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Political Activist Yuri Kochiyama Still Going Strong at 81

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

CLAREMONT, Calif.—Yuri Kochiyama, 81, uses a walker now and her memory may fail her at times, but after four decades as a civil rights leader and staunch anti-war activist her passion for her beloved causes remains unquestionably strong.

On a recent visit to the Pomona College campus March 24, a capacity crowd of Asian American, African American, Arab American, and white stu-

dents gathered to hear about the struggles and triumphs of her long career of political activism and to learn of her views on the current war in Iraq.

She didn't take long to express her adamant opposition to the Iraqi war. Not only is Kochiyama against the current war that began March 19, she believes this is only the latest in a string of unjust wars by the United States.

"America seems to have a formula for war," she said, "a sort of

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PHOTO: CAROLINE AOYAGI

Political activist Yuri Kochiyama speaks before a crowd of university students at an event sponsored by Pomona College's Asian American Resource Center March 24.

SPRING CAMPAIGN



Our
Voice

By ANN FUJII LINDWALL
P.C. Editorial Board Member,
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I have been a community journalist for over 20 years in Seattle and a community volunteer for over 25. It's in my blood and it drives me to get up in the morning because I know it's vital that we keep our community in the forefront; to represent our needs and desires in this country.

And that's how I feel when I get the *Pacific Citizen* and see

what's happening in our "community," nationally, regionally and locally. I feel "something" when I read the *P.C.* that I don't with almost any other mainstream publication I read on a regular basis. It makes me feel proud that we have a voice, a platform to raise issues that are important, and fix them.

Just imagine for a moment if the *P.C.* no longer existed, and you are a person of Japanese American ancestry. How would you feel? Like no one cared anymore, that we aren't important, that what we do, feel and say doesn't matter? Can you imagine the ramifications? The *P.C.* is OUR voice; to be able to say what makes us tick, what makes

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Community Groups and Law Enforcement Agencies Back Homeland Security Pledge

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

Southern California has the largest population of Arab Americans and Muslim Americans in the nation, and with the United States now at war with Iraq, a broad section of Southern California community leaders came together in an effort to prevent a backlash.

Robin Toma, executive director of the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, is spearheading a Homeland Security

Pledge which calls upon community leaders, law enforcement officials and religious leaders to do their part in promoting homeland security and freedom from hate and bigotry.

Toma said the Los Angeles Police Department has already reported a slight increase in anti-Middle Eastern and anti-Muslim hate crimes since the start of the war.

With close to 300,000 Arab

Americans living in Los Angeles and Orange counties alone, Toma hopes to prevent a repeat of what occurred after 9/11 such as the hate crime murder of an Egyptian Christian in Los Angeles County.

"We are living in dangerous

director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center who came up with the idea for a Homeland Security Pledge, said, "We believe that this pledge is a way for people in our community to come together, to work in a broad

coalition with all the various groups so that we can create more tolerance."

Law enforcement agencies that support the Homeland Security Pledge include the FBI, LAPD, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Police Chief's Association, U.S. Attorney's Office,

and the Los Angeles County and City District Attorney's offices.

"The FBI has committed numerous resources and has a firm commitment as far as addressing all hate crimes, no matter who the perpetrator is or who the victims are," said Kenderick Williams, FBI supervisor.

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PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA

Najeeba Syeed-Miller, a Muslim American woman, shares how her life has changed after the 9/11 terrorist attacks and now with the United States at war with Iraq.

times," said Toma. "We are in the midst of war, and we know with war comes the tendency to dehumanize the enemy ... We've seen leaders speak out, and I think that has been a very positive sign. We want to take it a step further, take it to the next level with this pledge. We want leaders to take action within our communities so everyone will feel personal responsibility."

Stewart Kwoh, executive

JACL National and Honolulu Chapter Testify in Support of Native Hawaiian Bill

The JACL reaffirmed its support for Native Hawaiian self-determination by submitting testimony to the Senate Indian Affairs Committee on March 20. Both the

national organization and the Honolulu chapter provided testimony in support of S. 344, legislation submitted by Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, and urged Congress to act on the legislation.

"The JACL recognizes Native Hawaiians as an aboriginal, indigenous and native people with a unique history and trust relationship with the United States," national JACL testimony stated. "Accordingly, we urge the United States Congress and president to recognize the political status of Hawaiians as a native people, and provide for the implementation of reconciliation efforts between the federal government and Native Hawaiians in accordance with Public Law 103-150."

"This issue deserves the attention of Congress because it has been neglected for too long," said Susan Kitsu, Honolulu JACL president. "Although our nation apologized to Native Hawaiians 10 years ago for the terrible wrong that they suffered, we must now provide further assistance by establishing a process and mechanism through which the indigenous peo-

ple of these islands can exercise their right to self-determination."

The JACL national council has long supported the rights of Native Hawaiians, having adopted several major resolutions over the past 20 years during national conventions in 1984, 1986, 1992 and 2000.

During the 1984 national convention, delegates representing members throughout the country adopted a resolution urging Congress to acknowledge the illegal and immoral actions of the United States and to provide restitution for losses and damages suffered by Native Hawaiians as a result of these wrongful actions.

Most recently during the 2000 national convention, the national council called for legislation formally recognizing the political relationship between Native Hawaiians and the U.S. government in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Rice v. Cayetano*.

For further information or to contact Congress regarding this legislation, visit <http://capwiz.com/jacl/issues/alert/?alertid=1664481&type=CO>. ■

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Letters to the Editor

A Lousy Deal

The persistent and recurrent exchanges concerning the antipodal and relativistic views of the draft resisters and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team range from patriotism and loyalty, segregation (442nd), internees and "hostages," sacrifice and genocide, and now among others the new paradigm, more "respect" (P.C., March 7-20, "Letters to the Editor," Leo H. Hosoda).

Recently researching for a "lecture" to a history class (University of South Dakota, School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City, S.D.) on the 442nd RCT, I was again reminded and still appalled by the statistical basis for the high mortality and morbidities of the regiment. It is often cited in history books and in current newspaper articles (including the P.C.) that it was an all-volunteer unit when in fact the plurality by far were draftees, at least for the mainland contingent, and recently cited as illegally recruited.

For a society obsessed with statistics, were you aware that more than 30 percent of the draft-eligible Nisei (ages 18 to 37) in the 10 concentration camps were inducted and that a majority of them (70 percent) were assigned to the 442nd RCT, an infantry regiment and hence most vulnerable to death and battle morbidities? This may be more than "sacrifice" (as Mr. Hosoda stated), a word whose usage continues to mystify me, for I don't recall anyone in the regiment who knowingly "sacrificed" his life. However, genocide has been mentioned by some in the 442nd and since the war by others.

Inasmuch as the total population of Hawaiian and mainland Japanese Americans and Issei was small, and considering genealogy, close geographic origins and social interconnections, the impact of the 442nd RCT disabilities was devastating.

Finally, was it worth it? I think not. I hope my 442nd comrades will not be offended or upset, but I felt strongly in 1943 and even today that the creation of the 442nd RCT was a cynical and draconian contract; it was in short a lousy deal.

Eji Suyama
Ft. Meade, S.D.

Double Standard

Regarding Rep. Howard Coble's remarks about our wartime internment, have people noticed that American convicted spies in the past few years have all been white males: Aldrich Ames of the CIA, Robert Hansen of the FBI, and recently Brian Patrick Regan of the National Reconnaissance Office.

Why is there no clamor for all white males to be contained behind barbed wire because some of them MIGHT commit espionage as did the above? And I wonder if a non-white government official could continue to withhold information (as Vice President Dick Cheney is still doing) from the American public about his meeting with oil corporations regarding U.S. energy policy?

Just wondering.

Aiko Uyeki
McKinleyville, Calif.

Re: Mori Memo

It has been my pleasure to have had a couple of in-depth conversations with our national president, Floyd Mori. Our district is working with national JACL on our big annual fundraising dinner and we can see his personal commitment to the organization. His business expertise and common sense approach to leadership has been exemplary in these difficult times.

The "Mori Memo" in the P.C. of Mar 7-20, is a recruiting tour de force. I hope that his words are posted on the JACL website so that we can copy or forward them to potential and former JACL members. His accounting of the value of JACL is expressed in a way that can make sense to the most cynical Japanese American. When I first read it, I thought that perhaps we could use an abridged version for those of us with short attention spans, but when I reread it, it all made so much sense that I would recommend that his entire letter be used.

We must all work together in these tough times to carry on the mission of the JACL. By following and advocating the vision of our national president, we just might have a chance to pull it off.

Douglas Urata
Riverside Chapter
PSWD Dinner Committee
Member

Moralistic vs. Humanistic Perspective

Divisiveness and factionalism over the issue of how Nisei responded to their call to military service during World War II has persisted for over five decades. I have concluded that the controversy has lingered because the responses of veterans and draft resisters to military service are generally analyzed along moralistic lines in which the responses are characterized as "good" or "bad," "loyal" or "disloyal," "patriotic" or "unpatriotic," "responsible" or "cowardly," etc. Members of both factions have attempted to either clarify their responses or to deem their own responses as the more enlightened and courageous one. I believe that approaching this issue from a different perspective, one that is more humanistic rather than moralistic, may help to reconcile the factions by focusing on the fac-

tors that influenced the Nisei to respond in a manner that is consistent with who they are as human beings.

It is well known among psychologists and social workers that the cultural values and mores that are instilled into persons during their early formative years can have a profound effect on their responses to various situations. It occurred to me that such a dynamic may have influenced how Nisei responded when faced with military service; therefore, I decided to look at this issue from a more humanistic and psychological perspective. Specifically, and among other variables, I decided to examine the role that the families of these men may have played in their responses to military service. Under the sponsorship of a grant from the CCLPEP, I undertook a study to develop an understanding using this perspective, which I hoped would be more conducive to reconciling rather than alienating the factions.

To test my hypothesis, I interviewed 10 veterans and 10 draft resisters. Their responses were uniformly consistent with my hypothesis. The veterans had all been reared in traditional Japanese families in which one unfailingly complied with the authority figure, usually the father, even when that figure acted in an arbitrary and dictatorial manner. The draft resisters, at least the ones that I interviewed, had been reared in more democratic and less patriarchal families in which independence and rebellion, while not overtly encouraged, were nevertheless not discouraged.

Although one cannot claim validation with such a limited sampling, the results do raise some questions about the utility of applying a moralistic perspective to explain human behavior. They also give some credence to adopting a humanistic and psychological perspective for this purpose. If anyone is inclined to pursue this subject further, please contact me at Tsukuda1@earthlink.net.

George Tsukuda, Ph.D.
via fax

Hate Crimes

The recent apparently racially motivated attack on Rashid Alam, an 18-year-old Arab American in Yorba Linda, reflects the ugly underside of our attempt to demonize the "enemy."

Too often during times of war, people who are highly impression-

able or ignorant or both, have succumbed to the most basic primeval instinct of "fight or flight" and taken their fears and hatred out on others. Too often, we, the majority of Americans who supposedly stand for democratic values, peace and freedom, have done way too little to protect our own people. Too often, we have been reactive rather than proactive in our public discourse and application of resources.

It is an unfortunate fact that many of the young people who brutally beat Rashid grew up with him. They went to the same elementary, middle and high schools. They shopped at the same neighborhood stores and played ball in the same parks. One wonders why couldn't this have been prevented?

There is no doubt that young adolescents are at extreme risk to hate mongering on the radio, in music, and unfortunately, from parents and peers. This is why now more than ever, we must be deliberate in reaching out and building bridges of trust and understanding.

Law enforcement, school administrators, pastors, rabbis, organizations and clubs should be building relationships with groups like the Council of American Islamic Relations (CAIR) and local human relations councils to do a better job in preventing acts of violence and hatred on the home front.

To do otherwise would be to send a message to Osama and others who despise us that we are indeed our own worst enemies.

Michael Matsuda
Yorba Linda, Calif.

