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Census Shows Increase in Hapas; Playwright Houston Notes Growing Acceptance Among Asians

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

Personal account from internationally acclaimed playwright Velina Hasu Houston and 2000 Census data analyzed by the Asian Pacific American Legal Center confirm that the Nikkei community has evolved into a highly multi-ethnic community.

Houston recently spoke on "The New Japanese American: Community Vigor and the Embrace of Hybridity" at the University of

Southern California where she is currently a professor of theater and director of the playwriting program at USC's School of Theatre.

The event was co-sponsored by USC's Asian Pacific American Student Services, USC Nikkei Association and the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California.

Houston is the daughter of a Japanese immigrant mother and

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From l-r: George Kiriya, former Los Angeles Unified School Board member and co-founder of the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California (JAHSSC); playwright and writer Velina Hasu Houston; writer Wakako Yamauchi; Iku Kiriya, JAHSSC co-founder; and Jeff Murakami, director of USC's Asian American Studies.



SPRING CAMPAIGN

Show Me the Money

By PAUL M. UYEHARA
EDC P.C. Board Representative

Don't you hate it when you start feeling sick when you're out in public? You're having a good time when all of a sudden you're hot, dizzy and ready to spill your guts. Anxiety makes you feel worse as you try to decide if you should make a break for the bathroom, lie down before you faint, or just sit quietly till it passes. If only you could transport yourself home somehow, instantly.

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ture will drop. Your stomach will feel better. You can lie down in your own bed and use a bathroom without stalls. Being home is just comforting and safe.

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Japanese Americans here in the Eastern District sometimes feel a ways from home. There's no geographic Nikkei community to speak of. If you want to hang out

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APAs React to Michigan Affirmative Action Cases Going Before Supreme Court

By TRACY UBA
Writer/Reporter

Asian Pacific Americans across the country reacted to two highly scrutinized cases involving the University of Michigan's use of race as an admissions factor in its law and undergraduate schools as the lawsuits went before the U.S. Supreme Court amid a pro-affirmative action rally which drew about 50,000 people to Washington, D.C., on April 1.

"There is a lot of anxiety and anticipation for what the rulings may be," said Michelle Lin, 21, a senior at the University of Michigan and co-chair of United Asian American Organizations, an umbrella group of over 30 APA student groups. "I think that the

final ruling will have a lot of gray area and the Supreme Court won't rule completely in favor [of] or completely against the use of race in admissions. The tricky part is how much gray area they will allow through the language that

undergraduate programs because race and diversity factors allowed less qualified minority students to get in ahead of them.

The court is expected to deliberate over the next two months and a decision may be rendered in late June.

After six years of legal wrangling, both proponents and opponents of affirmative action anticipate the court's decision will set a precedent for race-based programs and policies nationwide.

"My fear, as these court cases come

before the Supreme Court, is that using race to ensure equality will be ruled legally wrong," said Bethesda, Md., resident Daniel Teraguchi, a program and

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PHOTO: KRISTINE MINAMI

APA students rally at the April 1 demonstration in Washington, D.C.

they use to rule on the cases."

The court is currently hearing arguments in *Grutter v. Bollinger* and *Gratz v. Bollinger*, both of which involve white applicants who allege they were denied admission into the UM law and

MORI MEMO Visiting Our History

By FLOYD MORI
JACL Nat'l President

While driving back to Salt Lake City from Los Angeles recently, my wife and I decided that we would go out to the Topaz camp site and check out the new monument.

It had been some time since we had been back



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Chinese Canadian Community Fears Rise in Anti-Asian Sentiment as SARS Scare Continues; Similar Signs Cropping Up in U.S. Cities

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

On a typical Friday night in Toronto, Canada's, downtown area Chinatown, long lines for your favorite Chinese restaurant and desperate attempts to find an empty parking space are common occurrences.

But ever since mid-March when the World Health Organization released a worldwide SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) alert, the Chinatown here has become a literal ghost town.

So far more than 270 SARS cases have been reported in Canada and all 13 confirmed deaths have been from the Toronto area, numbers third only to Hong Kong and Mainland China where the epidemic is believed to have originated.

But now it seems that not only are Canadians avoiding Toronto's Chinatown restaurants and businesses, the city with a Chinese population of 259,000 has been seeing a rise in anti-Asian sentiment.

"They need to tackle the disease, not people," said Chung Tang, executive director of the Chinese Canadian National Council's Toronto chapter. "We are Canadians, we helped build this country. [Chinese Canadians] are just as afraid, just as concerned. The bottom line is people need to get the facts"

"It's misguided racial profiling and the fact that it is happening is worrisome," said Ivy Go, director of the Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic.

Chinese Canadians are reporting harassment at the work place; their children being picked on at school; people changing seats in the subway to avoid sitting beside them; and patrons being seated away from them when they go out to restaurants.

The CCNC headquarters office in Toronto has received a number of hate letters and phone calls. One caller left an offensive message saying: "Why you Chinese so dirty? You people live like rats and eat like pigs and spread dirty, dirty, deadly disease around the world. ... I'm so fed up of the Chinese, everywhere."

In recent weeks several hate sites have also cropped up posting anti-Asian messages. One excerpt from the infamous Freedom Site said: "Well, we have another pernicious Oriental import: deadly Atypical Pneumonia. CFIRC has been warning for the past six years that, quite literally, IMMIGRATION CAN KILL YOU!"

