.

NCWNP District - NCWNP District Governor Mark Kobayashi said sentiments in the PNW district have also been echoed in his district.

"I think chapters do want to see a plan. The steps to get us out of this financial bind," he said.

NCWNP continues to push its "All We Ask For Is One" membership recruitment campaign. The district has given four memberships to each chapter to help kick off the campaign.

Kobayashi suggests that those who are having difficulty gifting memberships should consider upgrading their own memberships or asking current members to upgrade.

The NCWNP district recently voted to approve \$10,000 to help support the NCWNP regional office. They are also researching an Albertson's card program to help raise monies for JACL. Albertson's currently runs a program for 501 c. 3 nonprofits where a portion of the monies spent at Albertson's (up to \$7,200) will go towards a particular nonprofit.

Also in the works right now is an NCWNP district fundraising dinner planned for March 2004 at the Blackhawk Automobile Museum in Danville, Calif.

PSW - The PSW district is currently holding their membership campaign to meet the goals set by national JACL. PSW is also working closely with national JACL to make sure the national JACL gala dinner in September is a success.

IDC - Micki Kawakami, IDC governor, said her district has agreed to forego their district allocation from national JACL for the time being. They also plan to donate \$1,000 to the *Pacific Citizen* and will help raise funds for national JACL by holding a raffle at their upcoming bi-district in Twin Falls, Idaho.

MDC - Ben Ezaki, MDC governor, said the district is currently looking at mailing costs for a direct mailing membership campaign. They have also talked about holding a possible

fundraising dinner in Chicago but are waiting to see the results of the Sept. 13 JACL national gala dinner in Los Angeles.

EDC - Clyde Nishimura, EDC governor, reported that the district helped raise funds for an ad in the *P.C.* They are currently looking at running another ad in the paper and the district may also start buying bulk *P.C.s* to be mailed out in their area.

MPDC - The MPDC has not yet held their district meeting but Reiko Yoshino, MPDC vice governor, said the district has discussed possibly doing a silent auction at their upcoming tri-district, July 17-20, in Omaha, Neb.

CCDC - With the recent decision by national JACL to close the Central California district office, the district has had to raise the monies to keep the office going. Currently, there is not a positive feeling towards national JACL, said Bob Taniguchi, CCDC governor.

Nat'l JACL Youth Conference

The 2003 JACL National Youth/Student Conference will be held June 20-22 at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

The cost of the conference is \$40 for members before May 1 and includes two nights' stay, meals and conference fees. After May 1, the cost goes up to \$50.

The conference includes a Vision Awards Banquet, a mentorship luncheon and a dance party. Various workshops will also be held including: "APA Response to 9/11," "American Culture-Taiko," "History of Redress," "Asian American Cooking Made Easy" and "Hapa Issues—Our Changing Community."

Josh Spry, national JACL youth representative, asked the district governors to coordinate with their youth reps to get many youth to attend the conference.

"We really hope you push chapters to get participants to this," said Tateishi. "It's important to get the West Coast kids to go out."

Mori challenged the district governors to get at least two youth from each of their chapters to attend the conference. ■

Kokoro Kai Receives \$5,000 From Behnke

The Kokoro Kai Adult Day Program has been granted a \$5,000 award from the Behnke Foundation. The funds will go toward the Nutrition Program, which provides nutritious and culturally appropriate meals to its participants.

Kokoro Kai, meaning "a meeting of hearts and minds," is a day program designed to help seniors maintain independence and wellness through engaging activities, mild exercise and social opportunities. Three days a week participants gather among their peers and enjoy activities and a healthy lunch.

"We are pleased to be able to support Nikkei Concerns' Kokoro Kai Nutrition Program, which by including exercise fulfills more than a hungry stomach for many seniors in the International District," said

Behnke Foundation Trustee Shari Behnke.

The Behnke Foundation is a private family foundation. Its purpose is to help improve the quality of life in the communities where the Behnke families live and work, through focused innovative grant-making. In 2002, the foundation focused on making grants to senior service organizations in Seattle.

Nikkei Concerns is a community based nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide health and related services in a traditional atmosphere to primarily elderly Nikkei in the Pacific Northwest. For information about the Kokoro Kai program, contact Naoko Ulstein, Kokoro Kai director, at 206/726-6474 or e-mail: naokou@nikkei-concerns.org. ■

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BASKETBALL

Sporting News Names Yao in NBA's Top 25

ST. LOUIS—Quick, versatile players are all the rage in the NBA, but Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal heads the list of the league's top 25 players as compiled by *The Sporting News*.

Houston Rockets center Yao Ming came in at No. 23.

The St. Louis-based publication polled general managers for its top-25 list, highlighted in the March 3 edition on newsstands Feb. 27.

O'Neal's teammate Kobe Bryant is No. 2 on the list. One general manager said Bryant is the closest the NBA has to Michael Jordan in his prime. Bryant's streak of nine straight games of 40 or more points ended Feb. 25, when he scored 32 in a win over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Rounding out the top 10 were, in order, San Antonio's Tim Duncan, Orlando's Tracy McGrady, Minnesota's Kevin Garnett, New Jersey's Jason Kidd, Sacramento's Chris

Webber, Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki, Boston's Paul Pierce and Philadelphia's Allen Iverson.

Those ranked 11-25 were, in order, Jermaine O'Neal, Indiana; Gary Payton, Milwaukee; Steve Francis, Houston; Vince Carter, Toronto; Steve Nash, Dallas; Jordan, Washington; Rasheed Wallace, Portland; Ray Allen, Seattle; Stephon Marbury, Phoenix; Karl Malone, Utah; Shawn Marion, Phoenix; Baron Davis, New Orleans; Yao, Houston; John Stockton, Utah; and Michael Finley, Dallas.

Meanwhile, in Beijing, Yao fell short of winning China's "Sportsman of the Year" award.

Yao and three other candidates fell in balloting to world champion gymnast Li Xiaopeng, who helped China win the 2000 Olympic all-around gold and won three golds in

last year's Busan Asian Games.

Yao was in Washington for a game against Michael Jordan and the Wizards at the time of the announcement, which took place Feb. 28, Beijing time.

Even the 21-year-old Li said he thought Yao would take the top prize.

"I thought Yao would win because no one can deny that basketball is a more popular sport than gymnastics in China. In our country, everyone, including me, likes Yao Ming," Li was quoted as saying by China's official Xinhua News Agency.

One of the 80 sports authorities who picked the winner said the nominees' international competition results were a more important criteria than their popularity.

"Li Xiaopeng won six international titles last year, and I think he deserves the title," said former Olympic champion runner Wang Junxia.

BASEBALL

Vancouver Asahi Team Elected Into Hall of Fame

TORONTO—The Vancouver Asahi, a team of Canadians of Japanese descent that won several championships before World War II, was elected to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame on Feb. 24.

They join former Toronto star Joe Carter, Canadian pitcher Kirk McCaskill and administrator Richard Belec, who were among 46 nominees for the Canadian hall.