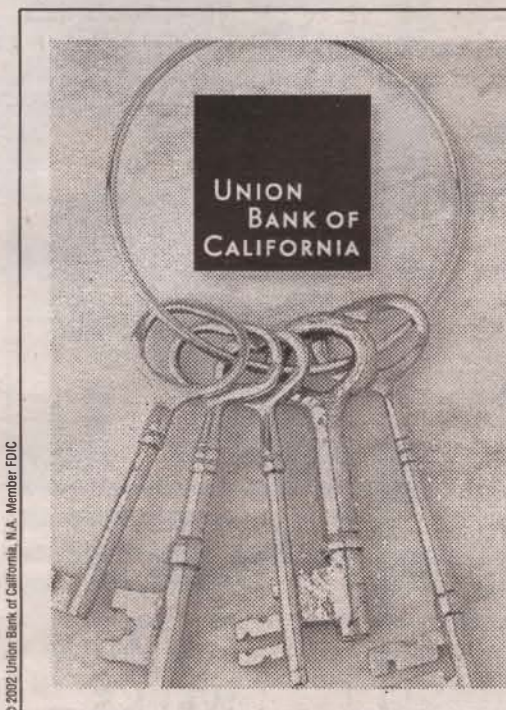
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APIHR Launches Search for API Gay and Lesbian Spokespeople

Asian Pacific Islanders for Human Rights (APIHR), the nation's first API Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersexual and Questioning (LGBTIQ) agency, announced the kickoff of a California-wide search to find seven API LGBTIQ spokespeople for their groundbreaking anti-homophobia campaign.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for people of conscience to speak out and educate California Asian communities about the devastating effects of homophobia, biphobia and transphobia" said Patrick Mangto, executive director of APIHR. "This campaign is revolutionary because the ads are both culturally sensitive and in seven Asian languages. Also, it will target both major metropolitan and rural areas in California."

After the finalists are chosen, the anti-homophobia campaign will be launched in June 2003

through print and advertisements in seven API languages placed in California Asian language publications and on APIHR's website. The targeted languages are Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Tagalog, Thai and Vietnamese.

Prospective spokespeople should be Asian gay men and lesbian women who reside in California and are willing to appear in mass media outlets and are available to speak to community groups and press outlets during 2003 in any of the seven languages listed above.

Applications are due by April 11 and consist of a short statement (less than 500 words) outlining their interest in serving as a volunteer spokesperson for the campaign.

The statement, along with your name and contact information, should be sent to Daniel Bao, director of national programming, at dbao@apihr.org, or call 800/530-5820 for more information.

The campaign is an expansion of a previously successful campaign conducted in Southern California in 2001, and examples of advertisements from the first campaign can be found on APIHR's website at www.apihr.org. This campaign is funded by a generous grant from the Liberty Hill Foundation and Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund.

APIHR works to advance the human rights of the pan-API LGBTIQ community. ■

APA Lawyers Denounce Law Firm's Racial Mockery

The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) recently denounced New York-based Dewey Ballantine, a multinational law firm, over a song performed at the firm's annual dinner that portrayed APAs in offensive stereotype.

The story was first reported in the *New York Law Journal*, a legal daily. The incident took place at Dewey Ballantine's annual dinner Jan. 31 at the Plaza Hotel. The closing of the firm's Hong Kong office was ridiculed in "The Dirge of Long Duck Dong" to the tune of "Hello Dolly." The song's lyrics included, "You were the Firm's folly. And we so solly to be cutting off your source of livelihood..."

"NAPABA is appalled that a law firm, much less a multinational law firm, could display such insensitivity," said NAPABA President Ruthe Catolico Ashley. "Such racial stereotyping and ridicule is inexcusable in today's multicultural society, even as par-

ody. One would expect that nearly 40 years following passage of the U.S. Civil Rights Act, well-educated lawyers would refrain from the very conduct that they would advise their own clients to avoid."

Dewey Chairman Everett Jassy has admitted that the song parody was in bad taste and that mocking Asian accents was inappropriate but NAPABA is not satisfied with the firm's response to the incident thus far.

NAPABA representatives will join NAPABA New York affiliate, the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY), in a meeting with the firm's chairman to work together on improving the racial sensitivity of the its lawyers.

"Unfortunately, the Dewey incident is not an isolated incident among law firms," said NAPABA Executive Director Grace Yoo. "Non-confrontational reaction by APAs should not be construed as

tolerance of disrespect for an entire race. The guise of comedy is a poor excuse."

"Dewey Ballantine enjoys a very respected national and international reputation. It is, therefore, surprising and disappointing to find that what occurred on January 31, if true, is inconsistent with the reputation that they enjoy. It is important for all law firms to be respectful of the richness of diversity," said American Bar Association President-elect Dennis W. Archer. "I am optimistic, however, that the firm will have an opportunity to resolve the issue in a positive way at the meeting that has been requested by NAPABA."

The National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, a leading national civil rights organization, and the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans are also monitoring the outcome of the Dewey Ballantine incident. ■

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California Gov. Davis Announces Hate Crime Prevention Guide

California Gov. Gray Davis met with Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca and multi-faith community leaders March 21 to discuss strategies to prevent hate crimes and to announce the release of a new publication available to organizations that assist victims of hate crimes.

"In California, we may speak different languages, but when it comes to hate crimes, we speak with one voice. That voice condemns acts of violence inspired by hatred," Davis said.

The new publication, "Responding to Hate: Rights, Remedies, Prevention Strategies," outlines the Department of Fair Employment and Housing's (DFEH) role in enforcing California's Ralph Civil Rights Act, which prohibits acts of hate violence and provides strategies for community networking to prevent such violence.

The publication's release follows an October 2001 initiative to assist victims in the wave of hate violence that broke out after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The initiative also included a statewide, toll-free hotline for hate crime victims or those wishing to file discrimination complaints, 888/460-HELP (4357).

The Ralph Act specifically forbids violence or threats of violence because of a person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, political affiliation or position in a labor dispute. Prohibited acts include verbal or written threats, physical assault or attempted assault, graffiti, vandalism or property damage.

Remedies available to victims include restraining orders, damages for the cost of medical treatment, lost wages, property repair, emotional distress and suffering, civil penalties, attorney fees and punitive damages against the perpetrator.

For more information about the DFEH and its services, call 800/884-1684. ■

JANM Unveils National Center for Democracy

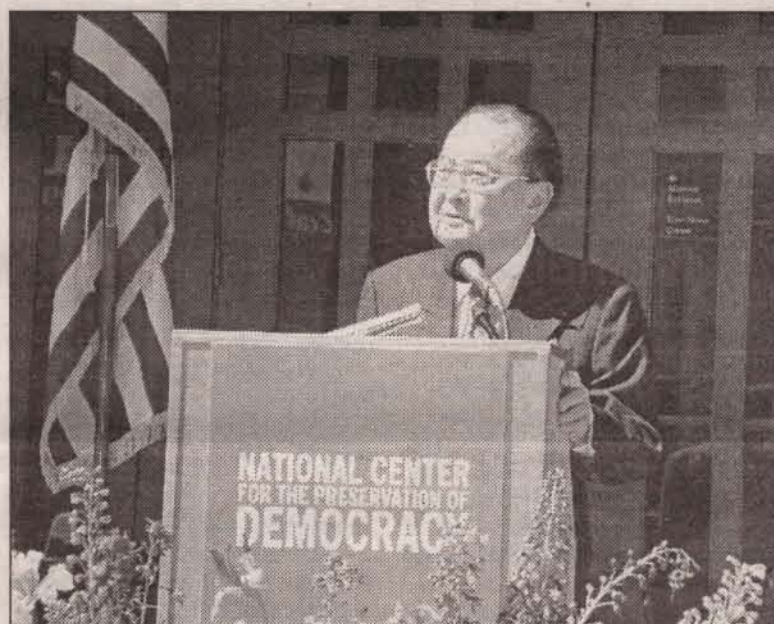


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U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, spoke at the March 28 groundbreaking of the National Center for the Preservation of Democracy in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles. The center, which will teach educators and students about issues related to democracy, freedom and diversity, is scheduled to open in the fall of 2004 within the former Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple across the street from the Japanese American National Museum's Pavilion. JANM's historic building will serve as the center's headquarters.

APA Groups Urge Anti-backlash Support for Arab, Muslim Communities

The JACL and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) of Southern California are among groups nationwide that are urging support for Arab and Muslim American communities in anticipation of a potential backlash as the United States goes forward with its war on Iraq.

JACL Executive Director John Tateishi issued an action memorandum directing all chapters to be proactive in assisting targeted communities, while APALC urged vigilance in reporting hate-motivated crimes and incidents.

"Do not wait until incidents occur," Tateishi said.

JACL chapters can do anything from initiating contact with Arab and Muslim American groups to developing strategies of dealing with hate incidents to offering to speak at joint press conferences about the Japanese American internment experience as a caution and reminder of what can happen in times of unrest, he said.

In the months immediately fol-

lowing Sept. 11, APALC noted, hate crimes committed against persons perceived to be Arab or Muslim increased significantly. Many incidents targeted South Asians. With the current military action against Iraq as well as ongoing tensions between the United States and North Korea, the Philippines and other Asian Muslim nations, such communities are again a potential scapegoat.

Hate-motivated crimes are often based on race, national origin or sexual orientation and take different forms, including verbal harassment, graffiti or written threats and physical violence.

To report a hate incident to APALC, call 213/977-7500 for English; 800/520-2356 for Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin); or 800/267-7395 for Vietnamese.

APALC provides advice, referrals and advocacy with law enforcement on behalf of victims. ■



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Lawyer With Alleged Mob Ties Charged With Hate Crime

NEW YORK—A wealthy Brooklyn legal consultant with alleged mob ties, his wife and his daughter were charged with felony assault as a hate crime last month in an attack on four Chinese American women in a Bayside restaurant in January.

George Fortunato, 60, of Mill Basin, wife Jacqueline, 58, and daughter Annamarie, 34, allegedly hurled racial slurs and tossed a glass of wine in the face of Connie Coleman, 45, who was then knocked to the ground and pummeled, according to authorities.

Coleman was dining next to the Fortunatos at Caffe on the Green Jan. 3 with two sisters and a family friend when she was attacked. The incident left her in the hospital for two days.

City Councilman John Liu, D-Flushing, denounced the attack as "vicious."

Fortunato, who was investigated in the racketeering trial of Peter Gotti, denies wrongdoing, according to his lawyer Joseph Mure.

Detectives were led to the Fortunatos by an anonymous tip. Investigators said restaurant employees allowed the family to leave without paying their bill after the fracas and were uncooperative with the police. Caffe on the Green is owned by Joe Franco, who was identified by authorities as a reputed member of the Gambino crime family. Franco publicly apologized for the incident in February. If convicted, the Fortunatos face a maximum of four years in prison.

Women's Hall of Fame Honors Mink

SENECA FALLS, N.Y.—The late Hawaii Rep. Patsy Mink is one of 12 women who will be inducted in the National Women's Hall of Fame at a ceremony Oct. 4, organizers announced.

Mink joins Gertrude Ederle, the first woman to swim across the English Channel, and Sacagawea, the Shoshone woman who helped guide Lewis and Clark to the

Pacific, in this year's honor roll.

Hall of Fame officials praised Mink as someone who "opened doors for women and minorities."

Special mention was made of her push for passage of Title XI, the legislation recently renamed in her honor, which mandated equal treatment of women in academia and school athletics.

Mink served in the House for 24 years over two different stretches. She died Sept. 28 at age 74.

Thousands Turn Out for National Cherry Blossom Festival

WASHINGTON—The U.S.-led war against Iraq and Code Orange terror alert did not prevent thousands of people from turning out for the first day of the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

Tourists and residents of Washington, D.C., flocked to the Potomac Tidal Basin and packed the steps of Jefferson Memorial on March 22, said festival director Diana Mayhew. The festival normally attracts about 700,000 to 1 million people.

Washington's famed cherry trees arrived 91 years ago. Of the 3,700 trees around the basin, about 100 are from the original stock presented to the United States by the Japanese government in 1912.

Census Data: Disparities Between Whites and Minorities

WASHINGTON—Educational levels rose to record highs and incomes improved during the past decade for women and minorities, but wide gaps still exist with white men, government data shows.