There have also been several e-mail hoaxes targeting the Chinese Canadian community by falsely reporting that specific Chinese restaurants and businesses have been affected by SARS. The result has been a devastating drop in

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EDC Editorial Board member Paul Uyehara presents a check to P.C. Editorial Board chair Gil Asakawa with JACL National President Floyd Mori looking on.

UYEHARA

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with a bunch of JAs, you need to go to a holiday dinner with your relatives. Our chapters tend to cover several states rather than a city or county.

That's why *Pacific Citizen* is so important to us. It's our primary connection to JACL and the JA community. Twice a month, we get an installment of news about us and our organization. We can read news of particular importance to us that may never make the local rag. P.C. tells us what's happening. It tells us if an old friend has passed away. P.C. is like a letter from home.

But I have to tell you that everything is not swell at home. JACL is in a fiscal crisis. Since the national organization provides more than half of the funds needed to put the paper out, P.C. is in a fiscal crisis as well.

Our staff is adept at operating on a shoestring budget. In tough times, they manage to do more with less. But austere operations can have unfortunate consequences. Let me give you two examples.

The P.C. office is not always a

replaced anytime soon.

The P.C. is put out on time and under budget by just six — make it five — staff, three of whom are full time. Everyone does two or three jobs. They are not well paid, and they have not gotten raises in a long while. They are dedicated and professional. Anything we can do to help them stay put and put out the paper is a good thing. Otherwise, fewer letters from home.

P.C. has inaugurated the Annual Spring Campaign to solicit reader support for operations. To kickoff the campaign, the Eastern District Council donated \$2,100 at the P.C. editorial board meeting earlier this month. We easily raised the money through direct solicitation of our members, who gave generously when asked. I told you the P.C. really means something to people out here.

But I know P.C. is important to all of its readers. And that's why we have a challenge for readers from the seven other JACL district councils. See if you can beat EDC, on a per member basis, with a donation from your district to the Spring Campaign. A legendary, convicted Philly congressman once said "money talks and bulls--- walks." Do you have something to say? ■



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pleasant place to work. One of the air conditioning units has been broken for a long time, creating a hot zone in the office in the summer. Rather than spend a large sum of money to replace the unit, the staff keep plugging away. With electricity rates so high, sometimes they turn on the working AC unit for an hour to take the edge off, then shut it down till it becomes unbearable. Sometimes they just open the door. Winter is not exactly a beast in Southern Cal, but some days it would be nice to have a working heating system. Talk about a hostile work environment.

Reporter Tracy Uba has resigned. She started as an intern, and gutted it out for five years. She enlivened the paper with her youth oriented reporting. But even Jimmy Olson has to eat. Tracy just couldn't afford to keep working for P.C. She was paid too poorly even for a dedicated twenty-something. And the national hiring freeze means she won't be

Letters to the Editor

The Future of JACL

I am writing in regards to the criticism of the JACL national leadership.

We are living in difficult times, resembling in some aspects the experiences we Nisei remember after Pearl Harbor and World War II. We can recall those days when Japanese Americans found very little support among the American public in terms of fair treatment and constitutional rights. We were bombarded by false allegations and rumors, especially through the media and our political representatives.

I congratulate the current JACL leadership and especially Executive Director John Tateishi for the firm stand he has taken in defending our civil liberties. I receive JACL's e-mail action alerts and am so thankful that we have staff who are on top of the issues. Education about the JA experience is so important, especially now when Arab and Muslim Americans are seen as the "enemy" and are subjected to the same conditions we remember. National JACL responds immediately. When Rep. Howard Coble made remarks endorsing the JA WWII internment, JACL quickly called for his resignation as chair of the House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. We are truly a civil rights organization.

In regard to the financial future of JACL, the recession in the United States has impacted our treasury just as it has in all parts of the country not only in the JA community. It's difficult to operate effectively without money even though most chapters rely so much on voluntary participation. We need to note that the primary group supportive of JACL has been the Nisei generation and our ranks thin out with age.

In terms of new members we need new programs, especially at the chapter level. I know that our Contra Costa chapter with a primarily Sansei leadership have tried many new activities. It may be a good idea for the JACL Youth Committee and the Chapter Program Chairman to get together and assess what kinds of activities have been the most successful. To cut cost we might use the Internet and there is always the excellent suggestion that every member enroll one new member.

Today's world is so much different from even several years ago and we need everyone's input, especially the Sansei and Yonsei.

Chizu Niyama
El Cerrito, Calif.

Mitsuyo Endo

In Bill Marutani's column "East Wind" (P.C. Mar. 7-20) titled "The

Fourth Case," he has once again given us legal enlightenment without the legalese in explaining Ex Parte Mitsuye Endo.

Mr. Marutani quotes from two books which interestingly differ as to where Ms. Endo was initially incarcerated. Peter Irons in his book "Justice At War" writes that she was in Tanforan Assembly Center. John Tateishi's book "And Justice for All" has her testifying before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians that she was in "Walarga Assembly Center near Sacramento for about a month and then went to Tule Lake." In addition to this oversight, and otherwise excellent book, Irons seems not to give Aiko Herzog-Yoshinaga, an outstanding researcher, full credit for locating one of the most important findings for his book. Instead she was listed in the preface with other names for "helping me to locate records."

All in all it was a delight to read something written about Mitsuye Endo who prevailed, showing both moral and physical courage, a true daughter of the Issei.

In the P.C. Holiday Issue (December 2001), I wrote an article about Mitsuye Endo, and among other thoughts, expressed the lack of rendering righteous recognition due her. It was over 60 years ago as a JACL member she took a historic stand and gave credit to the organization for involvement in her case.