Baseball's career hits leader and former Montreal Expo, Pete Rose, missed out on the cut, falling short of the necessary 75 percent vote from the selection committee. The hall did not release vote totals.

Rose is still ineligible for the

National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., because of his permanent ban from baseball. He agreed to the ban in August 1989 following an investigation of his gambling. Commissioner Bud Selig and Rose have spoken about possible reinstatement, but Selig won't say when or if he will take any action.

Since its inception in 1983, the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame has inducted 58 members, including Jackie Robinson, Gary Carter and Ferguson Jenkins, who has the most major-league wins (284) by a Canadian.

The hall will hold its induction ceremony on June 28 in St. Marys.

GOLF

Wie Gets Invited to Another LPGA Event

HONOLULU—Michelle Wie has a busy schedule ahead of her, considering she's only 13 and isn't eligible for her school's varsity team yet.

Wie recently received a sponsor's exemption to play in the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship in April. It's one of three LPGA Tour event invitations she has received and accepted this season.

The eighth-grader from Honolulu, who stands nearly 6 feet tall and drives up to 270 meters (300 yards), already has received sponsor's invitations to play in the Kraft Nabisco Championship next month in Rancho Mirage, Calif., and the ShopRite Classic in June in Galloway, N.J.

"It'll be fun," Wie said. "I like

seeing the good golfers and playing on challenging golf courses, so it'll help me to play better in the future."

Non-tour members are allowed to play in a maximum of four events per year. As an amateur, Wie isn't eligible to receive any purse money. Her father, B.J. Wie, a professor at the University of Hawaii, said the experience to play with the world's best woman golfers is worth more than money.

Wie attends the Punahou School, but she can't play for the varsity team until the ninth grade. She'll miss a week of classes to play in the Chick-fil-A in Stockbridge, Ga., a tournament hosted by Nancy Lopez. The other events fall during her vacation.

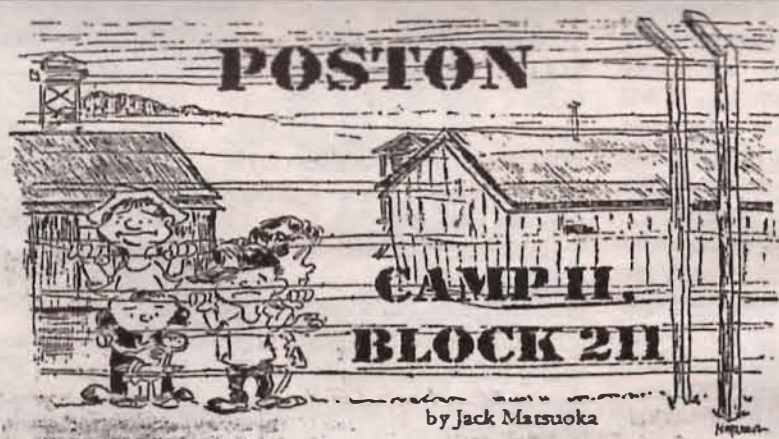
Last year, at the age of 12, Wie played in three LPGA Tour events

and missed the cut each time.

Wie might have to adjust to playing competitively against women again, since she's only played against men this year.

On Feb. 9, she shot a 5-over 77 in the final round of the Hawaii Pearl Open, finishing with an 8-over 224 to tie for 43rd place. She was the only female player — and the youngest overall — in a field of 192, half of whom are top Japanese pro and amateur golfers.

In January, Wie tried to qualify for the PGA Tour's Sony Open. She shot a 1-over 73 from the back tees and tied for 47th playing against 96 men. In December, she won the Hawaii State Junior Golf Association's Tournament of Champions.



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Suzuki, Sasaki Look Forward to Opener in Japan

TOKYO—The Seattle Mariners' long road trip for opening day will be a trip home for Ichiro Suzuki and Kazuhiro Sasaki.

That's because the Mariners are starting the season in Japan, a two-game series against the Oakland Athletics at the Tokyo Dome on March 25-26.

"It will be a totally different experience from any other opening game," Suzuki said. "To play in my native country for the Mariners is very exciting for me."

This will be the second set of major league games played outside North America: the Chicago Cubs and the New York Mets opened the 2000 season at the Big Egg, as the ballpark is known.

The New York Yankees might follow. After their signing of Hideki Matsui, the Yankees have been asked by the major league commissioner's office whether they would consider playing their 2004 opener in Japan, a baseball official said on condition of anonymity.

New York is considering the idea, which is still in the preliminary stage, the official said. No opponents have yet been discussed.

As for this year's opener, Suzuki said his responsibilities include keeping teammates out of Roppongi, a Tokyo entertainment district popular with Westerners.

Oakland won the AL West for the

second time in three seasons in 2002, and Seattle missed the playoffs.

Suzuki joined the Mariners before the 2001 season and won the AL MVP and Rookie of the Year awards. He batted .321 with eight homers and 51 RBIs last year.

Sasaki, the 2000 AL Rookie of the Year, had surgery in the off-season to remove a floating bone chip from his right elbow. He said he's making progress and is looking forward to taking the mound in Japan.

"Oakland has a very talented team and it will be important to get the first hitter out before facing core batters like (Miguel) Tejada and (Eric) Chavez," Sasaki said.

Sasaki, who pitched 10 seasons in Japan for the Yokohama BayStars before joining the Mariners in 2000, was 4-5 last year with a 2.52 ERA and 37 saves in 45 chances.

Another Japanese reliever, Shigetoshi Hasegawa, also is on the Mariners. While Oakland doesn't have any Japanese players, new A's manager Ken Macha played in Japan from 1982 to 1985 for the Chunichi Dragons.

Suzuki and Sasaki said they are looking forward to playing for Bob Melvin, who became Seattle's manager after Lou Piniella quit to become manager of Tampa Bay.

"He seems like a very calm person," Suzuki said. "Quite different from Piniella in that regard."

TV

Production Company Seeks JAs for 'Antiques Roadshow' Special

Robin/Tani Media Factory, a television consultation/production company based in Venice, Calif., is currently seeking Japanese or Japanese American participants for a two-hour Japanese TV special similar in format to the PBS program "Antiques Roadshow," in which people bring their antiques, collectibles, heirlooms and treasures to be appraised by an expert.

"Nandemo Kanteidan" ("We Will Appraise Your Treasure") is one of the most popular TV programs in Japan, airing nationwide on Tokyo Television Network every Tuesday at 9 p.m. The two-hour spring special will air sometime in April.

Several candidates will be selected prior to actual filming for a segment called "Shucchou Kantei," featuring individuals or groups representing the JA community in the United States who are willing to have items appraised on camera.

Location scouting, auditions and shooting dates are tentatively scheduled for the beginning and middle of March. Shooting times are estimated at two-to-three hours long. The film crew is small and is willing to accommodate participants who have events they wish to promote during filming.