On average, a white man with a bachelor's degree earned about \$65,000 in 2001. Similarly educated white women made about 40 percent less, while black and Hispanic men earned 30 percent less, according to Census Bureau

estimates released March 21.

Almost half of Asian American residents 25 and older have graduated from college, nearly twice the rate of whites. Still, AAs earned about 8 percent less than whites.

As far as income gaps in the last decade, black men who are high school graduates earned about 25 percent less than comparably educated whites, and black men who hold master's degrees earned 20 percent less than their white counterparts. Historical data was not available for AAs.

The figures come from an annual Census Bureau survey done in March 2002. The survey found record high educational levels for nearly every group and the nation overall. Nationally, 84 percent of U.S. residents 25 and older are high school graduates, the bureau found; by gender, 83.8 percent for men and 84.4 percent for women.

Nearly 27 percent are college graduates — almost 29 percent of men and 25 percent of women.

Korean American Owners Developing Miami Business District

MIAMI—In the past decade, Korean Americans have become the predominant business owners in the Fashion District, a five-block sliver of stores and warehouses just south of the Miami Design District that has long been a favorite shopping destination for clothes and shoe retailers from around the Caribbean.

In 1990, 13 stores in the area belonged to Koreans. Today, the number has jumped to 45, and they own almost every building and most of the shops and wholesale stores on Northwest Fifth Avenue, the district's heart.

Woo Ho Lee, president of the Korean American Fashion District Business Association, said it's the largest Korean-owned business district in the state and probably the third largest in the country after Los Angeles and New York.

Several times a year, the association meets in a warehouse which abuts an auto body shop. Members

talk about a range of things including neighborhood enhancement, crime, and expansion of the Korean presence, Lee said.

Non-Korean business owners credit the Koreans for helping stimulate interest in the area. Before, the area was a virtual wasteland with vacant stores and high crime.

The Fashion District's Fifth Avenue is squeezed between Interstate 95 on the west, Northwest Second Avenue on the east, Northwest 29th on the north and 24th Street on the south.

JA Officer Awarded \$3.5 Million in LAPD Discrimination Suit

LOS ANGELES—A jury has ordered the Police Department to pay \$3.5 million to an Asian American officer who faced racial discrimination, harassment and retaliation that forced his transfer to another position.

On March 20, the jury reached 12-0 verdicts on three employment claims after two days of deliberation. It is the highest employment discrimination verdict against the LAPD and its K-9 unit on behalf of an AA.

Richard Nagatoshi, 40, worked as a dog handler and was one of two AAs in the K-9 unit, when he filed the lawsuit in September 2001. The other AA has also sued the police department.

In one incident, officers in the K-9 unit refused to respond to his backup calls during a 2-1/2-hour car chase, said Nagatoshi's attorney Matthew McNicholas.

All of the dog handlers eventually spoke out against their supervisors, who were trying to remove a lieutenant from his post. Following that effort, a sergeant made a derogatory remark about an AA driver during a K-9 unit event and forced Nagatoshi to sign a complaint form written in Korean as his supervisors laughed.

Over the next several months, supervisors shunned him and investigated him for two alleged excessive-force complaints, which

were dismissed, McNicholas said.

In November 2001, Nagatoshi, an 18-year veteran, transferred to the Armory where he distributed supplies. During that time, someone posted copies of his complaint in the K-9 unit offices and stuffed pink underwear in his work mailbox, court papers said.

McNicholas said his client had tried to resolve the dispute internally, seeking help at several levels.

The city plans to appeal, said Eric Moses of the city attorney's office.

Muslims, Arab Americans Prepare for Possible War Backlash

CINCINNATI—About 3,000 guides with tips on handling hate crimes or possible ethnic profiling during the war are being distributed to Cincinnati-area Muslims and Arab Americans.

The Washington, D.C.-based Council on American-Islamic Relations, a national Islamic civil rights and advocacy group, is passing out the nine-page "community safety kits" in cities nationwide.

The guides include advice on reporting suspicious activity in neighborhoods, developing positive relationships with police, creating legal and emergency contact lists and informing the FBI about anti-Muslim incidents.

Some Muslims in the region doubt their ability to stop the backlash, especially as American soldiers die.

Man Gets Jail Sentence for Mosque Sign Fire

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—A judge sentenced a man to 20 days in jail for setting fire to a sign announcing construction of a mosque.

George Aboujawdeh, 46, pleaded guilty to the anti-Islamic hate crime and was sentenced to nine months probation and 100 hours of community service, at least half to be performed with a non-Christian religious group. Aboujawdeh, a native of Lebanon, is a Christian. He also must pay restitution for the sign, write a letter of apology, attend an anger-management course and watch an anti-discrimination video. ■

APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Assemblywoman **Judy Chu**, D-Monterey Park, was appointed to the California Debt and Investment

Advisory Commission (CDIAC) by Assembly Speaker Herb J. Wesson. The CDIAC was created in 1981 and provides

information and technical assistance on public debt, investments, and economic development financing tools to public agencies and other finance professionals. The commission consists of nine members: state treasurer, governor or director of finance, state controller, two local government finance officials, two assembly members and two senators.

Lisa Mangay Chung, 37, of Santa Clarita, Calif., was appointed a judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court by California Gov. Gray Davis. Chung has served as a deputy district attorney since 1992 and has prosecuted criminal offenses, including drunk driving, fraud, burglary, robbery, rape, arson, child molestation, domestic violence and murder. Since 1999, she has supervised the Domestic

Violence Unit of the Antelope Valley Branch of the district attorney's office. She also served as the supervisor/coordinator of the Los Angeles County Victim Impact Program for the Antelope Valley Branch. One of her high-profile cases was the prosecution of David Abber, who was convicted of stalking his girlfriend. At the time, the defendant was running for mayor of Lancaster.

Dr. Ronald Takaki, a peace activist and ethnic studies professor at UC Berkeley for over 30 years, was honored with the Bay Area Book Reviewers Association's (BABRA) Fred Cody Award for life-time achievement. Takaki is the author of 11 books, including the critically acclaimed "Iron Cages: Race and Culture in 19th Century America" and "Strangers from a Different Shore: A History of Asian Americans." He is currently working on a TV miniseries based on his book "A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America." Since 1981, BABRA, a volunteer group of journalists, has honored the work of Northern California authors. ■



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April 18 Deadline for Name Engravings on Go For Broke Monument

Time still remains to be included in the first set of In Our Heroes' Footsteps name engravings at the base of the Go for Broke Monument in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

All World War II veteran family members and all children under 18 are eligible to have their name engraved on the footsteps surrounding the monument. Engravings of names received by April 18 will be unveiled at the "Honoring Our

Heroes" Go for Broke Monument 4th Anniversary Tribute on June 14.

Unveiled in June 1999, the Go for Broke Monument has inscribed on its granite wall 16,126 names of WWII veterans from the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service and others, to serve as a reminder of their story, sacrifices and legendary valor.

Cost is \$250 per engraving. Those

interested in becoming members of the Go for Broke Educational Foundation will receive a special engraving rate of \$200. Foundation membership is \$35 for individuals, \$25 for veterans and \$15 for students; premium membership starts at \$100.

To reserve a space on a footstep at the monument and inquire about membership, call Martie Quan at 310/222-5702. ■

MAVIN to Hold National Conference on Mixed Race Experience

The MAVIN Foundation announced it is sponsoring the 2003 National Conference on the Mixed Race Experience, which will be held at Seattle University April 4-6.

The annual conference has become the largest gathering of mixed race and transracially adopted students in the nation since its beginnings at Wesleyan University

in 1996.

This year's conference marks the first time it is being held on the West Coast and features two tracks: one for high school and college students and one for parents and professionals. The student track will provide students with key educational, leadership and networking opportunities. The adult track is open to edu-

cators, childcare providers, parents and social workers.

The conference will include renowned speakers, innovative workshops, and a semiformal 5th anniversary gala dinner.

For more information or to register as soon as possible, call MAVIN at 206/622-7101 or visit www.mavin.net/conference. ■

Greater L.A. Singles Chapter Announces Hana Uno Memorial Scholarship

The Greater L.A. Singles JACL is again offering their Hana Uno Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000.

The scholarship is offered to college-bound seniors of Japanese descent with good academic achievement records, who are from single-parent families and residents of Los Angeles or Orange county.

The scholarship was established in 1992 as a memorial to Hana Uno Shepard, an ardent GLAS/JACL member for many years and active in the redress movement for the World War II internees.

In addition to financial assistance, the purpose of the annual scholarship is to acquaint Sansei and Yonsei applicants with the goals of

the JACL and the privileges and responsibilities of Japanese American citizenship.

To qualify for review by the scholarship committee, applications must be postmarked or faxed by Friday, May 16.

Application forms may be obtained from high school college counselors or from the GLAS scholarship chair.

To request an application or for more information, write to Florence Sumire Griffen, GLAS Scholarship Chair, 4411 San Rafael Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90042; fax: 323/254-8349; phone: 323/257-3860; or e-mail: florencesumiregriffen@earthlink.net. ■

East Bay Nikkei Singles Offering Scholarship

East Bay Nikkei Singles is offering a \$500 scholarship. Application is open to students who are from single-parent families, are residents of Northern California and are of Nikkei heritage. The applicant must be graduating from high school and planning to attend a trade school, business school, college, university or any institution of higher learning in the fall of 2003.

The deadline for application is April 15. Application forms may be requested by writing to: Eleanore Toi, 46017 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont, CA 94539 or by calling 510/656-5449. ■

442nd RCT to Hold 60th Anniversary Reunion April 3-6

Veterans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team are holding their 60th Anniversary Reunion this weekend, April 3-6, in Honolulu. Over 1,500 veterans, family and friends are expected to attend the event, with activities kicking off on the historic battleship U.S.S. Missouri and Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, on April 4.

Friday afternoon workshops related to preserving the legacy of the fabled 442nd RCT will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Pacific Beach Hotel in Waikiki, followed by a welcome reception that evening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The veterans will pay tribute to their departed comrades at a memorial service Sat., April 5, from 9 to 10 a.m. The memorial service will be held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) and will feature University of Hawaii President Evan Dohelle and U.S. Army Retired Gen. David Bramlett as speakers. A bagpipe solo, 21-gun salute and "missing man" helicopters will also be featured in the morning program.

The various chapters of the 442nd RCT will hold their own "chapter night" activities at various times and locations throughout the four-day event, with the majority taking place in the afternoon and evening of April 5.

The culminating event will be the reunion banquet, which will be held on Sun., April 6, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel Hawaii Ballroom. The banquet will honor U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, whose actions as a member of the 442nd RCT on the battlefields of Europe earned him

the Medal of Honor, the highest military award for bravery. This is the first time Hawaii's senior senator will be officially recognized by his 442nd brethren.

The veterans will also honor Inouye's senate colleague, Daniel Akaka, with the Kansha (Gratitude) Award for the many contributions he made on behalf of the 442nd. Akaka initiated the U.S. Army review of World War II commendations that led to the upgrade of medals awarded to 442nd veterans, including the Medal of Honor.

Other activities unofficially related to the 442nd RCT also will be taking place the week of the 60th Anniversary Reunion, including film screenings of "Uncommon Courage," "Journey of Honor" and "Rabbit in the Moon" on April 4; "Beyond Barbed Wire," "Daniel K. Inouye: An American Story," "Go For Broke," and "The Color of Honor" on April 5; and "Conscience and the Constitution," "Words, Weavings and Songs," and "Toyo Miyatake: Infinite Shades of Gray" on April 6. Many of these films will have repeat screenings at various locations on April 8, 9 and 10.

Beginning in 1942, over a thousand Americans of Japanese ancestry from Hawaii and the West Coast comprised the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd RCT and subsequently fought in eight major military campaigns in Italy and France over a two-year period. Altogether, after the war there were 18,143 individual decorations for valor, making them "the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in the history of the United States." ■

60 YEARS AGO A NEW CU WAS BORN.



In 1943, while many Japanese Americans were imprisoned in camps and discrimination was still very much alive, the National JACL Credit Union was established by ten JACLers to assist these people. Over the years its philosophy has remained the same: *People helping people.*



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KOCHIYAMA

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pattern of first demonizing a target to generate anger and suspicion." Of Bush and his current foreign policy, she said, "I couldn't think very much of him and I just hope you all feel the same."

