Arab American Teenager Falls Victim to Brutal Hate Crime Beating

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

YORBA LINDA, Calif.—The JACL recently joined more than a dozen civil rights, ethnic and religious organizations to condemn the Feb. 23 beating of an 18-year-old Arab American teenager who were in what police are investigating as a hate crime.

The organizations also called for a thorough investigation in an effort to deter future hate attacks.

The Brea police department is handling the beating of

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JACL Continues to Press for Coble Resignation

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Almost two months after Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., made pro-immigration comments, the JACL is still waiting for an apology and his resignation as chairperson of the homeland security subcommittee.

The JACL "is gravely disturbed that Rep. Howard Coble continues to ignore the concerns of millions of Americans by refusing to discuss his comments made last month endorsing the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II," the organization said in a statement.

The JACL has repeatedly attempted to contact Rep. Coble about his February 4th remarks, yet we, nor any organization who has expressed the same concerns, has yet to receive the courtesy of an acknowledgment," the statement continued.

The list of groups and individuals criticizing Coble’s comments continues to grow. On March 5 the Asian American Pacific Islander Congressional Caucus sent a joint letter to House leaders asking them to denounce Coble’s remarks endorsing the JA internment.

In a letter to House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and the Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., members of the minority in Congress described Coble’s remarks "as an inaccurate, misleading and potentially damaging view of history."

They added, “As our country is

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JACL Criticizes Rep. Moran for Anti-Jewish Remark

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

The JACL has joined a long list of those criticizing Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., for anti-Jewish remarks he made at an anti-war event.

"I find Rep. Moran’s comments reprehensible, especially coming from a member of the U.S. Congress," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "This kind of racist stereotyping is unacceptable."

"Rep. Moran’s statements are patently offensive and completely inappropriate, and we support the Jewish community in their outrage," added Floyd Mori, JACL national president.

Moran, 57, apologized March 10 for comments he made at a local church that Jewish support for a war in Iraq was helping the Bush administration move toward an attack. Although several members of the Jewish community have asked for his resignation, he said, “I don’t intend to resign."

Ala March 3 forum Moran told a crowd of about 120 people, "If it

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Legislation Would Allow Former JA Internees to Receive H.S. Diplomas

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Legislation has been introduced in the state of California that would allow former Japanese American World War II internees to receive high school diplomas. The bill is scheduled to be heard in committee on March 22.

The bill states that: "Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a high school district or a unified school district may grant a high school diploma to a person who was interned by order of the federal government during World War II if it finds that the person was enrolled in the school district immediately preceding his or her internment and did not receive a high school diploma because the child's education was interrupted due to his or her internment during World War II."

The bill is sponsored by Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, D-Monterey Park. Lieber said the bill is "important to reflect on the human and civil cost of internment, not just on the Day of Remembrance, but every day." Lieber said, "The human and economic costs to these families and individuals are incalculable — homes lost or abandoned, missed educational opportunities, lost businesses, foregone careers and professional advancements, civil liberties taken away and the total disruption of family life as they knew it."

The bill is scheduled to be heard in committee on March 22.

Persons can send letters of support to Lieber at: State Capitol Office, P.O. Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 94249-0022, fax: 916/319-2122, or e-mail: Assemblymember.Lieber@assembly.ca.gov.

WRA Files on JA WWII Internnees Now Available on NARA Database

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has created an online archival database where basic historical government information can be found, including a file on the Japanese Americans interned during World War II.

"Japanese-American Internment File, 1942-1946" does not include detailed information but allows users to look up individuals by name and area (http://aad.archives.gov/aad/Polve_list.jsp).

The War Relocation Authority (WRA) collected information on JA internees during WWII on WRA Form 26 and used the data to help in the management of the individual internees and the various relocation centers.

The data was collected on punch cards and was eventually converted to an electronic file by the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley during the 1960s. The Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice used this data file to help distribute the reparations to the internments during the 1990s.