Robin/Tani Media Factory has been working in video and TV production for 10 years and has co-produced numerous Japanese programs, including documentaries, dramas, travelogues, music videos and quiz and entertainment shows.

For more information or if interested in participating or auditioning, contact Mas Kondo, Robin/Tani Media Factory production manager, at 310/827-3027 or e-mail: mas@rtmf.com. Or contact Kathy Sakamoto, Japantown Business Association executive director, at 408/298-4303 or e-mail: jtsj@ix.netcom.com.



East Wind

Bill Marutani

The Fourth Case

“When I think about it now — that my case went to the United States Supreme Court — I’m awed by it. I never believed it, that I would be the one. It doesn’t seem like it’s me that I’m looking at when I see it in print, it was so long ago. Actually, I didn’t do much. It was all my attorney’s [James C. Purcell’s] effort. ... Do I have any regrets at all about the test case? No, not now, because of the way it turned out.” (From one of 30 interviews chronicled in an anthology by John Tateishi, “And Justice For All,” p. 259, Random House, New York)

SO COMMENTED Mitsuye Endo on her habeas corpus petition filed in July 1942 while confined at the Tule Lake internment camp. Titled *Ex Parte Mitsuye Endo*, 323 US 283 (Dec. 18, 1944), the opinion authored by Justice Douglas outlined the gravamen of her complaint:

“Her petition for a writ of habeas corpus alleges that she is a loyal and law-abiding citizen of the United States, that no charge has been made against her, that she is being unlawfully detained, and that she is confined in the Relocation Center under armed guard and held there against her will.” [323 US at 295]

ALTHOUGH FINDING that “Mitsuye Endo is entitled to unconditional release by the War Relocation Authority,” Douglas did not repudiate or qualify his previous stance taken in

Hirabayashi, 320 US 81 (June 21, 1943). Indeed, he went out of his way to declare his adherence to the concept of legality of the uprooting of some 120,000 people based upon their race:

“If we assume (as we do) that the original evacuation was justified, its lawful character was derived from the fact that it was an espionage and sabotage measure ...” [323 US at 302; emphasis added]

Justice Murphy, concurring in the relief granted to Endo, saw the picture in a different light: “I am of the view that detention in Relocation Centers of persons of Japanese ancestry regardless of loyalty is not only unauthorized by Congress or the Executive but is another example of unconstitutional resort to racism inherent in the entire evacuation program.” [Id. at 307; emphasis added]

Likewise, Justice Roberts, while concurring in the result reached in the *Endo* case, repudiates “the reasons stated in the opinion ... for reaching that result.” [Id. at 308]

IN HIS BOOK “Justice at War” (Oxford University Press, New York), law professor Peter Irons provides some background details surrounding the legal proceedings in the four cases that reached the U.S. Supreme Court — *Hirabayashi*, *Yasui*, *Korematsu* and *Endo*. In brief, the line-up of the challengers to the government’s actions was comprised, respectively, of a Quaker-based philosopher, a sophisticated law-trained volunteer, followed by a laborer-welder who was no less determined in

seeking vindication of his rights as an American. The fourth Japanese American, Mitsuye Endo, “differed from [the three Nisei men] ... not only in sex but in the form of her challenge.

“Her challenge to the internment began after she reported to the Tanforan assembly center and was based on the civil procedure of a habeas corpus petition [which] eventually forced the Supreme Court to confront the internment issue directly” (page 100).

In his narrative, author Irons touches upon the hectic efforts of law-trained JACL National President Saburo Kido seeking to save the state jobs held by Nisei while lining up legal representation for test cases such as that of Ms. Endo, getting barrister Purcell, who operated a modest two-man office, to take the Endo case “without fee.”

DURING THE COURSE of the 1981-82 investigation and hearings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, among the documents that came to light was a record of a telephone call placed by Col. Karl R. Bendetsen to his contacts in Washington, D.C. Referring to the habeas corpus proceeding which had just been filed by Mitsuye Endo, Bendetsen, a Stanford Law School graduate, reported that which government officials had been anticipating with much concern.

Paraphrasing, it went something like this: “Well, it’s finally happened.” ■

Nisei names, place of birth, year of birth and brief comments; while prefectures with a larger Kibei Nisei population such as Hiroshima, Yamaguchi, Okayama and Wakayama may have only listed the number of Kibei Nisei and general observations.

Among some of the observations made by the prefectural governors regarding the Kibei Nisei included (translated): “Good in English. Lousy in Japanese”; “Face and features are Japanese but the heart seems American”; and “Educated in Japan but as soon as he/she (gender not signified) returns to America, his/her heart will return to American ways.”

From these documents, Kadoike calculates that between 3,000 to 2,000 Kibei Nisei, men and women, were in Japan before the outbreak of the war. Of this number, Kadoike estimates that between 500 to 1,000 Kibei men had been drafted into the Japanese military.

“It’s probably more than 500 but there is no record so it’s very difficult to check on this,” said Kadoike.

Kadoike said he hopes to have his findings on the Kibei Nisei experience in the Japanese Army published in English and Japanese within the next two years.

At the same time, Kadoike has expanded his research to include the Kibei Nisei experiences of both men and women from the United States and Canada.

“I’ve become very interested in this subject,” said Kadoike, who has met a number of Kibei Nisei women during the course of his research.

The biggest hurdle to Kadoike’s

research has been lack of funding. The trips within Japan and to the United States have been largely paid out of Kadoike’s own pocket.

But perhaps Kadoike’s luck may be changing. His research has caught the attention of other educators in Japan and he has been invited to teach a special high school course this April on the WWII experiences of the Japanese Americans. Two other high schools have also shown interest in having Kadoike give special lectures.

Kibei Nisei and Nisei who served in the Japanese military are asked to contact Hiroshi Kadoike at: Nagoya City University, Master of Multicultural Communications, 565-44 Sasagane Kikkou, Moriyama-ku Nagoya 463-0004, Japan; phone 052/736-1101; fax 052/736-1102; e-mail kado@gctv.ne.jp. ■

From the Midwest

Bill Yoshino, Midwest Regional Director

Rep. Howard Coble and the Price of Dignity



The recent comments by Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., justifiably caused a stir in some segments of the Asian Pacific American community. During a radio call-in show in North Carolina, Coble stated that he supported Franklin Roosevelt’s decision to incarcerate Japanese Americans during World War II.

Coble went on to say that JAs were confined for their own protection, declaring that our community was “an endangered species.” He further said, “Some probably were intent on doing harm to us, just as some of these Arab Americans are probably intent on doing harm to us.”

Some of Coble’s Democratic colleagues took issue with his remarks, as did a newspaper editorial in his own hometown publication in North Carolina. The JACL took a position severely criticizing Coble, calling for his apology and that he step down from his chairmanship of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, the very subcommittee that writes legislation to safeguard our national security. Many national organizations and individuals took similar positions because Coble’s remarks revealed a man too willing to repeat a civil rights travesty.