As a staunch anti-war activist and a dedicated supporter of political prisoners, Kochiyama believes most wars are "imperialist" wars for land, resources and power. "War stories are popular ... but war is not funny. It is mankind's most brutal, blood-thirsty and greedy act against humankind," she said.

Kochiyama may be small in stature but her passion for the anti-war movement is evident as her voice booms across the room. Over the years this passion has encompassed a number of causes not only as an advocate for social justice in the African American community but also as a leader in the Asian American movement fighting for the importance of ethnic studies and redress for Japanese Americans.

Kochiyama traces the roots of her political activism to the 1960s when she, her husband Bill, a 442nd RCT World War II veteran, and their six children lived in the projects of Harlem. In a community of mostly African Americans and some Latinos, Kochiyama was suddenly exposed to the booming civil rights movement that saw the birth of such leaders as Martin Luther King Jr., Medgar Evers and Malcolm X.

More than anyone, it was Malcolm X who spurred Kochiyama's commitment to political causes. "Malcolm X inspired me more than anyone," said Kochiyama, who met the dynamic leader in 1963. "I don't think you can ever find a human being as principled, as fearless, as honest, as considerate ... in this world. He spoke the truth."

"I feel Malcolm X was the most phenomenal leader that ever came to be in this country," said Kochiyama. "Those of us in Harlem were lucky to have been able to go and hear him think."

Kochiyama was with Malcolm X in 1965 when he was assassinated at the Audubon Ballroom. She cradled his head in her lap as he died.

Born in 1921 in San Pedro, Calif., Kochiyama and her family were part of the 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry who were incarcerated in America's concentration camps during WWII. Although admittedly apolitical at the time, it was during her stay at the Jerome, Ark., camp that she not only experienced firsthand the indignities of wartime but also learned about the strengths of her

JA community.

"When I was in camp I was still very apolitical. I felt I learned a lot about my own people and so I learned about myself in camp," she said. "I really came to feel admiration for Japanese Americans ... the camps really opened my eyes to a lot of things and I really came to love and admire Japanese people. I think they took that whole experience well."

Kochiyama believes the JA community is in a unique position to take a stand in the current war with Iraq, especially in the fight against the unfair targeting of Arab and Muslim Americans who have been the recent victims of hate crimes.

"The Japanese Americans should understand what they went through, being harassed, having people looking down at us or hostile towards us, thinking we were the enemy. And now we see that it's happening to the Muslims, Arabs and South Asians," said Kochiyama. "We should be the first ones backing them." In fact, she added, "I think everybody should be supporting Muslims, Arabs and South Asians."

Over the years, Kochiyama has learned the importance of self-education when it comes to any political movement. Only by reading and researching the facts and details for oneself, and not relying solely on news reports or various speakers, can a person get to the truth of the matter.

"I feel we must all learn the truth about wars before we are all muzzled," she said.

And after four decades as a political activist, Kochiyama's goal still hasn't changed: "Wars must be abolished just as equality, self-determination and human dignity must be the rights of all."

"All human beings need kindness, warmth, concern for one another, the feeling of being needed, and also the feeling that we can each contribute something to the progress of civilization," she said.

Although Kochiyama knows her goal won't be accomplished in her lifetime she is hopeful that her message will be carried on in the next generation and those that follow.

"Every person, nation and race must be considered precious. Youth must change this world ... don't pass by this window of opportunity," she said. "You can begin today." ■

The event was sponsored by Pomona College's Asian American Resource Center, which recently renamed its library after Yuri Kochiyama.

PLEDGE

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Ron Wakabayashi with the Department of Justice's community relations office said, "I want to urge everybody to take the pledge seriously because we can't do it sitting on our hands. You got to make it work."

Ra'id Faraj, public relations director for the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), estimated that Southern California had approximately half a million Muslim Americans, both of Arab and non-Arab descent, and was thankful that law enforcement agencies are publicly speaking out against anti-Muslim hate crimes. He described their recent meeting with the FBI as "positive."

The most visible targets of anti-Middle Eastern hate crimes have been Sikh Americans due to their turbans and beards, outward symbols of a Sikh's devotion to God. The Sikh religion, however, is separate from the Muslim faith.

Nirinjan Khalsa with the Sikh Council of Southern California has been on the receiving end of numerous verbal harassments. He's been flipped off, told to "Go back where you came from," and blamed for the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He pointed out that the first hate crime murder victim following the 9/11 terrorist attacks was a Sikh American in Mesa, Ariz.

"What has happened to the Sikh community truly illustrates the total senselessness of this hate reaction in this country," said Khalsa. "Now that war with Iraq has begun, our community is again bracing ourselves for another round of senseless hate crimes. But 99.9 percent of all people in this country that look like I do, who have a beard and wear a turban, are Sikhs."

Gitander Singh, another Sikh American, said he recently participated in a marathon where he wore a head scarf as his religion dictates. Throughout the marathon route, Singh said people yelled hate words such as "Go back home" or "Osama Bin Laden."

With the start of the war, Singh said his family no longer

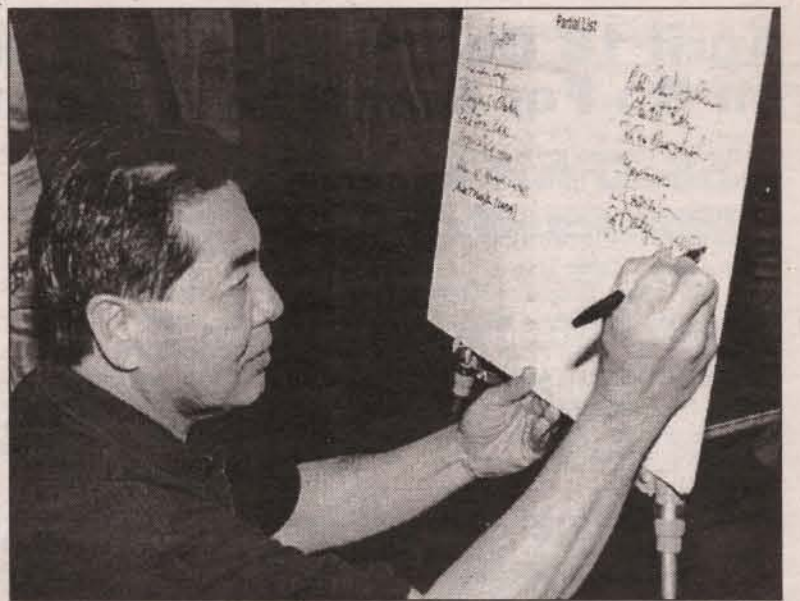


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Ron Wakabayashi with the Department of Justice's community relations office signs onto the Homeland Security Pledge.

goes out alone, not even to the supermarket, nor does he allow his teenage son to stay out with his friends.

"We do not like to live in fear but we also need to be careful," said Singh. "And we need your help in educating yourselves on who we are. Let us celebrate our differences and our similarities. Let's all be Americans united against this war on terrorism."

Najeeba Syeed-Miller, a Muslim American woman, said in the months since 9/11, she has tied her scarf up, hid under a straw hat and didn't venture out without her Caucasian husband.

"I could not even look in the mirror but for the shame I felt thrust upon me," said Syeed-Miller. "I went everywhere, taking my husband with me to protect against the looks. His white skin was like a shield. But walking into a store, there would be comments like, 'Let's slit all those terrorist throats, let them bleed to death.'"

When Syeed-Miller's mother attempted to do a cross-cultural education workshop at a local school, her mother was told, "Don't bring that terrorist stuff into my school," while her younger brother was told by another student, "You know, you're going to go into a concentration camp where you belong after what happened."

"I have so altered my life that I no longer go out by myself except to work," said Syeed-

Miller. "I still wait for my husband to go places with me. I have lost the ability to venture out for simple errands. Sometimes I think it's okay again, no problem, but it's gone that spontaneity or freedom I so easily enjoyed."

To prevent an escalation of emotions, Salaam Al Marayati with the Muslim Public Affairs Council called upon religious leaders to act responsibly. "There should be no room for religious rhetoric at this time," said Al Marayati, whose office received more than two dozen hate emails in recent weeks. "We should be calling for religious calm and using religion as a vehicle for reconciliation and understanding."

Hamid Khan with the South Asian Network asked the media and elected officials to be more sensitive. "I want to send a message to the media and to the framers of public policy to please refrain from disseminating hate and sensationalizing the events that promote hate and criminalize an entire community," said Khan.

The Los Angeles Human Relations Commission has created a toll free hotline and web link to report hate crimes or obtain information.

The number is 888/No-2-Hate (662-4283), and the web link, which also includes a list of signers to the Homeland Security Pledge, can be accessed at www.LAHumanRelations.org. ■

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FILM

‘Spirited Away’ Director Says Oscar Win Tempered by World Events

TOKYO—The director of the Japanese animated film “Spirited Away” said March 24 that his thrill at receiving the Oscar was tempered by concern over the recent “unfortunate turn” in world events. “Spirited Away” was the surprise winner of the Academy Award for animated feature film, beating a field of nominees that included the Hollywood hits “Ice Age” and “Lilo & Stitch” and becoming only the sixth Japanese-directed film to earn an Oscar. But writer-director Hayao Miyazaki was subdued about the honor in a brief statement released by his studio. “I’m sad to say that I cannot simply feel overjoyed about winning the award, given the unfortunate turn of events in the world today,” he said. “However, I wish to express my profound thanks to friends whose efforts made possible the film’s release in the United

States and to all those who enjoyed it.” Miyazaki did not attend the Oscars because he was busy with other projects, said Mikiko Takeda, a spokeswoman for Studio Ghibli. Producer Toshio Suzuki, a long-time Miyazaki collaborator, chose not to attend the Academy Awards ceremony because of security concerns following the outbreak of war in Iraq, Takeda said. Known as “Sen to Chihiro no Kamikakushi” in Japanese, “Spirited Away” became the highest-grossing movie ever in Japan, earning approximately \$234 million. It had a limited U.S. release last fall. The film tells an “Alice in Wonderland”-style story about a girl who becomes trapped in a world of nature spirits and must escape to rescue her parents from a spell that transformed them into pigs.

MUSIC/THEATER

East West Players Releases CD of Songs From ‘Manzanar’

East West Players, the nation’s premier Asian American theatre, has recorded songs from “Manzanar: Story of an American Family,” an original musical by Dan Taguchi and Rus McCoy that follows the story of one Japanese American family after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Funded by a grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program, CD soundtracks will be distributed to public libraries across the state as an educational resource for studying the

World War II internment of Japanese Americans. “The CD showcases the exceptional talent in the Asian American community while also using art as an educational tool,” said Tim Dang, EWP’s production artistic director. “The musical is a very accessible way to help new audiences learn about this defining moment in American history, with its period melodies and the emotions they invoke.” “Manzanar” depicts the upheaval and discrimination that

BASEBALL

Royals Acquire Agbayani From Reds

SURPRISE, Ariz.—The Kansas City Royals purchased the contract of outfielder **Benny Agbayani** from the Cincinnati Reds on March 25. Agbayani, a former Hawaii Pacific University star, has played nearly four years in the majors with the New York Mets, Colorado Rockies and Boston Red Sox. He was assigned to the Royals’ Triple-A club in Omaha. Agbayani played 48 games last season with the Rockies, where he hit .205 with four home runs and 19 RBIs. He played 13 games with Boston, hitting .297 with no home runs and eight RBIs. In 383 games in the majors, mostly with the Mets, Agbayani has a .274 batting average and a .445 slugging percentage with 39 home runs, 58 doubles and 156 RBIs.