The National Archives contains personal information about the JA evacuees from Washington, Oregon and California to the 10 relocation centers operated by WRA during WWII in the states of California (Tule Lake and Manzanar Centers), Idaho (Minidoka Center), Utah (Central Utah Center), Colorado (Granada Center), Arizona (Colorado River and Gila River Centers), Wyoming (Heart Mountain Center) and Arkansas (Rothem and Jerome Centers).

Each individual internee record contains: their name, relocation project and assembly center to which assigned, previous address, birthplace of parents, occupations of parents, birthplace of children and identity of military service. It also includes their Social Security or alien registration numbers, whether they attended Japanese school, occupation and religion.

The file does not include records for individuals who were born in the various relocation centers.

The 2003 JACL-OCA Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference

The 2003 JACL-OCA Washington D.C. Leadership Conference participants (above) meet with U.S. Congressman Mike Honda, D-Calif. The JACL leadership conference participants (below) gather at the home of former National JACL President Patrick Okura and his wife Lily.
National Newsbytes

**Newspaper Headlines**

- Sikh Man Charges NYPD With Discrimination
  - Amrit Singh Rallour, 64, a Sikh man is accusing the New York Police Department of discrimination by allowing him to wear a beard or his turban, both signs of his religious faith. Amrit Singh Rallour, of Ozone Park in Queens, applied to be a traffic enforcement agent with the NYPD. After he failed the required tests, he was sworn in as a civilian pharmacies clerk and subsequently fired two months later. Rallour claims that during his eight years with the department, he and his supervisors clashed over his wearing a turban and keeping his facial hair, claims he says were justified and amounted to discrimination.

- Nan Minami to Receive Bar Association Award
  - Nan Minami, a leader in the national civil rights community, will receive the 2001 Thurgood Marshall Award from the American Bar Association. By working to vacate the convictions of Fred Korematsu and the other defendants in the wartime internment cases he helped to right a historical injustice, and by co-founding the Asian Law Caucus, he helped make the point that justice is not denied to those who cannot afford an attorney,” said Mark Agran, chair of the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities. The award will be presented at the section’s Thurgood Marshall Award Dinner on Aug. 9 during the 2001 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Minami has practiced law in the San Francisco area since 1971, first with the Asian Law Caucus, Inc., then with his own law firm, now operating as Minami, Lew & Taniyaka. Much of his practice has challenged employment discrimination in class actions, as well as in individual complaints.

- Immigrant APLs Rally Against Budget Cuts
  - A group of about 300 immigrants of Asian Pacific Islanders rallied at the state capital March 6, protesting proposed $90 million budget cuts. Around 2,200 immigrants in Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Ventura, is also printed in Korean and Vietnamese. Kmart officials say the suit is baseless and has been filed in bad faith.

- Inouye on Homeland Security Budget Panel
  - Honolulu—U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye is one of eight Democrats appointed to a new Senate Appropriations subcommittee that will determine federal spending for the Department of Homeland Security.

- Bankruptcy Court Sets APLs on Path to Work
  - Bankruptcy Court Judge Robert M. Takamori received the Judicial Council Award at the Los Angeles Criminal Courts Bar Association’s 50th annual Awards Presentation and Dinner Dance. Each year, the Criminal Courts Bar Association honors the oldest organization of attorneys and related professionals in Southern California, honors distinguished lawyers, judges and community activists for significant contributions in the criminal justice system.

- JACL Youth Confab Set for June 20-22 in St. Louis
  - The JACL National Youth/Student Council has set its annual youth conference for June 20-22 at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

- Approximately 200 Asian Pacific American youths between the ages of 13 and 18 from across the country for a week of workshops and exchange ideas and insights on issues relevant to APA youth and adults. Participants will also have an opportunity to address critical issues such as political action, church involvement and cultural identity.

- "We view the conference as an opportunity to raise awareness of issues among Asian Pacific American community members and leaders, laying the foundation for future inter-generational communication," said Maya Yamazaki, JACL National Youth/Student Council Coordinator.