Coble’s comments raise some interesting thoughts about offensive remarks and how they are processed by the public. I’ve heard people wonder aloud about how Coble’s remarks compared to Trent Lott’s statements that led to his removal from his leadership position in the Senate. In my mind, there isn’t a great deal of difference between Lott’s remarks regarding support for Strom Thurmond and his segregationist views in 1948, and Coble’s support for Roosevelt’s executive order on internment. Both views would sanction egregious civil rights abuses against a minority group.

Unlike the Lott situation where political opportunity and media leverage held sway, Coble has not felt a tidal wave of outrage pressuring him to step down from his

chairmanship and, much less, to offer a proper apology. And why is that? As suggested in a commentary by *Pacific Citizen* board chairman Gil Asakawa, it may be because minority status is viewed through the spectrum of black and white, where the long and shameful experience of African Americans in the United States causes the public to feel a reflexive outrage for remarks akin to Lott’s. More likely, and to their credit, the African American community doesn’t tolerate racial insensitivity, and they constitute a substantial political base.

The fact that this same outrage isn’t evident when defamatory remarks are made about APAs may reflect a marginalization of our community in the media and within the political structure. APAs aren’t adequately represented within media or political institutions, thereby leaving it to the goodwill of others to step forward to help state our case, to condemn or to force remedial action.

The other side of this concerns the willingness of APAs to get upset enough to confront intolerant behavior. A student reporter at Northwestern University remarked to me that she interviewed several JAs who were offended by Coble’s statements but didn’t want to make their objections public.

How often do we let offensive racial behavior slide by? “Let it go,” we sometimes think, “they’re just having some harmless fun.” The problem, of course, lies in the adage that “when you tolerate insult, you invite injury.” Hate violence is often preceded by racial slurs. The internment during WWII was preceded by years of fear-mongering and racial intolerance.

Howard Coble will properly apologize and step down when the political establishment in Washington feels threatened enough to force the issue and when the media discovers that we, too, will not abide racial insult. We all need to step up to confront offensive behavior together. The cost for our apathy is our dignity. ■

KADOIKE

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draftees hit home to Kadoike when one draftee passed away three days before their scheduled meeting. Kadoike wondered how many more are passing away without documenting their experiences.

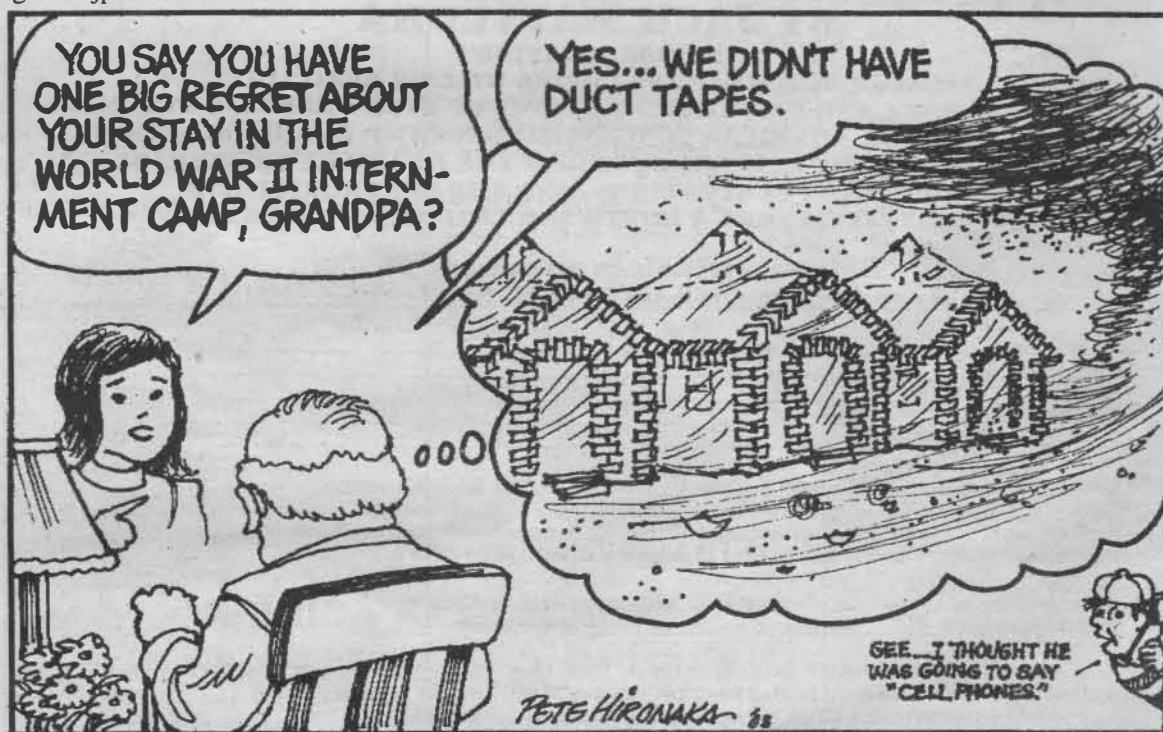
Not one to let any lead go unexamined, Kadoike even tracked down an out-of-print book published in 1972 by William Morrow & Co., titled “The Two Worlds of Jim Yoshida.” The book, written by Jim Yoshida and former *Pacific Citizen* columnist Bill Hosokawa, is one of the few books written in English that document the experiences of a Nisei drafted into the Japanese military during World War II.

In addition to oral interviews, Kadoike has been pouring through primary sources at the archives of the Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kadoike said he found documents showing that from the mid-1930s the central government began gathering information on the Kibei Nisei living in Japan. While Kadoike’s conclusions are still in the preliminary stages, he shared that the prefectural governors were required to submit detailed information about the Kibei Nisei living in their respective prefectures. This program seemed to have begun around 1935 and lasted for about five years, right until the outbreak of WWII.

The amount of information provided by each prefectural governor varied, said Kadoike. Prefectures with fewer Kibei Nisei such as Iwata-ken listed individual Kibei

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'BETTER LUCK'

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because of our faces. We don't perform martial arts, we aren't struggling with our identity as Asians and we aren't the translator in a scene," said actor Parry Shen, who plays Ben, one of the main characters in the film. "There is no specific reason for being on screen besides just being regular characters that everyone can relate to. There has never been a film that does that and is backed by a studio for distribution."

Much like the beloved independent film "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" went on to become an unexpected sleeper hit last season, Shen and other AAs say they're hoping "Better Luck" breaks big at the box office as well.

"This movie marks a pivotal moment within the entertainment industry and the media as well because although it is not the first all-Asian American cast, it is the first time that Asian Americans do it on their own terms," said actor Leonard Wu, a recent

UCLA graduate. "It breaks the rules, not following the stereotypes that have become calcified over time and consequently stigmatizing Asians as only being able to handle one or two types of genres."