Baseball Cancels Season-opening Series in Japan

PHOENIX—Seattle Mariners closer **Kazuhiro Sasaki**’s mother was coming from Sendai City and his wife and two children from Yokohama to watch him pitch in Tokyo. Seattle reliever **Shigetoshi Hasegawa** had purchased 120 tickets for each game against the Oakland Athletics for relatives and friends in his homeland. Major league baseball decided to cancel the season-opening series between Seattle and Oakland because of the impending war in Iraq. The teams were scheduled to play games March 25-26 at the Tokyo Dome. Instead, they will stay in Arizona and juggle their Cactus League schedule. “I was so disappointed,” Sasaki said. “I was looking forward to meeting my family in Japan.” “Given the uncertainty that now exists throughout the world, we believe the safest course of action for the players involved and the many staff personnel who must work the games is to reschedule the opening series,” Commissioner Bud Selig said. “It would be unfair and terribly unsettling for them to be half a world away — away from their families at a critical juncture.” Ichiro Suzuki insists there would have been no trouble once the teams arrived in Japan. But getting there might have been risky. “You can’t just open the door and be in Japan,” said Suzuki, Seattle’s star leadoff hitter. “You have to take the logistics into account. Japan is probably the safer place but getting to Japan is what you have to worry about.”

“I don’t like the idea of being out of the country when the country is going to war,” said Seattle first baseman **John Olerud**. The games were rescheduled for April 3 and June 30 in Oakland. “With world tensions so high, this is the prudent course of action,” union head **Donald Fehr** said. Baseball opened its 2000 season in Tokyo, with the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs playing two games. Seattle’s visit was highly anticipated because of Suzuki and Sasaki. It also would have been the first time Seattle owner **Hiroshi Yamauchi**, who lives in Japan, saw his team play. “I find it extremely unfortunate, but it’s because of war and there is little we can do,” Japanese baseball commissioner **Hiromori Kawashima** said. “Japanese baseball fans who were looking forward to the event must find it extremely disappointing.” Fans had bought 200,000 tickets for the two games, and for exhibitions games in the days leading up to the opener. Even though several baseball officials already were in Japan, setting up for the series, many players had been jittery about going. “We’ve got guys going to war for our country,” Oakland third baseman **Eric Chavez** said before the decision. “I want to be here. Call me patriotic or whatever, this is where I want to be.” Yankees manager **Joe Torre**, on the other hand, said he’d be okay with going to play this year’s opener in Tokyo.



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GOLF

Wie Comes in Ninth at Kraft Nabisco Championship

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif.—Eighth-grader **Michelle Wie**, 13, finished with a par on the 18th hole of the Kraft Nabisco Championship, leaving her at even par and in a tie for ninth place. A 13-year-old named Aree Song was in the final group here three years ago, placing 10th overall, but she didn’t hit the ball the distances Wie does. “My drives kept going farther and farther each hole,” Wie said March 29, a day before the final round. “On 16 I just flew it over the trees. It was about 310.” The long-hitting Wie gave fans a glimpse of the future of women’s golf that day, shooting a 6-under 66 to join Annika Sorenstam, of Sweden, and Patricia Meunier-Lebouc, of France, in the final group of the first major championship of the year. On the final day, Meunier-Lebouc overcame an out-of-

bounds tee shot on the third hole with some steady play in the final holes to deny Sorenstam’s bid to become the first LPGA player to win the same major title three years in a row. The Frenchwoman birdied the 13th hole to take the lead, then parred her way in before a meaningless 3-putt bogey on the final hole gave her a 1-over 73 and a one-shot win over Sorenstam. By the final round, Wie was no longer a factor, missing several short putts to finish seven shots back after a final-round 76. The native Hawaiian began the day four strokes behind Meunier-Lebouc. One fan held up a sign reading, “We Love Wiesy.” “I think I played pretty well today,” Wie said. “I’m real happy about the score.” Wie became the youngest player to ever make a cut in an LPGA major championship.

SWIMMING

Georgia Girl Wins in Southern State Qualifying Meet

Brigid Mary K. McDonnell, 10, of Atlanta, Ga., won the girls 10 & under 200 individual medley with a time of 2:31.11 at the 2003 Southeast Section Southern Zone Age Group Championships, where over 500 9- to 14-year-olds competed. McDonnell, a fourth-grader at Sarah Smith Elementary School, is

also the state champion in the 50 and 100 breaststroke in her division. Her times of 35:37 and 1:17.60 respectively are nationally ranked Top 16 times. She is the daughter of Pat and Donna Y. McDonnell and the granddaughter of Daniel and Mary Yamaguchi, longtime San Diego JACL members.



East Wind

Bill Marutani

Moats Around the Castle

IN A PUBLICATION named "One Puka-Puka Parade," a publication of Club 100 in Hawaii (renamed "World War II 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Association") there appeared a tribute to Brig. Gen. Francis F. Takemoto. Takemoto, a veteran of the 100th Battalion, upon promotion in January 1964, at age 50, to brigadier general, became the first Asian American to reach flag rank. Based upon bits of information I picked up over the years, I estimate that there are about a dozen or so flag-rank AJAs (Americans of Japanese Ancestry) from Hawaii. Four-star Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki is senior-ranking officer. From the mainland, we (proudly) have one flag-rank officer: Maj. Gen. James H. Mukoyama Jr. from the Chicago area.

While I have some theories (guesses) as to why Hawaii produced 10 times more flag-rank people than the mainland Nikkei, having no data whatsoever to lend support to my guesses, they're better left dormant. For now.

THE BARRIERS of military exclusions blocked the Nikkei Americans' path, starting with the

doors to the military academies: Annapolis, Coast Guard, Virginia Military Institute, West Point, and so on. Further, Nikkei military service has traditionally been race based and largely limited to serving as a foot soldier. Stated in the negative: Nikkei were not welcome in the Navy, Navy Air Corps, Submarine Service, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Corps, Paratroops, Cavalry (battle tanks) — to name a few. The rare exceptions only served to prove the rule. The listing of distinctly Nikkei names on the mast of the battleship U.S.S. Maine (in Arlington Cemetery), upon close examination reveals subservient assignments as cooks and stewards in the officers' mess. During the World War II era, Nikkei American service was fundamentally patterned on racial bases. That therefrom an elite military unit resulted does not detract from the operative racial factor. The original make-up of the 100th Battalion as well as the 442nd Regiment was all-Nisei — as were the replacements, even though the latter may have undergone basic infantry training in non-segregated units.

THE NIKKEI trainees at M.I.S.

were also subject to a racially segregated formula. Although there were Caucasian trainees (many of them performing outstandingly) studying the same courses as the Nikkei (many of whom also performed outstandingly) the two were kept separate and apart: classes were separate, billeting separate, mess hall separate, recreation separate. Upon completing the six-month course, the Nikkei were promoted one grade (at least that was so in my case, going from private first class to a two-striper technician 5th grade, i.e. a corporal). This after six months of intensive training including evening classes plus half-day on Saturdays. There were rumors that the official but secret policy was that officer's commissions for Nisei were discouraged.

THE SITUATION has changed from those days of yore. We have about a dozen flag-rank officers. The M.I.S. produced several "bird" colonels. Nikkei Americans have graduated from military academies. But the proverbial red carpet is not out. Some still have a moat around them, and the bridge to the castle is pulled up.

Semper fidelis? ■

to go their — inevitably — separate ways. With characteristic humor, the ones remaining are asking who among them will be turning out the light for the last time.

The case of the JA WWII veterans is particularly poignant. According to the National Japanese American Veterans Council, there are, as mentioned, some 68 different organizations comprised of such vets. Although these groups managed to cull a few members from other wars, and there is even a JA Korean War vet group, the vast majority of their rosters date back to the end of WWII. The remaining members are the survivors of those who had served gallantly to establish their loyalty under circumstances that would, in today's world, make many of our Arab American friends truly shudder.

Now, given the demographics, it's nearing taps for both members and organizations. Those groups with some foresight are doing the equivalent of drafting wills for their associations. But, in the dimming twilight of their existence,

members. The Korean and Vietnam conflicts certainly provided a modest pool of additional candidates but those wars were decades ago. Sure, there were Desert Storm and Grenada too but they provided only a trickle of JA vets. WWII was the biggie.

Ironically, what we need now is something that produces a big bang in membership. If the war clouds that threaten come our way, there is a possibility that with an extended Iraqi conflict and prolonged occupation we can expect a shot in the arm in our veterans population. God forbid, a kind of a war dividend, one might say.

The plight of many veterans organizations is a lamentable one. If they do not resemble a nursing home already, the fact is that the old gang is kept busy memorializing the loss of those comrades who have lately shucked off their coils

COMMENTARY

Sweet and Sour — Our Aging Veterans Organizations

By CALVIN NINOMIYA

Unless Providence manages to stave for us visits from the Great Reaper, or, more likely, our good president commits our nation to a war that will likely create a new generation of potential veterans, the sad fact is that most of our vet organizations are definitely becoming history.

Whether it is your familiar American Legion or VFW Post, or the 68 Japanese American veterans groups here on the mainland and Hawaii, their ranks are getting mighty slim. The reality is that most of these organizations have been surviving largely on the strength of World War II vets. And, the calendar doesn't lie — most members are in their late 70s and 80s!

The vet organizations can stand a lot more younger, dues-paying

From the Frying Pan

Bill Hosokawa

A Sad but Good Day to Remember

Congressman Mike Honda has introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives that would designate the 19th day of February as National Day of Remembrance. Feb. 19 is the day President Franklin Roosevelt in 1942, in a time of war hysteria, signed Executive Order 9066 which led to the imprisonment of 115,000 Japanese Americans and suspension of their civil rights without the due process guaranteed by the Constitution. Honda's proposal, press reports indicate, has substantial support in Congress.

Honda's resolution would set aside Feb. 19 as the occasion to remember a nation's shame as it sent some of its citizens, on the basis of their race, into exile. It would be a day to contemplate the circumstances behind the callous disregard for the principles that distinguish America, an occasion to remember the tears that were shed by the victims and the desperation and heartbreak that should have never occurred. True, the nation already has done penance. President Ford went through the formality of abolishing an already invalid 9066. President Reagan signed legislation to redress — in small measure — the victims of 9066. The first Bush signed a formal apology in distributing token recompense.

But there is another side to the day of shame and infamy. Feb. 19, 1942, marks the beginning of the end of a society in which:

- Nisei in Los Angeles with Phi Beta Kappa keys hidden away in their ghetto homes made a living stacking oranges in fruit markets because other doors to employment were closed to them;

- Nisei in San Francisco were happy to be employed for \$15 a week as clerks in Grant Avenue Oriental art goods stores;

- Nisei from Seattle worked 60-hour weeks in the summer for \$35

there remains still in all of the groups an ineffable pride for having helped win a war on the battlefields of Italy, eastern France, and in the far Pacific — and, in the hearts of their fellow Americans. So, no matter the three-score count of this year's 442nd RCT 60th anniversary in Honolulu in early April, it's an event worth celebrating for all our veterans.

a month, a bunk and meals mostly of rice, in Alaskan salmon canneries to help support their families;

- Nisei with the education and skills to be lawyers and doctors, scientists and business executives and engineers and teachers, turned to Japan for their futures because race prejudice denied them opportunity in their native America;

- Issei who cleared the brush and literally turned the deserts of the West into farms, orchards and vineyards were not permitted to own the land they tilled because they were stigmatized as aliens ineligible to citizenship.

Although we could not understand it at the time, relief from those racially based injustices began even as we were driven at bayonet-point into American-style concentration camps. Ironically, it was the dispersal of JAs from the camps under the government's forced "relocation" program that gave them hitherto non-existing integration opportunities. Change was accelerated by the amazing courage of JAs who went to war in defense of the country that held their families behind barbed wire.

Today, JAs are part and parcel of their country. They, like Honda himself, serve at the highest levels of government. They, like Norman Mineta, serve in the president's cabinet. They direct medical and scientific research, heal the ailing, provide spiritual counseling, administer universities, head business corporations, drill for oil and grow vast quantities of the nation's food supply, run city governments, administer justice through the courts, create beauty as artists and musicians, educate the children who are the nation's future.