- Among the scheduled activities are a symposium on bullying and harassment ranging from cooking and takin' demands to empowerment, financial planning and a forum on multicultural issues. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet role models through the mentorship kennel and listen to various speakers. The conference also features a Vision Award recipient who is to be honored at the banquet on the last night. This award is given to an APA who has made strides in an unconquered field. Past winners include the Judge Lance Ito, actress Tamlyn Tomita, Kamikaze Records President and gold medalist Rick Yamaguchi.

- The JACL Youth/Student Council’s Annual Award banquet is a highlight of our conference," said Joshua Mizutani Spy, the JACL National Youth/Student Council Coordinator. "It’s an honor to honor a role model who has helped break stereotypes and inspired our future. "
Boise Valley Chapter

Approximately 40 interns, veterans and their families and friends witnessed the Second Day of Remembrance Proclamation in Idaho on Feb. 19, in Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's office at the State Capitol in Boise. Hero Shiosaki, a 442nd veteran from Blackfoot, Idaho, spoke of his wartime experience and his current efforts to educate the public about that experience. Les Bock, director of the Idaho Human Rights Education Center, and Robert Hirohi, president of the Boise Valley chapter, spoke briefly, Neil King, head of the Minidoka Internment National Monument, was also present.

In presenting the proclamation, the governor said, "Your story reminds us of the mistakes of the past so that we do not repeat them. But it also reminds us of the strength of the human spirit. It reminds us that we are one people... all Americans... regardless of color, religion, or ethnic background. And it reminds us of the freedoms and opportunities that we must always cherish."

"We must teach our children and teach another about our common history and our shared humanit...y. We must teach that Americans are not defined by the color of our skin, our culture, or our religion. Americans are defined by our common belief in liberty and our respect for life and the rule of law."

Idaho officially commemorated the anniversary for the first time last year.

Eden Township Chapter

The Eden Township JACL installed their 2003 officers and board members at a dinner attended by more than 70 chapter members and guests. John Satia, KTVU Channel 2 reporter, gave the last word.

National JACL Silver Pins and Certificates of Appreciation were given to chapter members George and Jean Nomura for their years of dedicated community service and commitment to the Eden Valley chapter.

Among the officers installed by Steve Okamoto, JACL insurance commissioner, were Ron Sakato, president; Roxanne Nomura-Wang, vice president, Ada Wada, secretary; Dick Sakato, recording secretary; Ted Katayama and Shig Naito, co-chairmen; John Yamada and Tami Miyamoto (alt.), delegates; Shig Naito, insurance commissioner; and Kimi Katayama, P.C./Holiday Issue. Lauren Esho was re-elected as chairman and president of the Eden youth group.

Fiorin, Marysville, Place County, Sacramento and Stockton Chapters

Five JACL chapters, Fiorin, Marysville, Place County, Sacramento and Stockton, joined forces for the 1st annual Northern California Time of Remembrance program Feb. 22, with over 500 people in attendance. The program was a joint effort with the California Secretary of State's Office and capped a seven-week community exhibit with the adjacent Golden Gate Museum toured by 6,000 Northern Californians.

Dozens of Muslim, Sikh and Arab Americans as well as others concerned about the threat to American civil liberties attended the event, which included panel discussions, workshops, historical displays and book signings by local JACL authors. The event was sponsored by the CSU-Sacramento Library and Elk Grove Unified School District.

Remarks were made by Sikh Temple representatives Gurreet Hansra and Mohinder Sandhu; Council for American-Islamic Relations spokesperson Kaus Mominwala and Amir Adibi; American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee members Linda Karmieh and Mary Bisharat; past National JACL President Jerry Enomoto; CSUS Ethnic Studies professor Wayne Maeda; and Fiorin JACL board member Fumie Shimada and Cheryl Miles.