The film centers on high school student Ben and his motley group of friends: Steve (John Cho, "American Pie 2" and "Off Center"), Daric (Roger Fan, "Corky Romano"), Han (Sung Kang) and Virgil (Jason Tobin). Partly a result of their upbringing in a conservative Los Angeles suburb, the teens appear to be your typical overachievers concerned with getting into Ivy League schools, but it soon becomes clear that they are far from model minorities as their lives quickly descend into a morass of mischief, drug dealing and petty crime.

What's significant about this film is that "it portrays Asian Americans as people and not Hollywood racial stereotypes," said DC Wolfe, an AA actor and screenwriter from Los Angeles. "[It shows] that Asian American actors need not portray or be typecast in roles that

are racially specific."

"Better Luck Tomorrow" premiered last May at Visual Communications' Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film & Video Festival. It was also selected to screen at the 2002 Toronto International Film Festival and Sundance, where its buzz really began to pick up steam.

There, at the 1,300-seat Eccles Theatre, the film sold out.

"The audience loved it," said Shen, who is currently working on two feature film screenplays and appeared as the lead in last summer's teen comedy "The New Guy." "They were shocked at the right places, laughed at the right places. Afterwards, the cast and I were literally stopped every five minutes on the streets at Sundance."

Out of thousands of entries that were sent into Sundance, only 16 films got into the dramatic competition, and only about eight were offered distribution, he pointed out.

"It speaks volumes because it is the first AA film to get picked up at Sundance, and MTV Films made it their first acquisition ever," Shen said. "Those two facts alone show the strength of the film and how confident MTV is that it will cross over to all audiences. Otherwise, they wouldn't

have [put] up their own money."

Lin met with five agents before MTV Films reportedly bought the film for just under \$1 million. Lin's previous works include his first independent feature film, 1997's "Shopping for Fangs," which he co-wrote and released on a shoestring budget with former UCLA classmate Quentin Lee.

At the time of the acquisition, MTV Films Vice President Michael Cole told the filmmakers: "You've got a universal story in terms of what these guys are experiencing, and I think that's why people respond to it so strongly. It's told from a perspective that we haven't seen before and that we often don't see. I thought [the film] was incredible for our brand and for our audience. When I saw the movie, I just said, 'You know, we really need to buy this movie. This movie is what we are.'"

The exposure at Sundance also gave way to glowing reviews from such mainstream critics as *Newsweek's* David Ansen, who called it "stylish and very well acted," and *Rolling Stone's* Peter Travers, who called it "a funny-sexy-scary powerhouse" and "the best and most provocative entry in the dramatic competition" at Sundance.

But it was famed critic Roger Ebert

who fanned even more interest — and controversy — in the film's themes and particularly its representation of AAs.

In a post-Sundance Q&A session, one audience member at the screening chastised Lin for showing AAs in such a negative light, saying, "What kind of portrait is this of Asian Americans? Don't you have a responsibility to paint a more positive and helpful portrait of your community?"

Ebert, who doesn't normally speak during these sessions, felt compelled to interject: "You would never make a comment like that to a white filmmaker."

His subsequent review of the movie for the Chicago *Sun-Times* called attention to the fact that the director was presenting a portrait of AAs that challenged their stereotypes as "martial arts practitioners, exotic sexual prizes or winners of the spelling bee."

"For years," Ebert said in his review, "filmmakers have tiptoed around the sensibilities of some ethnic groups, afraid to offend. Maybe the tiptoeing is the real offense. Until Indians, Asians and African Americans are shown with the same moral complexity as white characters, they are being short-changed, stereotyped, closed off from the full range of human emotion."

Lin also defended himself by saying that he felt the film depicted the lives of a group of teenagers of any race. This group just happened to be AA.

"At this point in time, not many mainstream industry productions are providing Asian American artists with many opportunities to display their work to the masses, so for the time being, we need to show our support for other Asian American artists and produce our own opportunities," said Lloyd Lee, 24, a member of hereandnow, an AA touring theater group.

"It's important for Asian Americans to break into the mainstream because only then will the mass public, especially in regions of the U.S. where Asian Americans are scarce, take [us] seriously as valid and genuine artists," he said.

The first three weeks of "Better Luck's" release are the most critical, according to Shen, because that determines whether the studio decides to roll the film into more theaters across the country.

"There is a tremendous importance for Asian Americans to attain cross-over mainstream success due to the simple fact that we are an integral part of society," said Wolfe. "To stifle our success denies us the right to exist and have an accurate representation of who we are as people which live, work and contribute to the community just as much as any other ethnicity."

"Better Luck Tomorrow" opens on April 11 in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco. It opens on April 18 in Washington, D.C., Boston, Houston, Honolulu, Sacramento, San Diego, Seattle, Portland and Minneapolis.

For more information about the film or to find screening locations, visit: www.betterlucktomorrow.com.

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East Coast

PHILADELPHIA

Sat., March 22—Philadelphia JACL Installation Dinner; 5 p.m. cocktails, 6 p.m. dinner; Degenhardt's, 602 N. Black Horse Pike, Mt. Ephraim, N.J.; speaker, Karen Narasaki, executive director, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC). Info: Hiro Nishikawa, 610/896-0538.

NEW YORK CITY

Fri., March 14—Tenth Annual Asian/Pacific American Forum on Youth Culture; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Silver Center, NYU, 100 Washington Square East; leadership and educational training from A/P/A Studies for high school students. Info: 212/992-9653; www.apa.nyu.edu/youthforum/.

Thurs., March 20—Asian Americans For Equality 29th Lunar New Year Celebration; 6:30 p.m.; Jin Fong Restaurant, 20 Elizabeth St. **RSVP by March 10:** Helen Romeroat, 212/680-1374 ext. 126; www.aafe.org/banquet.

Thurs., March 27—Brown Bag Lunch Series: "Migrancy, Citizenship and New York City" with visiting scholar May Joseph; 12 noon-2 p.m.; A/P/A Studies, NYU, 269 Mercer St. Suite 609. **RSVP by March 24:** apa.rsvp@nyu.edu; 212/992-9653.

Sat., March 29—Film screening, "An Untold Triumph"; 6-8 p.m.; Cantor Film Center, NYU, 36 E. 8th St., Theater 101; the stories of 30 surviving Filipino American soldiers of WWII, narrated by Lou Diamond Phillips. **RSVP by March 26:** apa.rsvp@nyu.edu; 212/992-9653.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sat., March 29—Fifth Annual Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk; from the National Japanese American Memorial at D Street & New Jersey Avenue, following the National Mall towards the Sylvan Theatre for martial arts demonstrations, Japanese performances and music; proceeds to benefit the NJAMF education fund. Info: Beth Fumishige, 703/548-1566, or Ben Watada, 703/978-5365.

Midwest

CINCINNATI

Thurs.-Sat., April 10-12—2003 NCSA Great Lakes Regional Conference; the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, 151 W. 5th St.; "In the Land of the Free: The Japanese American Experience in America's Concentration Camps" is scheduled for Saturday Morning, April 12; speakers: Ed Ezaki, Henry Tanaka, Stogie Toki.