Sadly, she seems unjustly to remain a footnote in Nikkei history even though a well-known case in the law books. This cannot be for on Dec. 18, 1944, she was the woman warrior and "The Nisei Woman Who Freed the Nikkei."

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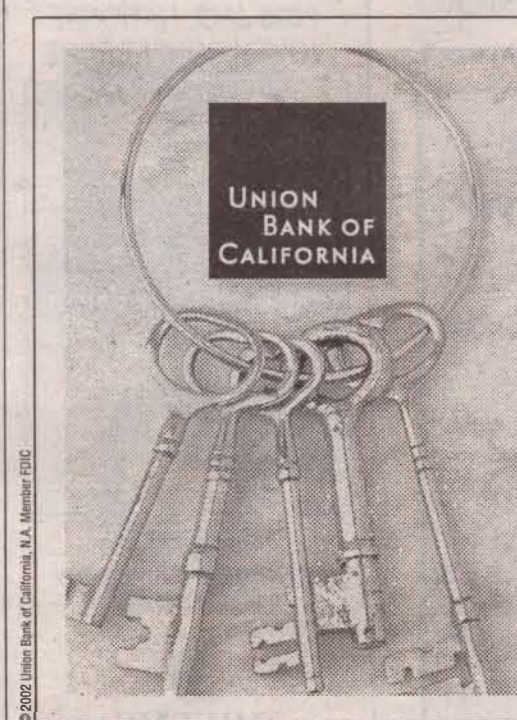
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Effort to Repeal Anti-Asian Provision Hits Roadblock

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—A state senator said he might abandon his effort to repeal a defunct Florida law banning Asian immigrants from owning property because other lawmakers want to use the opportunity to ban another group of people from land ownership: illegal aliens.

Sen. Steven Geller, D-Hallandale Beach, said if he cannot get the illegal alien amendment removed from his bill, he might withdraw the proposal from consideration.

The 1926 provision restricting ownership was put in the constitution at a time when many states were taking similar actions with "alien land laws" designed to prohibit the ownership of land by Asian immigrants.

It said the Legislature is authorized to prohibit the ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real property by "foreigners who are not eligible to become citizens of the United States under the provisions of the laws and treaties of the United States."

Those words, when the provision was adopted, referred to Asians, who were ineligible for citizenship under U.S. immigration laws.

Although the provision was never implemented by the Legislature and immigration laws have changed, making it obsolete, it remained in the Florida constitution apparently because nobody knew what it meant.

Dexter Douglass, who was on the Constitution Revision Commission in 1978 and served as its chairman in 1998, said the question of the restriction on aliens never came up.

"I'm sorry we didn't catch that, because there would have been absolutely no reason to leave it in there," Douglass said.

The meaning of the wording was not generally known until University of Cincinnati law students did a project on such laws in 2000 and filed a 30-page brief with Florida officials, urging its repeal.

Geller said he read news stories about the law and decided to remove what he called "clearly racist" language from the constitution.

"I said, you know, this is just not right," Geller said. "I don't see any reason why we should keep clearly unconstitutional language in the constitution."

But Geller said he is thinking about pulling his bill (SJR 78) out of consideration if an amendment that was added in committee is not removed.

The amendment, by Sen. Jim Sebesta, R-St. Petersburg, would prohibit illegal aliens from owning land.

Sebesta does not oppose Geller's attempt to remove the obsolete language relating to Asian immigrants, but said there is no reason to allow those in the country illegally to own land.

"It just seems like such a no-brainer," Sebesta said. "I mean that's motherhood and the

American flag."

Geller said Sebesta's amendment would create legal confusion and could have many unintended consequences. Some immigrants from Haiti and Cuba have been in the United States for years and own land. Geller asked what would happen to their property.

Gabriel J. Chin, a University of Cincinnati law professor who assisted the alien land law project, agreed with Geller that a constitutional ban on illegal aliens owning land could create problems.

Chin said such a law could cloud the title of land owned by citizens who unknowingly bought it from an illegal alien. "It injects uncertainty into land titles," Chin

said.

Chin has been monitoring state action on alien land laws since the law school project started. Florida and New Mexico are the only states with such legislation still on the books, he said.

Wyoming and Kansas immediately repealed the laws when they were pointed out, Chin said. He said New Mexico put a constitutional amendment on the ballot to remove the language, but it was rejected by the voters.

The legal brief prepared by Chin's law students detailed how California passed an anti-Asian land law in 1913 as a means of keeping Japanese immigrants from buying land and the laws

spread east, with more than a dozen states adopting them, including some, like Florida, without large Asian populations.

It was not until 1965 that anti-Asian racial bias was fully eliminated from federal immigration law, the brief said.

The brief said leaving the provision in the state constitution creates the misleading idea that Florida endorses the racial attitudes of a bygone era.

"There is no reason to gratuitously insult the citizens of Florida and her sister states who, because of their race, may once have themselves been affected by the law, or have parents or grandparents who were," it said. ■

Coble Won't Speak at Commencement at Request of Guilford Students

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREENSBORO, N.C.—U.S. Rep. Howard Coble will not speak at his alma mater's commencement after a third of the senior class objected to remarks he made about the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Coble, R-N.C., withdrew because he was concerned his appearance at Guilford College might spark protests, the college announced April 3.

"Commencement is for the seniors," Coble said in a statement released by the college. "It's their special day, and they should enjoy all aspects of the graduation program."

About a third of the 160 graduating students presented Coble with a petition April 2 asking him not to speak at graduation.