Actor Lane Nishikawa presented two dramatic performances of "The Japanese American Experience: Stories of a People," powerful one-man vignettes ranging from the story of a Nisei WWII veteran in the Punch Bowl cemetery in Hawaii saying final good-bye to his dead comrades to a tribute to martial artist Bruce Lee, who served as a symbol of Asian pride.

The JA internment exhibit featured a life-size camp barrack room, scale model guard tower, artifacts and photos, while speakers from the

Educators' Workshop told personal stories of living through this dark chapter of U.S. history.

Mt. Olympus, Salt Lake and Wasatch Front Chapters

Approximately 300 - people attended the 2003 Day of Remembrance Feb. 20 at Cottonwood High School sponsored by the three Utah JACL chapters, Mt. Olympus, Salt Lake and Wasatch Front North, as well as the National JACL Credit Union and JACL Topaz Committee.

The event honored Medal of Honor recipient George T. Sakato and featured keynote speaker Eric Saul, a historian who has been involved in various projects dealing with the Japanese American experience during World War II.

Sakato, who resides in Colorado, was a private in the U.S. Army who displayed extraordinary heroism in October 1944 in Bifonisse, France. After his platoon had destroyed two enemy defense lines, his unit was pinned down by heavy enemy fire. Disregarding the fire, Sakato made a one-man rush that encouraged his platoon to charge and destroy the enemy stronghold. He was awarded the Medal of Honor in Fort Douglas, Utah.

Displays of military memorabilia and a photo gallery of local JA veterans were also on view at the DOR event.

Riverside Chapter

At Riverside JACL's installation luncheon Feb. 22 at Chan's Oriental Cuisine, encores Wyly Cameron welcomed remarks focused on JACL's mission to promote the welfare of Asian Americans and all minorities in an affirmative action, making note of uncalled-for remarks by a prominent basketball player and a congresswoman from North Carolina.

Re-elected chapter president, Michiko Yoshimura gave the chapter's mission statement, while Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge informed the gathering that educator Mark Takano has been assisting the mayor's office to work on accessibility of the Harada House, now a federal historical landmark, with hope that a Japanese garden might be added to the landmark.

The 2003 officers were sworn in for the next 2003 term.

The South Bay JACL announced that scholarship applications are now available for the Kiichi Egahira Memorial Scholarship and the Joseph Hirakosa Memorial Scholarship.

Students from the following South Bay high schools are eligible: Bishop Montgomery High, Norwalk; Mira Costa High, Narbonne High; North Torrance High, Peninsula High, Redondo Beach; Torrance High, South Torrance High, Torrance High and West Torrance High.

Applications are due April 3. The Egahira scholarship is awarded to students of Japanese ancestry residing in the South Bay who are pursuing a degree in a scientific field of study (physics, biology, engineering or math). The scholarship is named after an East Los Angeles-born engineer who died in a B-29 crash in Giia River during World War II. Egahira later received his engineering degree from USC, and after serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War he died in Giia.

The Hirakosa scholarship, a one-time grant in the amount of $2,500, is awarded to a student of Japanese ancestry showing academic promise and need in the field of financial assistance. The late Joseph Hirakosa, a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., was born in Lahaina, Maui, in 1930. He received his B.A. from Pepperdine University, served in the U.S. Army in Germany and was best known for his aloha shirt business.

For an application or more information, contact South Bay JACL, scholarship chairperson Ben Shibata at 310-376-6642. JACL membership is required. If you are not a member, membership information will be sent along with the scholarship application.

Mount Olympus JACL

(1-r) Theodore Okawa, Saige Aramaki, Nelson Akagi and John Owada at the Feb. 20 Mount Olympus JACL Day of Remembrance event.

JACL Corner

George and Jean Nomura display the Certificate of Appreciation presented to them by national JACL for their years of dedicated community service and commitment to the Eden Valley chapter.