Times have changed for a once reviled people. That change began even as tears flowed on the original Day of Remembrance. February 19th is a sad anniversary, but a good day to remember. ■

That said, unless there is a World War III, it seems likely that our aging JA vet organizations are seeing the end of their days. Indeed, the Hawaii reunion could well be the "last hurrah!" for their members who have served us all so well, then and since. Can one do less than to honor and remember their deeds with enduring gratitude? ■



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California Supreme Court Justice Chin to Speak at Asian American Studies Conference

The Honorable Ming W. Chin, a California Supreme Court judge appointed in 1996, will deliver the keynote address at the joint annual conference of the National Association for Asian and Pacific American Education (NAA-PAE)/California Teachers Association-Pacific Asian American Caucus (CTA-PAAC) at the Queen Mary Hotel in Long Beach, Calif., April 3-5.

The event is being co-hosted by the Department of Asian and Asian American Studies at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), as well as CTA-PAAC and the Center for Language Minority Education and Research (CLMER) at CSULB.

The conference will present various panels, workshops and round tables dealing with ethnic studies, multicultural education, community service learning, language and culture, gender and sexuality, and ethnic gangs.

Before being named to the California Supreme Court, Justice Chin served from 1990 to 1996 on the First District Court of Appeal in San Francisco. He also served on the bench of the Alameda Superior Court and previously

was a partner in an Oakland law firm specializing in business and commercial litigation.

He served two years in the U.S. Army, including a year in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and Bronze Star. He was also the first AA to serve as president of the Alameda County Bar Association in its 100-year history.

Justice Chin will speak at the conference banquet on April 4, at 7 p.m. at the Grand Garden located at 8894 Bolsa Ave., Westminster, Calif. The cost of the banquet is \$30 per person, and checks may be sent to: NAAPAE Conference, c/o Department of Asian and Asian American Studies, California State University, Long Beach, 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90840-1002.

The NAAPAE is a 25-year-old national organization that seeks to improve educational opportunities for APAs and to promote the inclusion of their history and culture in the school curriculum.

For more information, call Dr. John N. Tsuchida, conference co-chair, at 562/985-8085 or 562/985-4645. ■

FUJII LINDWALL

(Continued from page 1)

us mad, happy and sad. It's who we are.

In the Pacific Northwest, where I have lived all my life, we have so many worthwhile, meaningful ventures such as the Bainbridge Island Memorial and the Minidoka Park projects. Without the P.C. how could we do our work that is as important to the survival of us as a group? And speaking of survival, there is the Hate Crimes Program that just started up with a grant from Ford that deals with hate crimes throughout Washington State.

With regard to the Minidoka monument, we would like to encourage input/comments to the National Park Service regarding the development of the site, and suggestions on how to create a viable "educational" program for visitors to the site. People can

access the Minidoka Internment Monument website at www.nps.gov/miin or send an e-mail to MIIN_GMP@nps.gov.

The Bainbridge Island Japanese American Memorial Study Act of 2002, supported by Sen. Patty Murray, Washington, was recently passed by Congress and now awaits the president's signature. The preservation of the Eagledale Ferry Dock on Bainbridge Island provides an immense opportunity to educate the American public about the internment of over 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry in 1942. Fostering understanding of our history and its relevance today most assuredly will help to ensure that the constitutional violations and discrimination perpetrated against people of Japanese ancestry will never happen to any other group of people in this country again.

And, in a recent move, the state of Washington is putting together a bill to observe Feb. 19 as

Remembrance Day, and this will certainly have the backing of the JACL and the P.C. All these projects take money, manpower and most importantly, many voices.

Last year the Seattle chapter participated in rallies to urge the INS to release a Hamoui family (they were eventually released from INS detention). The chapter also worked to support immigrant airport workers who faced harassment and subsequent firings due to federal government regulations requiring airport security screeners to be U.S. citizens. These are events that are happening locally but have an impact nationally and stem from what is happening in many other parts of the country. And in that regard, the P.C. needs to be out there, to be our voice for those issues that affect us on a day-to-day basis. If that matters to you, then we need the P.C.!

As JAs, we are very familiar with the pain and long-term effects of acts of intolerance along with the loss of civil liberties. That's why we have JACL. Even though we live in a democratic society, we are finding that is not always a "sure" thing. In times of crisis, irrational behavior occurs, unfairly affecting people because of the way they look or their religious beliefs.

And not only are many dollars needed to support the P.C. but member and community involvement as well. This is particularly relevant given the comparisons of the experience of the JAs during World War II and Arab/Iraqi Americans and Muslims today in terms of racism and intolerance. As the saying goes, there is strength in numbers. ■

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East Coast

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NEW YORK CITY

Thurs., April 10—Exhibit Opening: "Noguchi: Contours"; UBS Paine Webber Art Gallery, 1285 Ave. of Americas; rare Isamu Noguchi scroll drawings, some not seen for 70 years; exhibit runs through June 20. Info: 212/713-2885.

Wed., April 16—"Getting in the Picture" family history workshop; 6-8 p.m.; A/P/A Studies Gallery, NYU, 269 Mercer St. Suite 609; with photographer Serene Ford Northington and her author mother. **RSVP by April 14:** 212/992-9653; apa.rsvp@nyu.edu.

Thurs., April 24—Brown Bag Lunch: "On the Death of Ethnic Studies" with professor Gary Okihito; 12 noon-2 p.m.; A/P/A Studies, NYU, 269 Mercer St. Suite 609. **RSVP by April 21:** 212/992-9653; apa.rsvp@nyu.edu.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sat., May 3—Korean American Coalition Personal Development Workshop #2: "Effective Communication Skills for Asian Pacific Americans"; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (8:30 a.m. registration); featuring professional trainers from LEAP Free and open to the public. **RSVP, location, info:** 202/2976-6401.

Mon., July 14—Inaugural National Nikkei Golf Tournament, "Nikkei I"; Westfields (a Fred Couples signature course) in Northern Virginia; practice time available in the morning; hosted by the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation and JACL.

Midwest

CINCINNATI

Thurs.-Sat., April 10-12—2003 NCSS Great Lakes Regional Conference; 9 a.m.-19:50 p.m.; 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.

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SALT LAKE CITY

Sat., April 12—Mt. Olympus JACL "Fundarama 2003"; 6 p.m. sushi/manju sale, 6:30 p.m. dinner catered by Golden Phoenix; Cottonwood High School Cafeteria, 5717 S. 1300 E; bake sale, bingo, children's games, door prizes; to fund chapter scholarships. Advance purchase discount. Info: Silvana Watanabe, 801/261-2424.

Sat., June 7—Salt Lake JACL annual fund raiser, "Tanoshimi No Yori" Casino & Bingo Night; 6-10 p.m.; Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, 211 West 100 South; Info: Metra.Barton@ppfa.org.

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

PORTLAND

Sun., May 4—Portland JA community organizations including JACL will honor graduating seniors at the Annual Graduation Banquet; 5 p.m.; keynote speaker, poet/professor Lawson Fusao

Inada. Tickets, location, info: Terry Nishikawa, 503/666-3836.

SEATTLE

Fri.-Sun., April 18-20—Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Center House, Seattle Center; the "120,000 Tassel Tapestry" fashioned by eighth-grade students of Lafayette, Ind., honoring WWII JA veterans will be on display.

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.

WOODINVILLE, Wash.

Mon., June 30—Nikkei Concerns 3rd Annual Founders' Benefit Golf Tournament; 10 a.m. registration, 1 p.m. shotgun start; Bear Creek Country Club; cocktail reception, dinner, awards ceremony, live auction will follow. Info: David Hayashi, 425/646-8212, david.k.hayashi@aexp.com; or Kevin Nagai, 425/646-3039, kevin@base-capital.com.

Northern California

ALAMEDA

Tues., April 8—Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association Fund-raising Dinner; 4-8 p.m.; Chevy's Fresh Mex Restaurant, 2400 Mariner Square; to raise funds for high school students' exchange. **RSVP:** 510/482-5896; lianescott@sbcglobal.net.

BAY AREA

Sun., April 6—Nikkei Widowed Group Meeting; new members, men and women, are welcome. Call for meeting time and place: M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

EL CERRITO

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

Sat., May 3—Sakura Kai Health Fair; 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; El Cerrito Open House Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave.; Contra Costa JACL and Diablo Valley JACL will be assisting. Info: Kimi Honda, 510/524-6338.

HAYWARD

Sun., June 1—51st Annual JACL Junior Olympics; Chabot College; divisions from 8 years and under through 'open' and 'masters.' **Entry Deadline, May 6.** Info: Tom Oshidari, 408/257-5609 evenings, 650/623-1314 days; toshidari@dittechcom.com.

LODI

Wed.-Sun. through Oct. 5—"Objects d'Art: Weapons of the Samurai," display of samurai swords; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; San Joaquin County Historical Museum, Mickle's Grove Park; the display is funded by the Stockton JACL.

PALO ALTO

Sat.-Sun., April 12-13—Asian Accents Spring Fashion Fund Raiser; 1-4 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday; Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 2751 Louis Rd.; to benefit the Buddhist Women's Association.

PLEASANTON

Sun., April 27—Tri-Valley JACL's Teriyaki Chicken Fund Raiser; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Alameda County Fairgrounds; karate demonstration, Eden Aoba Taiko, May Chorale-Japanese Music & Songs; dining facilities available. **Pre-Order Only.** Tickets: Dean Suzuki, 925/820-1454.

SACRAMENTO

Sun., May 18—11th Annual Pacific rim Street Festival; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Old Sacramento; Info: 916/443-6223.

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.placernikkeireunion.com; or Aiko Seo, 916/443-7746; Tomio Masaki, 916/456-2595; Grace Miyamoto, 916/421-2788.

SAN FRANCISCO

Fri., April 11—Kimochi Home's 20th Anniversary Open House; 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; 1531 Sutter St.; refreshments, raffle. Info: 415/931-2294.

Sun., April 20—Cherry Blossom Senior Appreciation Brunch; 9 a.m.; Miyako Hotel; sponsored by the SF Nikkei Lions and AT&T. Free, but **RSVP.** Info: San Mateo Community Center, 343-2793.

SAN JOSE

Fri.-Sat., April 18-19—CATS (Contemporary Asian Theater Scene) presents the 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors comedy group; 8 p.m.; San Jose Stage Theater, 490 S. First St.; includes new works and old favorites. Tickets, info: 408/298-2287 or the Stage box office.

SAN MATEO

Sat., May 10—The Human Race fund-raising walkathon; Coyote Point; to support the San Mateo JACL Community Center.

SANTA CRUZ

Sat., June 21—Santa Cruz Japanese Cultural Fair; 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Mission Plaza Park; Watsonville/Santa Cruz JACL will have a booth. Info: www.jcfsc.org.

STOCKTON

Fri., April 25—Central Valley Asian American Chamber of Commerce Annual Installation & Recognition Dinner; the theme is "Oldies But Goodies," recognizing AA businesses that have been in business for 45 years or more. **RSVP, Info:** Dennis Lee, 209/368-1832.

Sun., May 4—NCWNP District Council Meeting; Stockton JACL, hosts.

Central California

VISALIA

Fri., April 25—Tri-District Golf Tournament; 1 p.m. tee time; Valley Oaks Golf Course near the Holiday Inn. **RSVP by April 11:** Stan Hirahara, 1597 S. Hope Ave., Reedley, CA 93654; 559/638-6014; schirahara@earthlink.com.

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 Oaks Golf Course; hosted by the CCDC. Info: Larry Ishimoto, 559/627-0442; slyder1234@aol.com.

Sun., April 27—Annual CCDC Scholarship Luncheon; Visalia Holiday Inn. **RSVP by April 14:** Bobbi Hanada, 434/1662.

Southern California

BRAWLEY

Sun., May 4—Imperial Valley JACL's 1st Annual Golf Tournament; 7 a.m. registration, 8 a.m. shotgun start; Del Rio Country Club; limited spots are available. Info: George Kodama, Craig Kodama, or Yosh Sanbonmatsu at 760/353-6661.

EL CENTRO

Sat., May 3—Imperial Valley JACL's Annual Friendship Dinner; 6 p.m.; Ryerson Hall, Desert Trails RV Park; traditional Japanese dinner; Shokenji Taiko from Vista, Shoto-Kan martial arts demo. Info: Jason Jackson, 760/791-5576.

LOS ANGELES

Fri. & Sat., April 4, 5, 11, 12—The 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors present "Psycho Karaoke," a concoction of their greatest hits; East West Players, 120 N. Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo. Reservations/info: 323/692-5517; info@18mmw.com.