The petition criticized remarks Coble made in February supporting the internment of JAs during WWII. Coble later apologized for the statements, but not before he was widely criticized and his leadership questioned.

ership questioned.

Last month, the Democratic National Committee called on Coble to resign as chairman of the House Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security subcommittee.



The panel handles legislation governing domestic security and terrorism programs, drug interdiction efforts and the federal prison

system.

Guilford College President Kent Chabotar said he regretted but respected Coble's decision not to speak May 10. The college played no role in the decision, he said.

"He didn't want to do anything to embarrass him or embarrass the college," Chabotar said.

In addition to opposing Coble's remarks about internment, some Guilford seniors questioned whether Coble's support of the U.S. war in Iraq runs counter to the

pacifist tradition of the Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers, who founded Guilford College.

Guilford seniors seemed concerned that Coble's stances could spark some sort of student protest at commencement, such as heckling or turning away from the speaker. Chabotar said he was unaware of any protests planned for commencement.

Coble said he intends to remain one of the college's biggest boosters. He hosted a reception in Washington, D.C., on March 31 for alumni and prospective students.

"Guilford College has been an important part of my life for 50 years," Coble said in the statement. "I have been and continue to be a loyal alumnus of the college. I look forward to working together in the future."

Guilford, which does not usually have commencement speakers from outside the college, will not replace Coble. Chabotar and three graduating seniors will talk at commencement as previously scheduled. ■

AA Groups Take Action Against The Tonight Show

The Korean American Coalition and the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium along with nine other organizations announced April 11 they have sent a letter objecting to humor based on racial stereotypes to The Tonight Show's top corporate sponsors.

The letter expresses concerns over the use of a racially inflammatory depiction of Koreans and other Asians eating dogs. The Tonight Show's corporate sponsors include: Citibank, DaimlerChrysler, Honda, MasterCard, Subway, Toyota, UPS, Verizon Communications and Wal-Mart, and they are being requested to raise concerns about Jay Leno's objectionable references and portrayals.

In response to the KAC letter, Alan Wurtzel, NBC's president of research and media development, summarily dismissed KAC's concerns. He stated that this offensive humor "falls well within the broad parameters of what The Tonight show regularly does ... regarding the dog-eating joke, it is documented that, while perhaps not widely accepted, eating dog is an open practice in Korea." Wurtzel's comments are surprising given that a similar incident was addressed in 2002 with Leno and he stated that he did not like doing humor that is mean and intentionally offensive to a certain group.

"I believe it is important that people maintain the ability to laugh

Honda Seeks Honorary Citizenship for Civil War Soldiers of Asian Descent

Rep. Mike Honda, D-Calif., reintroduced a bill in Congress April 2 to confer posthumous honorary citizenship upon soldiers of Asian descent who fought in the U.S. Civil War.

Honorary citizenship is conferred by the United States on individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to this country or to humankind.

More than 250 soldiers of Asian descent served in both the Union and Confederate armies. Foreign veterans are normally granted citizenship at the conclusion of their service. However, the anti-Asian sentiment of the era led to the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which restricted legal Chinese immigration to the United States and also prohibited those immigrants already in the United States from becoming citizens. Similar

restrictions were applied to people from India, Japan, Korea, the Philippines and other Asian countries.


"Soldiers of Asian descent who fought in the Civil War and were subsequently denied the chance to become citizens are worthy of being posthumously granted honorary citizenship of the United States," said Honda.




"These brave souls demonstrated great courage, and were 'rewarded' with sanctioned injustice. It is time to right a historical wrong."

Edward Day Cohota of Company I, 23rd Massachusetts Infantry, is an example of an Asian who served in the Union Army. Enlisting in February 1864, he saw combat in three campaigns, in one of which he saved the life of a fellow soldier. After the war, Cohota served an additional 30 years on the frontier in the Infantry yet was later denied homestead rights because he was not a citizen. Even so, he did not hold ill will toward the United States and in fact, until his death in 1935, would stand each evening with his hat off at attention with reverence and respect as the flag was lowered.

The legislation is being cosponsored by 37 members of the House of Representatives. ■





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Arabs, Muslims, Sikhs Report Sporadic Hate Crimes as War Drags On

Muslim, Arab and Sikh groups say reports of backlash crimes are trickling in, and they fear an increase if the war drags on.

Advocates who track such incidents say they've heard about a dozen potential hate crimes — most involving verbal harassment or property damage.

Bottles rigged to explode with dry ice and water allegedly were tossed into the backyard of a Christian Iraqi American family in Phoenix. In Burbank, Ill., an explosive device was thrown into a Muslim family's van, destroying it. Police are investigating whether the cases are hate crimes. At the University of Milwaukee, someone scrawled, "Suicide bomb yourselves," in permanent marker on a display board at the Muslim Student Association's offices. In Eugene, Ore., a man was charged with a hate crime after he approached a Sikh woman's car and pointed both index fingers at her, pretending to shoot. Two teenagers were charged with a hate crime for allegedly smashing a window at a Villa Park, Ill., mosque as about 100 people prayed inside on March 11.

"The longer the war goes on and the higher the number of American casualties there are, I think probably you can make a correlation there would be more hate crimes and harassment against Arab Americans and those perceived to be," said Laila Al-Qatami, a spokeswoman for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Sports Gambling Sites May Have Funded Asian Gangs

PELHAM, N.H.—Police believe they have put a dent in a sports gambling operation that was financing Asian gangs with

raids in Pelham and Lowell, Mass. Pelham police said they recovered betting slips, computer files and a handgun at a house on March 31. They expect to file charges against several people.