National JACL President Floyd Mori with World War II Medal of Honor recipient George Sakato and his wife Bes at the Feb. 20 Mount Olympus JACL Day of Remembrance event.
As John Edwards declared, "We need to develop the evidence so we have a strong case." Ron Wakahayashi with the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Community Relations office also spoke out in support of the Brea police department. "It's important for a quick response but it's equally important that the investigation be complete," said Wakahayashi. "This one involves a whole number of kids in Brea so there's a lot of interview time that is involved. I'm confident with the Brea police department, they've had some preliminary conversations with the FBI that there will be a thorough investigation." But Kamran Yousafzai, director of communications for MPAC (Muslim Public Affairs Council), criticized the policies of the DOJ which oversee the FBI and until March had jurisdiction over the FBI and until 9/11, saw an unprecedented spate of hate crime activity. According to him, Orange County had 122 reported hate crimes in 2000. That number dwindled to 64 in 2001. Yorba Linda Councilman Michael Davly rushed to the press conference after hearing about it just an hour before the dedication of the gardens in Yorba Linda. "The City of Yorba Linda was shocked and appalled by this crime," Davly said. "We want everyone to know how seriously we take this."

Coble also added, "Sometime probably be intent on doing harm to us. Just as some of these Arab Americans are probably intent on doing harm to us."

The JACL urged the House leadership to speak out against Coble's statements endorsing the attacks on Muslims and asked them to force the congressman's resignation from the homeland security subcommittee.

"Millions of Americans.. have made their stand clear: Rep. Coble's defense of the racist policies of the 1940s makes him unfit to serve in a position of such importance to the nation's future," the JACL statement concluded. "Americans do not want to see those policies revisited and the House leadership and the president need to make their positions similarly clear, or their silence will speak volumes.

The JACL encouraged members to contact House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., to ask for Coble's resignation.

Managers Mariner Must Keep Ichiro Rested

PEORIA, Ariz.—Bob Melvin figures an important part of his job in his first year as manager of the Seattle Mariners will be to make sure Ichiro Suzuki doesn't get too tired.

The 5-foot-9, 172-pound right fielder from Japan wore down in the final month last season, hitting .248 (25-501-10). "We've already talked," Melvin said March 12. "We talked in the off-season. He's told me he'll never say no to me. I need a day off. So I'm going to have to read that.

Melvin, who replaced manager Mike Hargrove, said it's important to keep Suzuki, 29, fresh. Pinicella played Suzuki in 157 of the Mariners' 162 games in each of the past two seasons.

"Whenever he gets a day off, he'll probably know a couple of days in advance, at least one day in advance," he said. "I don't have the schedule.

Suzuki hit .321 last season, in which he had 27 doubles, eight triples, eight home runs, 51 RBIs, 31 stolen bases and scored 127 runs. In 2001, when he was the AL MVP and AL Rookie of the Year in his first season with the Mariners, Suzuki hit .356 in 157 games and had 103 RBIs.

Bellflower Yousei to Lead Varsity Team

Jason Hamada, a senior at Bellflower High School, has been named head captain of the varsity baseball team, which competes in the Suburban League. A three-year varsity starter, Hamada will serve as lead hitter, centerfielder and pitcher.

In addition to receiving All-League recognition, Hamada has been named the team's Most Valuable Player, and is a candidate for a scholar/athlete award for academic achievement. He recently completed a season with a Scout League team affiliated with the Boston Red Sox and will participate this summer on a Connie Mack League team to be coached by former major league player Greg Harris.

Hamada is currently maintaining college recruitment contacts with Chapman University, Azusa Pacific University, University of California, Riverside, Fullerton College, Cal State Los Angeles and Cal State Northridge.

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Baseball

Fans Who Fought Over Bonds' 73rd Ball Call It a Tie

SAN FRANCISCO—The two fans who fought over Barry Bonds' record-setting home run ball have settled their dispute, agreeing to sell the ball for $65,000 and split the proceeds.