Sat., April 5—Community Forum, "Duct Tape and Orange Alerts," a discussion on the war on terrorism, patriotism, and our civil liberties; 1:30-3 p.m., Asian Pacific American Legal Center, 1145 Wilshire Blvd., 2nd Floor; presented by the Organization of Chinese Americans and South Asian Network. Free. Light lunch. **RSVP:** Harry Wong, 213/250-9888 ducttape@oca-gla.org.ws.

Sat., April 5—Hands-on "Finding Family Stories" workshops; 12 noon-2:30 p.m.; El Pueblo Gallery on Olvera St.; led by artists José B. Ramirez and Steven Yao-Chee Wong. Free. Info: 213/626-5240; www.camla.org.

Sat., April 5—"Finding Family Stories" art workshops; 2-4:30 p.m.; California African American Museum, 600 State Dr., Exposition Park; led by artists Betty Lee and Michael Massenburg; singing performance, storytelling, more. Free. Info: 213/744-7432; www.caam.ca.gov.

Sun., April 13—Hands-on "Finding Family Stories" workshops; 12 noon-2:30 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; led by artists Dominique Moody and Patrick Hebert. Free. Info: 213/625-0414; www.janm.org.

Sun., April 13—Hands-on "Finding Family Stories" workshops and printing demonstration; 2-4:30 p.m.; Self-Help Graphics and Art, 3802 Cesar Chavez Ave; with artist José B. Ramirez. Free. Info: 323/881-6444; www.selfhelpgraphics.com.

Sat., April 19—"An American Story" Teacher Training Workshop; 8:30-12 noon; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; with award-winning children's author Ken Mochitsuki; presented by the Go For Broke Educational Foundation. Free to educators. Info: Diane Tanaka, 310/222-5709, www.GoForBroke.org.

Sat., April 26—Bus for the pilgrimage to Manzanar will leave from the JACCC at 244 S. San Pedro St. in Little Tokyo at 7 a.m. **Send non-refundable \$20 per person by April 19 to:** Manzanar Committee, P.O. Box 9489, Marina del Rey, CA 90295.

Travel map, info: 323/662-5102, www.manzanarcommittee.org.

Through May 4—Exhibit, "Crafting History: Arts and Crafts from America's Concentration Camps"; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414.

POMONA

Thurs., April 17—Panel discussion on interracial dating and marriage; 3-4:30 p.m.; Cal Poly Pomona Bronco Student Center; an Asia & the Pacific Islands Heritage Month event. Info: 909/869-5025.

SANDIEGO

Sat.-Sun., April 26-27—Hanamatsuri Flower Festival; 12 noon-6 p.m.; North County Japanese Cultural Center and Buddhist Temple, 150 Cedar Road in Vista; food, taiko, costumes, martial arts and more. Info: 941-8800.

TORRANCE

Sat.-Sun., April 5-6—*Bunka-Sai* Japanese Cultural Festival; 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Ken Miller Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd.; crafts, dolls, door prizes, food, martial arts, origami, *rocket-su*, special games for children, much more. Free admission, free parking; to benefit the Student Cultural Exchange Program. Info: 618-2930.

WHITTIER

Mon., April 28—JACCC's 20th Annual Ambassadors Cup U.S.-Japan Friendship Golf Tournament; Friendly Hills Country Club. Info: Jeanne Sakamoto, 213/628-2725.

Arizona - Nevada

GLENDALE

Sun., April 27—Arizona JACL's 42nd Annual Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship Awards & Graduates Luncheon and 1st Annual Gold Sahuaro Tribute; 1 p.m.; Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr.; speaker, Marian Tadao Shee, Dean of Phoenix College. **RSVP:** Michele Namba, 623/572-9913 or Caseyfolks@aol.com, or Marilyn Inoshita-Tang, 602/861-2638.

LAS VEGAS

Sat., April 12—Las Vegas JACL Spring Friendship Picnic/Potluck; 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Floyd Lamb State Park, Tule Springs Rd., Picnic Area III.

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 1948, '49, '50*). Registration forms, info: Sets (Izumi) Asano; 310/515-0889; Toshi Kusumoto, 213/382-5712; or Pat Toshiko (Tamura) Muraoka, 310/532-1666.

RENO

Sun., April 27—Reno JACL Easter Potluck; 12 noon; Knights of Pythias Hall, 575 Nevada St. Info: Mimi Fujii-Strickler, 853-8850 ■

DEADLINE for Calendar is the Friday before date of issue, on a space-available basis.

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

Correction

The heading and captions for the pictures from the Day of Remembrance event (Mar. 21-Apr. 3, p. 5) should have included the Salt Lake and Wasatch Front North chapters as well as the Mount Olympus chapter.

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April 17, Maundy Thursday service, at 7:00 p.m. Join us for holy eucharist, with a foot washing observance and stripping of the altar.

April 18, Good Friday service at 1:00 p.m. Holy eucharist from the reserved sacrament.

April 20, Easter Sunday - 6:00 a.m. Easter Vigil service, followed by breakfast served by our Youth Group from 7:15 to 9:15 a.m. (donations to support Youth Group and Diocesan Mission Share Fund), with live jazz band accompaniment. 9:45 a.m. Festival Easter Service.

For further information or directions, please call the church at (213) 387-1334. God's peace and blessing to each of you.

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Hamano, Mango, 87, Los Angeles, March 19; Charlestown, Mass.-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Mitsuko; son James Mango (Vera); 1 gc.; sisters Tōmiye (Dr. Robert) Yonemoto, Namiko Suzuki, Mariko Hennessy; sisters-in-law Mitzi Catherine Hamano, Tomiko Hamano, Itoko Horino, Sueko Uyehara, Toyoko Shiroma.

Hara, Sue K., 91, Los Angeles, March 12; Los Angeles-born; survived by son Sumio; daughters Betty (Robert) Kobayashi, Sumiye Hatanaka; 9 gc., 3 ggc.; sister Kimiye (Shingo) Noritake.

Hatsushi, Katsunori, 43, Fremont, March 19 service; Kago-shima ken-born; survived by parents Masaru and Kyoko; brother Katsuhiko.

Hijikata, F. Bruce, 50, Seattle, Dec. 11; Cleveland-born; survived by wife Sandra Olson Hijikata of Seattle; parents Franklin A. and Rose Takano Hijikata of Cockeysville, Md.; sisters Judith, Susan and Heidi Hijikata.

Ino, Akira, 84, Los Angeles, Feb. 20; Glendale-born; survived by brothers Toru (Mie), Kay (Hideko).

Kajiyama, Grace S., 85, Los Angeles, March 11; Los Angeles-born; survived by husband Kiyoshi Art; son Casey T. (Juli); daughter Joanne Kajiyama; 2 gc.; sister Sachiko Shibatani of Japan.

Katayama, Arthur S., 75, Newport Beach, March 20; Los Angeles-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Mie; brothers Shig (San Eun), Tetsuo (Tomiko); sister Kinu (George) Koga of Las Vegas; sister-in-law Chiko (Hideki) Sasaki.

Kazama, Chikara, 89, San Francisco, March 6; Gardena-born; survived by wife Miyako; son Don (Joyce); daughter Diane (Dennis) Handa; 1 gc.; sister-in-law Shizuko Kimura; brother-in-law Minoru Narahara.

Kikawa, Alyce Haruko, 82, Gardena, Dec. 8; Gardena-born; survived by sons Kuni (Ruthy), Ross (Margy), Michael (Sandra); daughter Jean Kohama; 12 gc.; brother Tom Oyama (Hiroko); sisters-in-law Mitsie Oyama, Mitsue (Ben) Shimizu; brothers-in-law Takuzo (Bertha), Gary (Ruth) and Hiroshi (Mitsuko) Kikawa; all of California.

Kimoto, Lily Masae, 84, Watsonville, Feb. 14; Crea River, Wyo.-born, Kumamoto-ken-raised; survived by sons Glen Yasushi (Judy) of Santa Cruz, Ted (Patty); daughters June McNiff, Judy Benett-Sharp; 6 gc., 10 ggc.

Kono, Mary A., Pleasanton, Jan. 30; survived by daughter Kathleen of San Ramon; son Michael of Sparks, Nev.; 2 gc.; sisters Sally Nishi of Chicago, Jean Oki of Ogden, Utah; brothers George and Kazuo Nakashige of Los Angeles; predeceased by brother Masami Nakashige.

Lyman, Stanford M., 69, Boca Raton, Fla., March 9; post-WWII *haku jin* member of the San Francisco Barons Nisei social and athletic club; eminent scholar and author in the social sciences, credited with inaugurating Asian American studies in the United States with a course on "The Oriental in America," which he taught at UC Berkeley in 1957; a founder of the section on Asian/Asian American sociology of the American Sociological Association; author of the book "Chinatown and Little Tokyo: Power, Conflict and Community Among Chinese and Japanese

Immigrants in America," the article "Generation and Character: The Case of the Japanese Americans," and the commentary in the book "My Six Years of Internment" by Rev. Yoshiaki Fukuda; survived by siblings and their spouses: Harvard, Princeton, Helen, Elliot and Sylvia Lyman, Mary Bernero, Marlene and Harlan Rothblatt.

Maeda, Rutaro, 96, Millbrae, March 2; Alameda-born; survived by wife Toki.

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Maruyama, Shinobu Helen, 77, Campbell, March 13; Reedley-born; survived by husband Frank; son David (Candice); daughter Janice; 4 gc.

Masatani, Masao C., 94, Bridgeton, N.J., Jan. 19; Watsonville-born; survived by daughter Lena Neff of New Jersey; sons Ben (Kaye) of San Jose, Richard (Teri), Koji (Susan), and Ralph (Kanoko) of New Jersey, Robert (Carolyn) Inouye of Salinas; 12 gc., 13 ggc.; sister Grace (Charles) Tanda of Salinas.

Miyawaki, Fujiko, 95, Honolulu, March 8; Hiroshima-born; survived by son Dr. Edison H.; daughters Edith T. Miyuki, Mary K. Miyawaki; 5 gc., 7 ggc.

Monma, Kay Keiko, 80, Los Angeles, March 5; Los Angeles-born; survived by sister Yoshiko Ebesu of Hawaii; sister-in-law Setsuko Monma of Chicago.

Morimoto, Miyuki, 96, Santa Clara, Feb. 25; Hiroshima-born; survived by daughters Fujiko Fudge (Dick) Masuda of Los Gatos, Jane (Kyumi) Seto of Sacramento, Miki (Richelle) Masuda; 6 gc.

Nishi, Fumiko Irene, 92, Los Angeles, March 15; Hawaii-born; survived by daughters Alice (Akira) Miyade, Kathleen (Morio) Kow, Frances (Raymond) Tamura; 12 gc., 12 ggc.

Nishihira, Christine Ann, 55, Newark, March 11; San Mateo-born; member of Fremont JACL and helped with WWII reparations for internees; survived by husband Thomas; daughter Julia (Garrick) Damir of San Francisco; son Lance (Tina) of Union City; 3 gc.; brother Stephen Rico of Redwood City; parents Betty and Frank Rico of Redwood City.

Nishiki, Ralph Saburo, 81, Gardena, March 18; Honolulu-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Hisae; son Michael Naoki (Noreen); 1 gc.; brother Jerry Kazuma Nishiki of Hawaii; sister-in-law Mutsuko (Mitsuyoshi) Fujita of Japan.

Nishimoto, Nakayo, 99, Canoga Park, March 14; Honomu, Hawaii-born; survived by daughters Irene (George) Suyeoka, Ida (Minoru) Sasaki; 4 gc.

Ohashi, Shizuyo, 92, Los Angeles, March 18; Shimane-ken-born; survived by daughter Mitsuyo (Ken Susa) Brinkerhoff; 2 gc. in Japan; Makoto Nagayama.

Osaka, Mary Reiko, 46, San Jose, Feb. 8; Minneapolis-born; chief district counsel for the Immigration & Naturalization Service for Hawaii and Guam, she was the first Asian American woman to serve as chief district counsel; survived by parents Walter and Yoshiye; sisters Barbara Okazaki, Julie Tachibana.