At the same time, police in Dracut and Lowell raided four places, including Pacific Video store and Highland Avenue Variety store. Lowell police say their six-month investigation leads them to believe that Asian gangs in the city are being financed by proceeds from illegal gambling and sports betting.

Federal Facility to Honor Inouye and Other WWII Vets

HONOLULU—A building in Michigan that once housed an Army hospital where U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye recovered from his World War II injuries has been given a new name. The Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center in Battle Creek was officially commemorated May 31 in a centennial ceremony for the facility.



Inouye, D-Hawaii, lost his right arm in combat in Italy while fighting with the Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The late U.S. Sen. Phil Hart, D-Mich., and former U.S. Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kansas, were also treated for WWII combat injuries at the hospital.

The building has since been converted into a Defense Logistics Agency facility managed by the General Services Administration.

Arson Suspected in Muslim American School Bus Fire

FALLS CHURCH, Va.—A

National Newsbytes

school bus belonging to a suburban Washington, D.C., mosque was set on fire April 5, according to the Muslim American Society (MAS), prompting calls from community leaders for stepped-up police patrols and anti-hate crime measures.

Firefighters told mosque officials the bus fire was deliberately set. They also said they found gasoline cans in the vicinity of the mosque.

The mosque administrative director praised Fairfax County's fire and police departments for their rapid response to the incident, while Karen Hanley, chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, assured MAS Freedom Foundation Executive Director Mahdi Bray that police patrols would be stepped up.

The MAS Freedom Foundation, MAS' public affairs arm, is currently working with the office of Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., to introduce a resolution calling for tolerance of the Muslim American community and condemnation of hate crimes related to the U.S.-Iraq war.

Survey: Minorities Increasing in Newsrooms, but Still Below Goals

NEW ORLEANS—The number of minorities in U.S. newsrooms has inched up from a year ago, but still lags behind both the national populations as a whole and the goal editors have set for themselves, according to a survey by the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Asian Americans, blacks, Hispanics and American Indians made up 12.5 percent of newsroom staff in 2002 — one-half a percentage point above the previous year, but well behind the national level of 31.1 percent of the population.

However, the percentage of minority journalists grew faster

than total employment — a net gain of about 300 jobs, to 55,000, according to ASNE's 26th annual newsroom census.

The minority total was still 3 percentage points below the benchmark set by ASNE, which wants the percentage of minorities in newsrooms to equal their share of the population as a whole by 2025.

The year before, total newsroom employment fell by nearly 2,000 jobs, but there was still a one-half percent increase in minority employment.

The ASNE survey attracted responses from 935 of the nation's 1,423 daily newspapers, and projected results reflect the entire industry. The margin of error was 3 percentage points.

Minorities Becoming Farming Face in California

FRESNO, Calif.—More and more Southeast Asian natives are becoming California's newest farmers, according to the U.S. Census of Agriculture.

Out of 74,126 farms in the state, about 11,075 are owned or operated by minority farmers, according to the 1997 farm census, the most recent numbers available. In 1992, figures show 9,680 of the 77,669 farms at that time were owned or operated by minority farmers.

The number of Asian American farmers is 3,408, up from 3,292 in 1992. Hispanics are the largest group of the state's minority farmers, with 4,515 — up from 3,883 in 1992. Blacks make up 277, slightly higher up from 253. American Indians make up 524, up from 486. Nationwide, the number of minority farmers rose to 75,375 in 1997 from 64,443 in 1992.

Fresno County, the nation's most productive farm county, has the largest number of minority farmers in California, with roughly 3,000.

Recognizing the language bar-

riers, lack of outreach programs and discrimination within the industry, the University of California Cooperative Extension Office has hired a Hmong farm adviser to help Hmong growers produce and sell their crops. The USDA also has hired liaisons for American Indians, and the Fresno Farm Bureau plans to print its informational materials in Hmong and Spanish.

Accused Double Agent is Chinese American

LOS ANGELES—Katrina Leung, 49, lived a secret life as a double agent for the Chinese government, but the woman the FBI code-named "Parlor Maid" also lived a very public one in Republican and Chinese American circles.

Authorities say she was recruited to work for the FBI in the early 1980s and soon began an affair with her handler, former supervisory special agent James J. Smith. The affair allegedly gave her access to classified documents while she wined and dined some of California's top politicians and businessmen.

The FBI paid her some \$1.7 million over 20 years to act as an informer and during that time Leung allegedly had an affair with a second FBI agent, who learned of her unauthorized contacts with officials in Beijing and alerted Smith, authorities said. Leung, who lived in San Marino, Calif., was charged April 9 with obtaining a classified national security document for purposes of aiding a foreign nation. Smith was charged with gross negligence for allowing her to obtain the documents. Both face up to 10 years in prison.

Prosecutors said they found FBI documents at Leung's home, including phone directories and a secret 1997 memorandum about Chinese fugitives that contained "national defense information." ■

APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Akemi D. Arakaki, Fritz Friedman, David Kim and Philip Ting were appointed by California Gov. Gray Davis as members of the Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander American Affairs, which advises the state on issues relating to social and economic development and the rights and interests of the APIA community. Arakaki, 29, of Pasadena, is the president of the Japanese American Bar Association and has served as a deputy public defender with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office since 1999. Friedman, 53, of West Hollywood, is the senior vice president of Worldwide Publicity for Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment, the video distribution division of Sony Corporation, and an activist for Filipino World War II veterans seeking benefits. Kim, 30, of Los Angeles, is a businessman with experience in start-up companies, venture capital and finance. He is founder and president of Wizwam Technologies, LLC, an enterprise software company. Ting, 34, of San Francisco, is executive director of the Asian Law Caucus, serves on the housing committee of the Chinatown Community Development Center, and is former president of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) San Francisco chapter.