CLEVELAND

Sat.-Sun., March 22-23—Food Bazaar; Cleveland Buddhist Temple. **Fri.-Sat., March 28-29**—Midwest District Council Meeting; Radisson Hotel, downtown.

Mountain Plains

WYOMING

Monthly—Tours of Heart Mountain campsite; offered by the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation. Info: Pat Wolfe, 307/754-2689 or e-mail pwolfe@wavecom.net.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY

Sat., March 22—Annual JACL Credit Union banquet and auction.

Sun., March 23—JACL Intermountain District Council (IDC) meeting.

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 1-3—Minidoka Reunion; see details at Seattle.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho

Fri.-Sun., June 27-29—JACL Bi-District Conference (IDC-PNW); welcome mixer, "Hint of Hawaii" (pre-function for 2004 convention); recognition/speakers: artist Roger Shimomura, political aide Dan Shimomura and Terrell Nagata, JACL Credit Union; golf in the canyon, bus to Jackpot, Nev. (golf there also), Minidoka tour, fishing for rainbow trout.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Sat.-Sun., March 15-16—Ikebana Exhibit; 12 noon-5 p.m.; St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1610 S. King St.; demonstrations by master Seifu Noguchi of Japan at 2 p.m. each day; tea and refreshments will be served. Info: Nobuko Ohgi, 206/232-8736, or Mary Shigaya, 425/271-0875.

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 1-3—Minidoka Reunion; DoubleTree Hotel, Seattle Airport; all former Minidokans, their families and interested persons are invited; mixer, exhibits, panel discussions, banquet dinner with a short program; Sunday picnic. Reserve directly with the Hotel and mention the Minidoka 2003 Reunion for special rate: 800/222-8733. Info: Minidoka Reunion 2003 Committee, c/o Ronald and Gloria Shigeno, 4442-140th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98006.

Northern California

BAY AREA

Sat., March 29—Northern California 22nd Annual *Shinnen Kai*; see Union City.

EL CERRITO

Sat., April 5—Contra Costa JACL Annual Senior Appreciation/Scholarship Awards Potluck Luncheon; 12:30 p.m.; El Cerrito Senior Center, Stockton St. Info: Don Delcollo, 223-1352, or June Kodani, 548-4104.

SACRAMENTO

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 17-19—Placer County Nikkei Reunion; Sacramento Hilton Arden West Hotel, 2200 Harvard St.; Nikkei who attended Placer County schools before or after WWII, or who attended schools in internment camps during the war, or who moved before graduating from high school, are welcome; Friday and Saturday mixers, cocktail hour, banquet, Saturday dance, Sunday breakfast, plus tours, golf, optional activities. Info: <http://www.placemikkeireunion.com>; or Aiko Seo, 916/443-7746; Tomio Masaki, 916/456-2595; Grace Miyamoto, 916/421-2788.

SAN JOSE

Thursdays-Sundays through March 23—World premiere of "Conjuncto"; Mexican Heritage Plaza Theater, 1700

Alum Rock Ave. at King Rd.; a play about those left behind on a farm in California during the WWII internment of JAs, and the introduction of the Bracero program. Tickets, schedules: 408/272-9926.

Fri., March 14—Asian Law Alliance 26th Anniversary Dinner; 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner; 8 p.m. program; Fairmont Hotel, 170 S. Market St.; keynote speaker Robert Rubin; emcee ABC 7 news anchor Thuy Vu; honoring Jeff Adachi, Dr. David D. Lee, Wilma Chan, Jeff Li, Dr. Hsing Kung, Cindy Chavez. **RSVP by March 7:** 408/287-9710; sccala@pacbell.net.

Wednesdays, March 19-April 29—"Okasan and Me," Japanese language and cultural program; 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Japanese American Museum, 534 N. Fifth St., Japantown; for children 5 years old and under and parents. Info: Cynthia Konda, 408/275-8035; www.okasanandme.com.

UNION CITY

Sat., March 29—Northern California JA Senior Centers 22nd Annual *Shinnen Kai*; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd.; obento lunch. **RSVP at local senior center by March 12.** Info: Kathy Higuchi, Yu-Ai Kai, 408/294-2505.

Central California

FRESNO

Mon.-Wed., March 24-26—Poston III Camp Reunion; see details at Las Vegas.

Sat., March 29—Sierra Post 8499 Anniversary Dinner; 5 p.m. no-host bar, 6 p.m. dinner; Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Blackstone at Dakota; honored guest, Senior Vice Commander Henry Wadahara, VFW Department of California; speakers, Katsumi Hikido, 442nd RCT (G Co.), and Walter Tanaka, MIS. Tickets: Bobbie Hanada, 434-1662; Don Wakida, 291-6322; Frank Isogawa, 896-1738.

VISALIA

Fri.-Sun. April 25-27—JACL Tri-District Conference for PSW, CC and NCWNP, "Cultivating Our Heritage"; Visalia Holiday Inn; workshops on youth, education, senior issues; visit to the Ruth & Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art in Hanford; golf at Valley Oak Golf Course (reserve with Stanley Hirahara, schirahara@earthlink.com, 559/638-6014); hosted by the CCDC. Info: Larry Ishimoto, 559/627-0442; slyder1234@aol.com.

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Sat., March 15—MIS Club of Southern California *Shinnen Kai* 2003; 12 noon (11:30 registration); Stevens Steak & Seafood House, 5331 E. Stevens Place (323/723-9865). **RSVP by March 11 for discount:** Cathy Tanaka, 213/626-0441; fax 213/617-2781.

COSTA MESA

Thurs., March 20—Japan America Society "5:01" Business Networking Mixer; 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Lawry's Carvery, 3333 Bristol St. **RSVP by March 17:** 213/627-6217 ext. 202.

LOS ANGELES

Through March 9—East West Players presents the musical play, "Little Shop of Horrors"; David Henry Hwang Theatre, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo. Schedules, tickets: 213/625-7000. Info: www.eastwest-players.org.

Fri., March 14—Exhibition Opening, "Finding Family Stories"; A multi-site art exhibition exploring themes of community and cultural diversity; sites include the Chinese American Museum, Self-Help Graphics & Art, and the California African American Museum. Exhibition runs through July 19. Info: Japanese American National Museum, 213/625-0414.

Sat., March 22—Free performance for youth, "Asian Pacific Tales" presented by East West Players; 2 p.m.; David Henry Hwang Theater, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo. **RSVP:** 213/625-7000. Info: Marilyn Tokuda, 213/625-7000 ext. 28; mtokuda@eastwestplayers.org.

Sat., March 22—Teacher Training Workshop; 8:30-12 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; sponsored by the Go for Broke Educational Foundation; featured speaker, Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, author of "Farewell to Manzanar"; all in attendance will receive a free autographed copy of "Farewell to Manzanar." **RSVP:** Helen Ota, 310/222-5711.