Alex Popov, the man who gloved the ball from Bonds' historic 73rd home run last Sunday in a skirmish, and Patrick Hayashi, who ended up with it, agreed March 12 to hire a St. Louis-based Bonds Sports Group attorney to attempt to settle or find a private buyer for the ball. Hayashi and Popov agreed on that firm because Popov had previously sold a Mark McGwire's record-breaking 70th home run ball from the 1998 season.

Michael Barnes, owner of Barnes Sports Group, said it's too soon to tell whether the Bonds ball will pull in that kind of money, but he added that several offers could make it as valuable as McGwire's—"if not more so."

"Here we've got a new record ball that's three above the old record," Barnes said. "The other prevailing thought is that with steroids testing in baseball, you're not going to see a run like that at any volume. So if you are a collector who ends up with this ball, I think that that might stand for 28 years."

Barnes said the ball should have a new owner by May.

According to Popov, he and Hayashi agreed to call their contest the "ball fight," and to seek an answer directly with each other, without the involvement of their lawyers or the court.

"It was great to talk to him. I wish that a lot of the hype and the media wasn't involved because I'm down there and we could have talked," Popov said.

The men have gained so much respect for each other's position, in fact, that they plan to hold a long-overdue 73rd home run celebration party in San Francisco with their families and friends some time after the Giants' season opener on April 7. Popov is hoping that Bonds will make an appearance.

While legal fees will cut into his share of the spoils, Popov said he'd be happy with whatever the ball sells for.

"Where in baseball history is secure," he said. "What's that worth?"

Basketball

Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation to Celebrate 10th Anniversary Tourney

The Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation's 10th Annual New Year Classic Invitational Basketball Tournament will be celebrating its 10th anniversary on Friday, March 21 in Sacramento and Elk Grove.

The tournament is one of the largest in Northern California with over 180 teams of boys and girls from fourth through 12th grades, comprising in 22 divisions.

As part of the celebration, two basketballs signed by the 73rd ball Japan, will also compete as part of a cultural exchange sponsored by the Sacramento Mandarin and Cantonese Chinese Organization, which was founded in 1981. It will be the team's first trip to the United States.

The Japanese teams will also go on a study tour of Sacramento, visit the state capitol, several local cultural museums, the California State University, an animal shelter and the Arco Arena.

"This is the kind of cultural exchange we have been anticipating. It's a tremendous opportunity for young basketball players to play in the United States, meet with the people of Sacramento and explore the community's culture. It is our hope to savor every experience the exchange has to offer," fixture Olympic basketball player Kazuto Ohno, founder of the Legend Matsuyama Academy, a pioneer basketball academy in Ehime, Japan.

All 120 teams will participate in a Friday night welcome reception as well as a tournament dinner and dance on Saturday night.

The SASF is a nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of building a cultural and recreational facility dedicated to the enrichment of Asian Pacific Islanders.

Admission to the tournament is free and open to the public. For more information, call 916-336-7391.

Football

Redskins Make Offer to Jets' Morton

WASHINGTON—The Washington Redskins have made an offer to Jets' Cocktail Morton, the most active NFL player in free agency, making a five-year, $8 million offer to Matt Morris, $10 million to Mark Long, and $6 million to Chad Morton.

The offer includes a $2.5 million signing bonus, a full-time training and $1 million per season as a two-year contract.

Morton, who is up, finished second in the AFC in kickoff returns last season and run back two for touchdowns in Super Bowl XXXII. He also has wanted more playing time at running back.

Coach Steve Spurrier and owner Dan Snyder told Morton he would get that chance with the Redskins, according to his agent, Leigh Steinberg.

They outlined a future which had him playing some at running back and splitting out wide receiver and returning punts as well as kickoffs," Steinberg said. "And that excited him."

The Redskins have added nine players in the week since free agency began with the Redskins and one by trade. They also have now made offers to two restricted options and released Dan Green Bay safety Matt Hack.