Dr. Sumi Mitsudo-Koide, originally of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., was inducted into the Westchester

County Women's Hall of Fame March 20 for her fight to defend the civil liberties of more than 1,200 Middle Eastern, Muslim and South Asian men who were arrested by the U.S. government after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Mitsudo-Koide, a former Minidoka internee, is president of the New York JACL and a retired medical school professor.

Tomio Moriguchi, chairman and CEO of Uwajimaya, Inc., will be honored May 15 with the Pacific Northwest Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) 2003 Torch of Liberty



Award, which is given to an outstanding corporate, civic or educational leader who exemplifies exceptional community service and civil rights. Moriguchi is a board member of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation and a past JACL national treasurer. Uwajimaya is the largest family-owned Asian food and merchandise business in the Pacific Northwest with a multilingual staff of 550 employees. David Lim, a police officer for the Port Authority of New York whose partner Sirius was the one K-9 casualty in the 9/11 terrorist attacks, will speak at the dinner honoring Moriguchi, who has overseen Uwajimaya since the 1960s. ■

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Famed 442nd Veterans Celebrate 60th Anniversary

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—They were scrutinized, shunned and classified as "enemy aliens" by their own country, but that didn't stop thousands from volunteering to fight and die for the United States.

The Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team was made up almost entirely of Japanese Americans, some of whose families were held in internment camps by the government they served. They had their loyalties questioned after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor but their unit emerged from World War II as one of the most decorated in U.S. military history.

One of them is a U.S. senator.

More than 800 members of the 442nd from across the country, including five Medal of Honor recipients, were in Honolulu last weekend to attend the 60th anniversary of the unit's founding.

The 442nd veterans, including members of the 100th Infantry Battalion it was attached to, celebrated their valor in Europe and their victory over bigotry at home. They also honored the thousands in their unit who gave their lives.

"Certainly, this is the last hurrah," said veteran Ed Ichiyama, 79, co-chair of the anniversary committee. The average age of the 442nd is 82, he noted, "so we're probably not going to have a 70th."

Some of the events included a tour of Pearl Harbor and the USS Missouri, on whose deck the Japanese surrendered in Tokyo Bay in 1945. The veterans also attended a memorial service at the National Memorial Cemetery of

the Pacific and a banquet was held in honor of 442nd veteran U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii.

In 1945, Lt. Inouye was leading a platoon of the 442nd's 2nd Battalion in Italy when it came under a hail of fire and he was shot in the stomach. He managed to toss two grenades before his right arm was shredded by a German rifle grenade. He continued to fight, throwing another grenade with his left hand and firing his Thompson submachine gun until he was hit in the right leg.

In the attack, 25 German troops were killed and eight were captured. Inouye was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2000 by President Clinton.

Inouye, 78, said that being a member of the 442nd is a key part of his decades of public service.

"There are certain milestones in my life that stand out, I think this is one of the most important milestones," he said.

Inouye, who voted against giving President Bush broad authority to use military force to disarm Iraq, said firsthand knowledge of war has helped him in the Senate and as ranking Democrat on the Senate Appropriations defense subcommittee.

Ichiyama said his service has shaped both who he is today and his outlook on life. "Every morning I sit up and if I can listen to the birds, it's a bonus," he said.

Ichiyama has met with fellow members of the dwindling 442nd Veterans Club in Honolulu every month for more than five decades. Their motto "Go For Broke" is still prominently displayed there. He said they always tell the same sto-

ries, and because many have gotten hard of hearing, they seem like they are arguing instead of talking.

"Every month we win the war," he said. "That's what keeps us going."

Ichiyama can't forget the horrors of war, including hearing fellow U.S. servicemen crying out for their mothers as they slowly died at the Vosges Mountain in France during a bloody rescue of the 1st Battalion of the 141st Regiment. The 442nd suffered 814 casualties and rescued 217 men.

He also recalls the 442nd entering the Dachau concentration camp in Germany — the faces of the prisoners and the "stench of feces, urine and burning flesh."

Ichiyama said one of the great ironies of WWII was when the JA soldiers came face to face with the Jews.

"We were reaching out to another persecuted minority, the Jewish people," he said. "The only true crime was being Jewish or Japanese. So think about the compassion."

About 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent were interned in 10 camps by the U.S. government for up to 31/2 years.

"We're probably considered patriots, but the super patriots of the war are the guys who volunteered from the internment camps," Ichiyama said. "How can these guys volunteer for the very government that put them and their families in jail?"

When they returned from war, President Truman honored the 442nd, saying, "You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice and you have won." ■

JA Korean War Veterans Announce May 16 as Deadline for Washington, D.C., Tour

The Japanese American Korean War Veterans (JAKWV) announced that the deadline for taking reservations for the "Heritage of America" Washington, D.C., tour is May 16.

The tour, which begins Sept. 25 in Washington, D.C., and ends Oct. 4 in Philadelphia, will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of the Korean War and includes visits to the nation's capital, a welcome dinner, a tour of the Korean War and Vietnam War memorials as well as a tour of the Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism, where a brief memorial service will be held for all Japanese Americans who lost their lives during World War II.

The tour will also include visits to historic sites such as Williamsburg, Shenandoah Valley, Gettysburg and Amish country.