Sat., March 29—Japanese American National Museum's 2003 Annual Dinner, "Honoring the Family Business: Building the American Dream"; Century Plaza Hotel, Century City; spotlighting three-generation Japanese American family businesses that have supported their communities. Info: JANM: 213/625-0414.

Mon., April 28—East West Players'

37th Anniversary Visionary Awards Dinner; Westin Bonaventure Hotel; performances, silent auction. Info: Lissa Lee; lee@eastwestplayers.org.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Mon.-Wed., March 24-26—Poston III Camp Reunion; Golden Nugget, downtown. Info: Sammy Nakagawa, co-chair, 559/638-9510; Franklin Abe, co-chair, 559/626-7275; Ada Yamamoto, registration, 559/834-2468; fax 559/897-0733; mdjost@lightspeed.net.

Fri.-Sun., June 6-8—Gila Reunion; Plaza Hotel; the event will pay tribute to all the veterans who entered the service from Gila in WWII, with a special salute to the 22 KIAs by the honor guard from the Pima Indian Post in Phoenix; busses from Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, will leave from Fourth & Boyd on June 6 at 8 a.m. **Registration closes April 1.** Info: Hy Shishino, 562/926-8159; hshishino@hotmail.com.

Tues.-Thurs., Oct. 28-30—Rohwer Jr. High School Reunion; California Hotel & Casino; including students who attended Rohwer Jr. High from 1943-45 (graduating classes of 1946, '47, '48). Registration forms, info: Sets (Izumi) Asano; 310/515-0889; Toshi Kusumoto (213/382-5712); or Pat Toshiko (Tamara) Muraoka, 310/532-1666.

RENO

Sun., March 9—Reno JACL Annual Scholarship Benefit Teriyaki dinner; Tickets, info: Vince Johnson, 746-2251; Mimi Fujii-Strickler, 858-8850; or Bud Fujii, 852-0559.

Hawaii

HONOLULU

Thurs.-Sun., April 3-6—442nd RCT 60th Anniversary Reunion, "Patriotism, Valor, and Honor." Info: 808/949-7997. ■

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Aoki, Masa Hayashi, 83, Montclair, N.J., Jan. 16; Salinas-born; Poston II internee; survived by husband Peter; son Steven of McLean, Va.; daughter Ruth of Montclair; 4 gc.

Domoto, Chiye "Chiye," 81, Fresno, Feb. 13; Rexburg, Idaho-born; survived by sons Gary (Cecilia), Steve (Irene); daughter Jo Ann (Bill) Namba; 7 gc., 5 gc.; sisters Katie (George) Kitamura, Donna (Shig) Nakagiri, Alice Ideishi-Greenberg, Jane (Hideo) Kawamura, Marie Nakagawa; brothers Yoshi (Kazuko), Tad and Fred (Noriko) Nakagawa; brother-in-law William Yamane.

Fujinaga, Sakae (Saki), 84, Ontario, Ore., Feb. 25; Tacoma, Wash.-born; Tule Lake internee; survived by wife Akiko; sons Glen of Coos Bay, Ore., Wayne of Ontario, Jon (Kristi) of Perkasio, Penn.; daughters Jean (Kevin) Miyasako of Wilder, Idaho, Susan Fujinaga of Eagle, Idaho; 5 gc.; sister Alice Hayakawa of Seattle; brothers Terry (Sue) of Palo Alto, Ray, (Amy) of Chicago; predeceased by brother Ben, sister Sachi Wada.

Hirose, Steve, 44, Anaheim, Feb. 22; Los Angeles-born; survived by parents Yuji Gene and Shiz Ruth Hirose of Anaheim; sisters Pattie Hirose-Burs of Santa Cruz, Darlene (Bruce) Ujihara of Mission Viejo.

Honda, Kiyoko Ruth, O.D., 77, Santa Maria, Feb. 23; Santa Monica-born; survived by husband Masami Joe; daughter Jane Eckstein; son Donald (Linda); 3 gc.; sister-in-law Norma Honda.

Inahara, Miyoko, 71, Ontario, Ore., Feb. 13; Portland, Ore.-born; survived by husband Pete; son Jeffery of San Francisco; daughters Peggy Inahara of Cayman Islands, British West Indies, Jill Inahara of Portland; 1 gc.; brothers Takeyoshi and Shiro Roy Hayashi, both of Seattle.

Inouye Ed "Eddie," 61, West Covina, Feb. 1; Santa Anita and

Rohwer, Ark., internee; nephew of Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, he helped lobby Congress for redress; survived by wife Denise; 2 children; 5 gc.

Kajita, Kazuko, Gardena, Feb. 21; Los Angeles-born; survived by daughters Janis Harumi, Jeanie Kiyomi Kajita; sisters Miye Oku, Yuri (Hideo) Matsunaga.

Kasai, Hugh Hiroshi, 76, Portland, Ore., Feb. 26; Spokane, Wash.-born; U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Sumiko; son Bret of Beaverton, Ore.; daughters Deanne Takusumi of Tigard Ore., Arlene Kasai of Beaverton; 7 gc.

Kawabata, Tomi, 83, Torrance, Feb. 20; Kagoshima ken-born; survived by son Tom (Jean); 3 gc.

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Kimoto, Masae Lily, 84, Watsonville, Feb. 14; Kumamoto ken-born; survived by sons Glen (Judy), Ted (Patty); daughters June McNiff, Judy Bennett-Sharp; 6 gc., 10 gc.

Kono, Arthur Hiromichi, 63, Colorado State Veterans Nursing Home; retired lieutenant colonel, U.S. Air Force; survived by wife Helen Jamie; sons Scott Arthur, David Richard Pratt; daughter Staci Jean Pratt; 4 gc.

Matsuoka, James Toshio, 82, Broadview Heights, Ohio, Dec. 11; Santa Anita and Jerome, Ark., internee; postwar, he was only the third Japanese American in the city of Cleveland; held more than 100 U.S. and international patents in rubber and plastics equipment manufacturing; survived by wife Dassie; daughters Louise, Arlene Cole of Providence, R.I., Marilyn Miyamoto of Fairfax, Va., Nancy Stem and Marie Ashmus, both of Bay Village, Ohio; 8 gc.

Mori, Hisayo, 87, Castro Valley, Jan. 30; widow of author Toshio

Mori, who wrote the first published book of short stories by a JA ("Yokohama, California"); survived by son Steven; sister Hiroko Suda; predeceased by sisters Itsuko Yamakawa, Haruye Nakagaki, and brother Eiichi Yoshiwara.

Ogura, Toshiko, 82, Ontario, Ore., Feb. 23; Everett, Wash.-born; Tule Lake internee; survived by daughters Patsy (Rod) Eden of Ontario, Linda Menager and Marianne Ogura of Portland, Ore., Lisa Akiyama of Denver; 2 gc.; brothers George (Mabel), Ike (Hime) Tsugawa, all of Woodland Wash., Dr. James (Amy) Tsugawa of Everton, Ore.; sisters Sachi Osumi of Seattle, Helen Fujishin of Capitola; predeceased by husband Tommy.