Ozaki, Ellen Tomoe, 83, Gardena, March 13; Hilo, Hawaii-born; survived by husband George

I.; son Dr. Mark (Ann); 2 gc.; sisters Tomiko Okamoto and Karen (Yoshito) Harada of Hawaii; sisters-in-law Sadami Hamamoto and Betty Ozaki of Hawaii; brother-in-law Howard Ozaki.

Sadamoto, Margaret, 56, Woodland Hills, March 20; survived by husband Reginald D. Lee; daughter Mia Rochelle.

Sahara, Kimiye, 90, Los Angeles, March 15; Guadalupe-born; survived by sons Dr. Ronald R. (Freda F.), Dr. Richard K. (Jeanne K.); daughter Maureen Harumi (Dr. Mitchel Y.) Ouchi; 5 gc.; brother Tadao (Mabel) Yamada of New Jersey; sisters Kazue (John) Kawachi of Santa Maria, Kikuye Namba of Hawaii.

Shimamura, Joe H., 78, Honolulu, March 19; Palama, Hawaii-born; WWII 442nd RCT (Co. K) U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Mildred; son Mitchel; daughters Vilia, Lisa Nakasaki, Denise; 4 gc.; brothers Lawrence, Ralph; sister Betty Kajiyama.

Shinosaki, Gene, 74, Torrance, March 5; survived by wife Aiko; brother Barney; brothers-in-law John Nakaso, Roy (Christine) Kato; sister-in-law Ikuko (George) Kiriya.

Suehiro, Kenishi, 87, Manoa, Hawaii, March 7; Koloa, Kauai-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by son Lester; daughters Carol Yasui, Fay Sugahara; 5 gc.; sister Sallie Sato.

Sugawara, Peter Mutsumi, 87, Los Altos, March 10; Salinas-born; WWII 442nd RCT U.S. Army veteran; survived by daughters Ellen Sugawara of Molokai, Hawaii, Joy Sugawara of West Linn, Ore., Kathy Rossol of Kent Wash.; son David of Lompoc; 5 gc.; sister Fumi Sugawara of Los Angeles; predeceased by wives Kiyo Hinata (1968) and Amy Abe (2000).

Tamaki, Mieko, 79, Watsonville, March 13; Sacramento-born; survived by husband Shozo; daughters Chie (Ken) Nakamura, Michiko (Frank) Hatamiya, Mabel (Tim) Broader, Cindy (Peter) Belsito; sons Bobby (Nancy), Stanley (Kathy); 8 gc.; sister

Yoshiko (Kay) Sasano; sister-in-law Shizuko Nojima.

Tao, Yotsuo, 76, Watsonville, March 22; Watsonville-born; survived by wife Shizuko; sons Wesley, Sidney, Rodney; brothers Bill Akira (Mitsuyo), Howard Haruto (Janice); sister-in-law Tomoko Tao.

Tamanaha, Nancy Tsurue, 66, Gardena, March 17; Hawaii-born; survived by husband Masamitsu "Frank"; son Tommie (Lisa); daughters Tammy Tamanaha, Lisa (Ryan) Uchida; 1 gc.; sister Stella Arakaki; and brothers James Arakaki, and Norman and Lance Arakaki of Hawaii.

Terasawa, Louise Akiko, 72, Los Angeles, March 7; survived by sister Clara Haruye Harris; brother Fred "Sus" (Kinuye) Terasawa.

Tompkins, Ellen Emiko, 74, Alexandria, Va., Jan. 5; Kyoto-born; survived by husband Charles G.; daughter Barbara Tompkins of Alexandria; 1 gc.

Tsubota, Ruth T., 80, Culver City, March 17; Kimball, Neb.-born; Gila River internee; survived by sons Kenneth M. (Tuana), Alan Richard; 3 gc.; brother Noboru "Jim" Hamane of Santa Maria.

Wood, Louise Kimura, 85, Anchorage, Alaska, March 21; survived by sons Steven and Michael Sawada and their families.

Yamane, Kiyoshi Ernest, 65, Los Angeles, March 7; Pasadena-born; survived by wife Yasuko; brothers Tadayoshi, Noboru (Michiko); sister Hiroye (Susumu) Toyoda; brother-in-law Mitsuru (Sandy) Ideishi.

Yamasaki, Florence Y., 90, Hacienda Heights; March 16; survived by son Bob; daughter Kay Johnson; brother George (Nancy) Okazaki; sister Helen (Shigeru) Yamashita.

Yamasaki, Michiko (Imada), 82, El Cerrito, March 12; survived by husband Takato; son Glenn; daughter-in-law Eileen; 1 gc.; sister Izuko Uyeda.

Yasuda, Charlie Shigenori, 74, Palo Alto, March 7; El Monte-born; survived by daughter Jaina (Ken) Sandelin; son Scott; sisters Chikako Abe, Aiko Dingel; brother

Glenn Hiromi Yasuda.

Yasunaga, James Yoneo, 86, Gardena, March 22; Guadalupe-born; survived by wife Fumiye Helen; sons Edward Yoshio (Mary Ann), Roger Teruo (Teresa), Dennis Tsuneo (Julie); 5 gc., 2 ggc.; brother-in-law Jim Kanetomo; sister-in-law Kiyoko Kimura. ■

DEATH NOTICE

BESSIE NAKASHIMA JAMES

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — Bessie Nakashima James, 80, passed away Mar. 9. Born in Long Beach, Bessie was interned in Jerome, Ark. and would reside in Garden Grove. She is survived by her daughter, April (Matt) Brooks; gransons, Matthew and Andrew; sisters, Angie and Namiko; brother, Bob Nakashima and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service has been held.

DEATH NOTICE

ANGELA NAKASHIMA KATO

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Angela Nakashima Kato, 81, passed away Mar. 20. Born in Long Beach and interned in Jerome, Ark., she later resided in Long Beach. Angela is survived by her sister, Namiko; brother, Bob and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service has been held.

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pening. The facility may not have room for your father as a private pay patient so you may need to find a new facility.

Q: My mother is a widow and will require long-term care in the near future. She has \$160,000 in liquid assets that she wants to pass on to the family but we've heard that she would be disqualified from Medi-Cal benefits if she were to gift the money. Is this true?

KK: Yes and no. If she gifted the funds at least 30 months prior to submitting an application for Medi-Cal, there would be no period of ineligibility. Thirty months is the current look-back period for California (not 36 or 60 months as some may have been told).

If she gifted the funds within 30 months of submitting an application, she would be ineligible for benefits from the month of the transfer. The exact number of months would depend on the amount transferred.

Normally, a transfer of \$160,000 would mean waiting at least 30 months before applying, but there are strategies that can bring this down to as little as seven months. ■

Karl Kim (CA Lic #0810324) is a certified senior advisor and is certified in long-term care. He is the president of Retirement Planning Advisors, Inc., a registered investment advisory firm based in Gardena, Calif. He may be reached at 310/769-5909.

COMMENTARY

Long-term Care Answer Corner

By KARL KIM

Q: A while back you gave an address to write to request proof of payment of redress. I haven't received anything back yet. What do I do?

Karl Kim: It's been taking about a month, sometimes longer, for the Department of Justice to send a proof of redress letter back to people. I recommend that you make a copy of the letter that you send in and send it again if you haven't received a response back in one month. The updated address is: Angela N. Gantt, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, c/o NALC Building, Room 411, Washington, D.C. 20530.

Q: I applied for Medi-Cal benefits for long-term care for my mother and provided proof that she received redress but the Medi-Cal worker said that she had to show proof that the funds were deposited in an account and that they were not commingled. Is this correct?

KK: No, they are operating under the old rules. Many times they will also send a copy of the Medi-Cal manual to you dealing with German and other redress payments to prove their point. This is not correct. Just because it is regulation doesn't mean that the

Medi-Cal workers or supervisors are aware of the regulation. We always include a copy of All County Welfare Directors Letter 00-14, "Expanding the Exemption For Japanese Reparation Payments," when my office submits Medi-Cal applications. Even then, we still need to go to bat for our clients to get them the exemption that is legally theirs.

Q: My father is in the hospital right now recovering from a stroke. He has a Blue Cross Medicare supplement from the Gardener's Association. We're confused on what happens next and what is covered by the insurance and what is covered by Medicare. Can you help?

KK: When your father's condition is no longer acute, he will be discharged to a skilled nursing facility to recover. Between Medicare and his Blue Cross coverage, he will be covered up to 100 days. However, in order to continue being covered, he has to continually be making progress. The moment his condition stabilizes, he falls off of this skilled care coverage and must begin making payments out of his own pocket. Twenty-four days is the average length of coverage for this skilled care Medicare coverage.

The facility should let you know a few days in advance of this hap-

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Cartoonist Jack Matsuoka has issued a revised version of his illustrated life in the Poston War Relocation Authority camp during World War II. Matsuoka has added more cartoons to improve the continuity of his book, which was first published in 1974.

Matsuoka drew most of this collection while living in Poston, but for many years they lay forgotten in an old truck. One day his mother, Chizu Martha Matsuoka, came upon them and realized their importance. Through the support of the Bank of Tokyo in San Francisco, an exhibit of the cartoons was held. Reaction to the artwork varied. One non-Nikkei couple from Arizona even remarked that there never was a place called Poston in their state and hinted that some radical group must be behind the exhibit.

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By Jack Matsuoka
Asian American Curriculum Project

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By Vivien Sung
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255 pp., \$18.95 hardback

When author Vivien Sung returned to Australia after a trip

Nisei in Nebraska

Admitting Nebraska's Nisei: Japanese American Students at the University of Nebraska, 1942-1945

By Andrew B. Wertheimer
Nebraska State Historical Society
108 pp., \$7



The Summer 2002 issue of Nebraska History (Vol. 83, No. 2/ISSN 0028 1859), published by the Nebraska State Historical Society, has an extensive article by Andrew Wertheimer on the admission of more than 100 Nisei to the University of Nebraska during World War II.

The University of Nebraska was one of the few institutions of higher learning that accepted Nisei students during the war years, and by the end of the war, UN had the third largest number of Nisei students, surpassed only by the universities of Utah and Colorado. The author includes several historical photos and a brief profile of Ben Kuroki, the Nebraska-born Nisei who became a war hero for surviving 30 missions over Europe as a turret gunner and 28 bombing runs over Japan.

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overseas, she brought back a clock from New York as a gift to her mother. Her mother seemed apprehensive about accepting it, and then on some pretext insisted she give it to another friend. Her response left Sung puzzled, even offended.



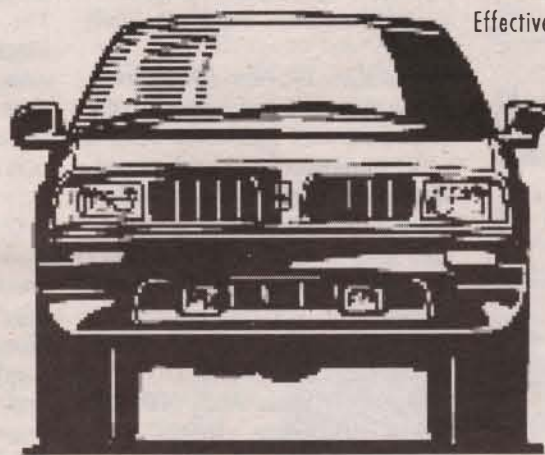
When she pressed further, her mother replied she simply had no use for another timepiece in the house. And then she added, as though it were an afterthought, that for some superstitious Chinese, sending a clock as a

gift is considered an omen of death. As it happens, the word "clock," *zhong*, is phonetically identical to the word "end," and combining it with the word "to send," *song*, creates the phrase "to send one to one's end." At that moment, it dawned on Sung that there were many things Chinese she did not understand. This stimulated her interest in exploring the rich signs, symbols and superstitions which are inherent in her Chinese heritage.

Be it a goldfish or the imperial color of gold, the cat with one paw beckoning from a restaurant doorway or the dragon dance, Sung explores the meanings of the five-fold symbols of happiness — luck, prosperity, longevity, happiness and wealth.

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