Meanwhile, there has been an apparent breakthrough on the round draft pick the Redskins had planned to offer the New England Patriots. The Redskins didn't have a fifth-round selection in this year's draft, so when they traded for a fourth-round pick to get a player, they had acquired one from New England for a seventh-round pick this year to draft a fourth-round pick.

But New England's pick might not be high enough in the fifth round for the Redskins to have trade for another fifth-round pick.

Redskins' spokesman Karl Swanson said the New England trade had 'not been officially completed.'
NINEEN years ago, while celebrating Little Tokyo’s centennial, a committee buried a time capsule under a beautiful shade tree imbedded in an elevated circular bed in the Plaza in front of the Japan America Theatre. The plan is to reopen it in the year 2084. The tree may be replaced in time but the building and place shall last.

Frank Omatsu, then of Sumitomo Bank and the inspiration for this once-in-a-lifetime project, recalled that another community had forgotten the precise whereabouts of their buried time capsule. Furthermore, the general area had been paved over. Thus the reminder here.

The time capsule, 4 feet in diameter and 18 feet long, accommodated myriads of artifacts, memorabilia, newspapers (including several copies of this paper) and pictures. One that I remember best is Trina Toyoda’s cookbook, which was made into a TV special on Asian Americans. Nitrogen gas was injected as a preservative and the book was placed inside.

(1) a gradual ascent in the altitudes inside Bolivia from 1,460 feet to altiplano La Paz at 11,900 feet. (2) the island sea at 6,200 feet. Lake Titicaca, Inca ruins around the lake and Puno, Peru. (3) and additional stops in Brazil and Argentina, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Iguazú Falls and Buenos Aires with prospects of meeting with Nikek in Brazil and in Argentina—a trademark of the souvenir business. (4) The time capsule, 4 feet in diameter and a super show after dinner of captivating Argentine tango, dazzling flamenco and romp of gauchos spinning their bolos after dinner. The women and men of American festive stage an all-Nikkei audience could only happen at a JAPA-Nikkei affair thanks to our transplanted Sunsei Peruvian, Arturo Yoshimoto, local president and secretary-treasurer who arranged and executed the event. For the New Year party last year, he brought in Brazilian music and sama dancing and guitar music that attracted many to join their conga line Tangosamba-style.

Emile Hida distributed COPANI XII registration forms and travel information, all tours starting from LAX on Monday, July 21, from Lima Marriott and in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, five nights at Hotel Los Tiguaes, the convention site. Optional week-long tours follow:

By the Board

Ken Inouye, V.P. Public Affairs

The Greatest Country in the History of the World

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Harry K. Honda

A Potpourri

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NINETEEN (19) is a prime number and (would encourage all readers to contact their members of Congress and respectfully request that both houses do the following: (1) review all of the provisions of these bills and ask them to reinstate the checks and balances still present prior to the passage of these bills, (2) remove all portions of these bills that are inconsistent with the basic concepts of due process, invasion of individual privacy, and the way we treat all of the law-abiding individuals who live in America; and (3) emphasize the fact that this is America and all individuals should be considered innocent until proven guilty.

Let our elected officials know that we want them to develop a national security policy that is consistent with the principles contained in our Constitution and the Bill of Rights and that we cannot accept the current loss of civil liberties as a byproduct of achieving national security.

The Greatest Country in the History of the World

Here’s a bit of Japan history. Christianity was introduced in Japan by Jesuit padre Francis Xavier in 1549. Father Francisco Hideyoshi issued an edict against all missionaries and their teaching in 1567. And “mishima” (Japanese for Japanese-English/English-Japanese dictionary in the 1860s and a system of romanization that bears his name, still widely in use.

NINETEEN (19) is a prime number. Thus endeth my potpourri.

COMMENTARY

Legendary Asahi Elected to Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame

BY MICHAEL HOSHIKO

In February the legendary Asahi Baseball Team of prevar Canada, British Columbia, was elected to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. I live in the town of St. Marys, Ontario, on the eastern shore of Lake Huron. It is a small town with a population of about 3,000. The town is known for its beautiful natural scenery and its rich history.