Oyama, George "Clem," 89, San Francisco, Feb. 20; Fairfield-born; Heart Mountain internee; inventor, entrepreneur, philanthropist and leader in the San Francisco JA community; survived by wife Shizu; children Pat, Susan, George; 1 gc., 1 ggc; sister Lily.

Sasa, Haruko, Brighton, Colo., Feb. 5; survived by sons Floyd (Carol), Paul (Janet); daughters Ruby (Ted) Hada, Phyllis (Bryan) Nakagawa; sisters Sumie Kagohara, Yasuko (Jim) Tochihara; 7 gc., 2 ggc.

Sasaki, Tsutomu Tom, 90, Reedley, Feb. 14; Marysville-born; survived by wife Kikue; sons Shirow (Vickie), Satoshi (Sandra); 3 gc., 1 ggc.; brother George (Chiyeko) Sasaki; sister-in-law Chiyoko Sasaki.

Takahashi, Linda May, 46, Mountain View, Jan. 6; survived by husband Denny; parents Yas and May Shimoguchi; sister Jean Shimoguchi; parents-in-law Tom and Kay Takahashi; brothers-in-law Glenn (Peggy) Takahashi, Ted (Cheryl) Takahashi; sister-in-law Nadine Takahashi (Tim) Kawaguchi.

Wakamiya, Shigeru, 80, Monterey Park, Feb. 22; Norwalk-born; survived by wife Teruko; daughters Jennifer (Steve) Kubo, Doris (Neal) Kojima, Lisa (Robert Romanchuk) Wakamiya; 3 gc.; brother Roy (Kayoko).

Yamashita, Eiko, Turlock, Feb. 6; survived by sons Edward, Ron, Tom, Rich; daughters Darlene Uyeda, Emy Young; brother Eichi Sakaguchi; sisters Miyoko Inaba, Kay Onishi; predeceased by husband Dick.

Yano, Kiyoko "Kiyo," Redwood City, Jan. 30; survived by brothers Sam (Sally) Nakamura, Yuki (Mas) Shibata Ashizawa; brothers-in-law George (Asa), Frank (Peggy), Art (Kiku), Warren (Misao), and Hiromu (Yoshiye) Yano, Frank (Mary) Kamiya; predeceased by husband Lee, brothers Ichiro and Jiro Nakamura.

Yasukochi, Hisano R., 88, San Francisco, Feb. 10; Salinas-born; survived by Moses (Hatsy) Yasukochi, Terry (Roy) Tekawa, Sandi (Roland)

Libby; 10 gc., 14 ggc.

Yokoyama, Yaeko M., 83, Honolulu, Feb. 10; Glendale-born; the sister of U.S. Army WWII Medal of Honor recipient, the late Sadao Munemori; nurse at Manzanar camp; survived by daughters Janice Y. Trubitt, Jerene Y. Wachtel; 3 gc.; 1 step-ggc.

Yonago, Lloyd, 77, Spokane, Wash.; Spokane-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Hida; sons Ford, Lane, and James of Spokane, Craig of Bellevue, Wash.; daughters Corinne Tachikawa of Japan, Lynn Batayola of Sannamish, Wash; 6 gc.; brother James of Westminster; sisters Lily Mizukami, of Fife, Wash., Mary Hasuike of Cerritos, Rose Nishimura of Seal Beach. ■

Whereabouts

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

SUGIMOTO FAMILY

The Gilroy City Museum is trying to locate the Sugimoto family who lived in Gilroy in the early 1900s. A marble headstone with a Japanese inscription "Suyeko Sugimoto" was recently turned over to the museum. It was found when the Chinese Cemetery site was abandoned in 1928. Other inscriptions indicate the family came from Yamaguchi Prefecture and Suyeko was the youngest daughter. Please contact Susan Voss at the Gilroy Museum 408/848-0470 or Brian Shiro-yama, 408/776-0361.

WATSONVILLE HIGH CLASS OF '39

Members of the class of '39 are looking for the following classmates: Eji Hama, Phillip Ide, Haruyo Ito, Emiko Ishisaki, Harry Nakao, Chisato Nishihara Mochimaru, William Nishihara, Nasue Elizabeth Oita Hirozawa, Jerry H. Takemoto and Kenjo Takemoto. Please contact Dorothy Spinetti at DSpinetti@aol.com, 831/423-8271 or Mas Hashimoto at hash79@earthlink.net, 831/722-6859. Any information is greatly appreciated.

FUMIKO TAGUCHI

Margaret Zilar (maiden name Robbins) and Fumiko met in kindergarten at Center Street Grammar School in Manhattan Beach, Calif. Fumiko had a sister, Emiko and a brother, but the name

is unknown. The family lived on a small farm east of Highway 101. After Pearl Harbor, the family was whisked away and Margaret has never seen or heard from Fumiko since. With information, please write to: P.O. Box 2278, Vista, CA 92085.

SUMIE MORIYA

Bill Vassallo is looking for Sumie Moriya (maiden name). He knew her while serving in the U.S. Army in Yokohama, Japan, from 1947-1948. Sumie married an American and moved to the United States. He believes that she is in the Midwest. With information please e-mail to studiov@mis.net.

JOHN OKOMOTO & FRANK YAMASHITA

Last know address for John was in Chicago. He was a T/Sgt. stationed at Ft. Snelling, Minn. Frank was a 1st Sgt. MISIS Minneapolis and Presidio, Calif. Please contact George Yamada at 509/532-0179.

SATSUKI YASUMOTO

Wayne "Bob" Blanchard is trying to locate classmate Satsuki Yasumoto. Both attended the same grammar school in Watsonville, Calif. Wayne lost contact with his friend when his family moved to Washington in 1938. Please contact Wayne at Wayphyl@aol.com or 4734 Woodbend Lane, San Bernardino, CA 92407. ■

DEATH NOTICE

TERRY MASAOKI WATANABE

GARDENA, Calif. — Terry Masaoki Watanabe, 81, passed away Feb. 12 at his residence. Family services for the Sacramento-born Nisei were held Feb. 22 at Green Hills Memorial Park with Rev. Shin Asami of Orange Coast Free Methodist Church officiating and Fukui Mortuary directing. He is survived by his wife, Helen 'Ishiko Watanabe; sons, Ronald (Joan), Gary (Marsha) and Richard (Karen) Watanabe; grandchildren, Scott, Lisa, Ryan, Sean, Daniel and Nicole Watanabe; sister, Masako (Fred) Hayashida. He is remembered and loved by the Watanabe and Tanska families.

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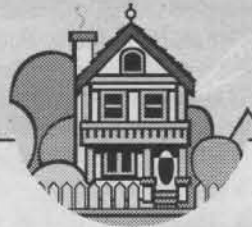
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