The tour is open to the public,

and families and friends of veterans are especially encouraged to participate. Special arrangements can be made for those who wish to visit Washington, D.C., before the tour or those who wish to participate in only part of the tour. Accommodations can also be made for those with special or dietary needs.

Last year, the JAKWV held a memorial service and exhibit in Hawaii in honor of fallen veterans from the islands. In 2001, the organization visited Korea to dedicate a memorial to the 247 JA KIA/MIAs who lost their lives during the Korean conflict.

For reservations or special arrangements, call Elaine Ishida at 310/329-9105. For information, call JAKWV President Sam Shimoguchi at 310/822-6688; Paul Ono at 310/532-2495; or Victor Muraoka at 818/831-2178. ■

Nisei War Memorial to Be Dedicated May 26

The Nisei Post 8985, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), will dedicate a new Nisei War Memorial plaque to honor those from the Sacramento area who gave their lives serving with the U.S. armed forces during World War II and the Korean War. The community is invited to attend the dedication, which will be held on Memorial Day, May 26, at 1 p.m., at the Nisei War Memorial Community Center located at 1515 4th Street in Sacramento.

The honorees are: Chester Abe,

George Akiyama, Torao Hayashi, Tamiya Ikeda, Shogo Iwatsuru, Lester Murakami, Masaru Nakagaki, Roy Ota, Yoshinori Sakai, Cooper Tahara, Mitsugi Takamoto and Tadashi Takeuchi.

The dedication will include participation by family members of the honorees. Since the post was unable to contact the family of Lester Murakami, please call Tom Okubo at 866/421-4744 (toll free) if you have any information that would help us locate a member of his family. ■

Go For Broke Educational Foundation Named a 'Treasure of Los Angeles' By Central City Association

Los Angeles' Mayor James K. Hahn will present the Go For Broke Educational Foundation with a "Treasures of Los Angeles" award at the Central City Association's Ninth Annual Luncheon at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel on April 24.

The event recognizes Angelenos who have made outstanding contributions in a variety of fields including arts and culture, business, media, community service, education, entertainment and

sports.

The Go For Broke Educational Foundation institutes programs focused on the history of the Japanese American soldiers of World War II as well as the WWII internment and constitutional issues raised by those events. The foundation erected the Go for Broke Monument in Los Angeles, a tribute to the segregated JA units including the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and Military

Intelligence Service. Its programs include teacher training, Hanashi Oral History Program, resource center, www.GoForBroke.org website and media projects.

Fritz Coleman of KNBC News will serve as the emcee of the event, which annually attracts nearly 1,500 of Los Angeles' prominent business, community and political leaders.

The event is co-sponsored by Verizon, Wells Fargo, Washington Mutual and SBC. ■

Merced County Courthouse Museum Opens JA Exhibit

A new exhibit titled "Japanese American Experience in Merced County" opened April 3 at the Merced County Courthouse Museum. The exhibit focuses on the life of Japanese Americans who lived in the area between the early 1900s and late 1950s. This exhibit is a joint effort between Merced County Courthouse Museum and the local Japanese American Exhibit Committee.

The exhibit featuring historic photographs, newspaper clippings, artifacts and maps is

designed to promote understanding and appreciation of JAs in Merced County. It is hoped that all will be enriched by learning about the experiences of early JAs in Merced County. An opening reception included performances by the Stockton Bukkyo Taiko drummers and Cortez Karaoke Group. Pattie Kish also facilitated a panel discussion with a group of Nisei.

The exhibit runs through Sept. 28, 2003. For information, call the museum office at 209/723-2401 or visit www.mercedmuseum.org. ■

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research associate at the Association of American Colleges and Universities, Office of Diversity, Equity and Global Initiatives. "Race-conscious policies need to be upheld in the courts to ensure that racial minorities' perspectives are pervasive throughout our institutions to help people overcome their prejudices and make fair decisions."

"Many Asian Pacific Americans, particularly the children of immigrants and refugees, deserve a second chance in life. The Michigan case has grave implications for these and many other students who start school with language and cultural disadvantages," said Congressman David Wu, chair of the congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

San Francisco-based attorney Anthony K. Lee disagrees: "I believe that people have to be treated as individuals, not just as members of a racial group."

"Not speaking as an Asian American, even though I am, just as a lawyer, I find it hard to believe that the Supreme Court would uphold a position that justifies race-based treatment," he said. "It would be a complete break from its past positions. Just the notion of diversity as a compelling interest would pose all sorts of problems. Who would define what diversity is? It would be ever changing, and it would be completely discretionary."

"Certainly, if the Supreme Court agrees with the University of Michigan's position, it will have a momentous impact all across the country from kindergarten to college to graduate school to the

work place," Lee said.

Lee, who helped concerned parents end racial preferences in a San Francisco Unified School District case, filed an amicus brief on behalf of the Asian American Legal Foundation (AALF), the only APA organization which signed on in support of the three white plaintiffs — Jennifer Gratz, Patrick Hamacher and Barbara Grutter — former UM applicants to the undergraduate and law schools who claimed they were unlawfully discriminated against.

AALF was joined by former UC Regent Ward Connerly, whose Proposition 209 ended racial and gender preferences in California hiring and education in 1996, and the Bush administration in filing briefs opposing UM's admissions policies. President Bush had called the policies divisive and unconstitutional.

Meanwhile, the JACL, OCA, NAPALC, Asian Law Caucus, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance AFL-CIO and National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum were among the 28 APA organizations that filed friend-of-the-court briefs in support of the University of Michigan and its affirmative action policies.