As a young man growing up in the 1950s and 1970s, I was quietly confident that the United States was the greatest country in the world because “where all men are created and treated as equals.” My optimism remained intact with the passage of the Redress legislation in 1988. At that time, I proudly proclaimed to my young daughter Nicole (12), Erin (8) and Shannon (5) that we were living in the “Greatest Country in the History of the World” since only a great country would apolo­gize to such a small ethnic community for injustices that occurred over 40 years prior to the Redress legislation.

In the year 2003, my optimism has been tempered by the pas­sage of the Patents, Homestead Security and Total Information Acts. Although these pieces of legislation are intended to protect all Americans from terrorist attacks, they have unleashed their own forms of terrorism by allowing such rights as due process, pri­vacy, and judicial checks and balances on certain law enforcement provisions on certain law enforcement. Acts. Although these pieces of legislation are intended to protect all Americans from terrorist attacks, they have unleashed their own forms of terrorism by allowing such rights as due process, privacy, and judicial checks and balances on certain law enforcement provisions on certain law enforcement.
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Tues.-Thurs., March 25-27—Three
screening series: "Becoming American: The Chinese Experience," the story of Chinese immigration; PBX, 9:30-10:30 p.m. EST; check local listings for local
dates.
East Coast
DELRAY BEACH, Fla.
NEW YORK CITY
Thurs., March 27—Brown Bag Luncheon, "Mind, Body, New York City," with visiting scholar May Joseph, 12 noon-2 p.m.; APVA, State Office Bldg., 255 Ave. of the Americas, 43rd and 44th floors. (212) 739-3710. RSVP by March 26, apva@apva.org
Thurs., April 3—"Breaking Stereotypes: Asian/Pacific American Museum in the Media," 2 p.m.; Pace Ctr. for Civic Eng., Pace Ctr., 425 E. 13th St. RSVP by March 31, apva@apva.org. 212/995-9775.
Friday, April 11—"Mental Health of Japanese Americans in the U.S.," 5 to 8 p.m.; New York Immigration Law Center, 225 W. 57th St. For Japanese American communities; info. 800/228-7477.
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Pacific Northwest
SEATTLE
Sat., April 12—"Miyako Kai Day," 12:30 p.m.; JACL, 170 N.W. 52nd St. For Japanese American Day in the U.S.; info. 206/726-4774; nkkai@nkkai.com
Fri.-Sun., April 18-20—"Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival," 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Japanese Community Cultural & Recreation Ctr., 10801 3rd Ave. S.E. Cherry trees in full bloom. For events related to the Japanese American community in Seattle; info. 206/935-5044.
Northern California
BAY AREA
Sat., April 6—Nikkei Widows Group Meeting, new members only; Center House, 3701 S.W. Alaska St. 3 p.m. For widows who have lost Japanese American husbands, Japanese American widows, and widows who have lost their husbands to Japanese American husbands; info. 206/222-7201; www.masterchararters.com
Sat., April 6—Center Club Annual Senior Appreciation/Scrabble Appreciation Party, 5 to 8:30 p.m.; JACL, 170 N.W. 52nd St. For JACL members, senior citizens, and military veterans; info. 206/726-4774; nkkai@nkkai.com
LORIS
Sat., April 16—"Blossom Festival," noon; Lorig Gardens, 107 Lorig Rd. For the Japanese American community in Loris; info. 843/397-0141.
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WASHINGTON, D.C.
Sat., March 29—"National Japanese American Memorial Day," 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, 201 F St. S.W.; "Day of Remembrance," the first day of Spring. For those who are interested in learning about the history of the Japanese American Memorial Foundation and JACL.
Midwest
CHICAGO
Fri.-Sat., April 1-2—"Japanese Film Festival," 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Center House, 3701 S.W. Alaska St. For the Japanese American community in Seattle; info. 206/222-7201; www.masterchararters.com
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