"Affirmative action programs promote diversity and provide opportunity," said JACL National President Floyd Mori. "We believe that both are essential elements in education and employment, and the JACL fully supports the University of Michigan's position."

Under UM's current admissions system, the school uses a formula that awards points for race, as well as points for other criteria such as academic achievement, test scores and extracurricular activities.

The system awards 20 points to

blacks, Hispanics and American Indians, who are considered "underrepresented" minorities, but none to whites and Asian Americans. Students can earn up to 80 points for their grade point average, up to 12 for an outstanding college entrance exam score and 10 for being a resident of Michigan.

"True, the affirmative action policy does not include Asian Americans, and this may be one of the flaws of the policy because of its oversight and oversimplification of our community," said Lin, who is originally from Hilburn, Ga.

But, she pointed out, "there is clear evidence that Asian Americans benefit from affirmative action policies. While we do not get the so-called '20 points,' we clearly benefit from a diverse student body ... and we directly benefit from programs and services that come out of affirmative action policies. These offices and programs at the university exist to provide specific support and safe spaces for all students of color on campus."

"Affirmative action is a very necessary policy that is needed to ensure that our campus can maintain its diverse student body," added UM senior Ijun Lai, 21, who is majoring in political science and minoring in APA Studies. "It's good to know that the university has not chosen a 'color blindness' strategy towards diversity because as we all know, racism is still an issue today in America and school systems across the nation are institutionally unfair on the basis of race and socioeconomic status."

In late March, the Department of Education released a 40-page guide of "race-neutral" recruiting

and enrollment ideas that were distributed in such states as California, Texas and Florida.

Among one "race-neutral" approach, according to the guide, would be to consider a student's socioeconomic background as a factor in admissions, which avoids direct reference to race but addresses the issue of diversity since many minorities are disproportionately poorer than whites.

"One reason or one justification people have used for affirmative action is that it helps people who are disadvantaged. While it's true to some extent that socioeconomic status can be correlated to race, it's not a strict correlation," Lee pointed out. "You have middle class black people, you have lower-

class white people. If the intent is to help people who are disadvantaged, we could do it by socioeconomic, regardless if you're black, Asian, Martian or whatever."

Ultimately, Lai said, "I think it really depends on the individual students and their urges to reach out. ... In general I feel that there is a pretty good mix of people here (at UM) who are not hostile to each other. There are still gaps to fill so that people will become more comfortable with each other, but it's all a learning process really. It's hard to expect people from different backgrounds and interests to automatically be surrounded by people who are totally the opposite of them." ■

Proud New York Family Watched as Marine Hung Flag on Saddam Statue

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The world watched April 9 as a Marine corporal clambered up a statue of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad and covered its face with an American flag just before the monument was pulled down and torn to pieces by cheering Iraqis.

Also looking on raptly was Cpl. Edward Chin's family in New York.

"I thought, 'Oh, my son, you are making history, you are part of the Iraqis' liberation,'" his father, Stanley Chin, said after watching the image of his son broadcast on television all over the world.

Shortly after wrapping the flag around the towering Saddam's face, military officials — highly conscious of anything that could be interpreted as a sign of American occupation — ordered

Chin, 23, to take it down. He then replaced it with an Iraqi flag.

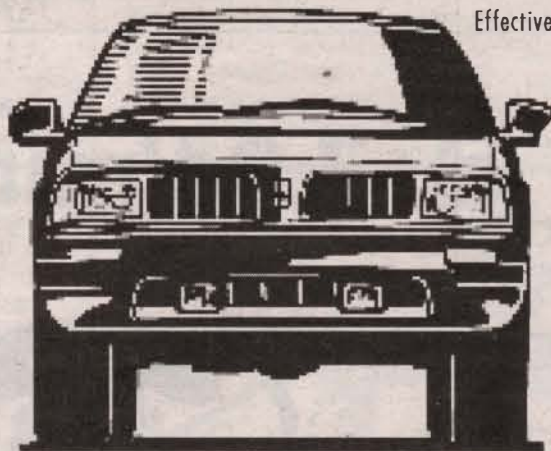
His fiancée, Anne Fu said she knew Chin meant no disrespect. "He wanted to show the Iraqi people that they were free, that they were liberated, that the U.S. was there to help them and that Saddam is over," she said outside the family's home.

"I'm very proud of him," his sister Connie Chin told WWOR-TV. "Here's a 23-year-old doing all these amazing things and representing America and representing it well, I think."

Chin and his family are ethnic Chinese from Myanmar, formerly Burma. They moved to the United States when Chin was 1 week old and live in Brooklyn. He joined the Marines in 1999 and is stationed at the Marine Corps Air/Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif. ■

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BASEBALL

Matsui Slams Way Into Yankees' Lore

NEW YORK—Hideki Matsui made history with the first “sayonara” hit for the New York Yankees.

Matsui’s bases-loaded single with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning April 12 helped the Yankees match their best start ever with a 5-4 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays for their ninth win in 10 games.

“I put the team in a bad spot,” said Matsui, who hit into an inning-ending double play with the bases loaded in the seventh. “I was relieved to get that hit at the very end.”

“He uses the whole field, which makes him really tough,” Yankees manager Joe Torre said. “To bounce back from that double play was big for him and big for us.”

New York has won five straight — with Matsui providing big hits in three of those games — to tie the start of the 1988 team. No Yankees team has ever started a season 10-1.

Matsui also stranded two runners in the first and fifth innings and was 0-for-4 before his latest big moment in New York.

“I’m happy to come up in situations where there’s a lot of pressure

to make something happen,” Matsui said through an interpreter. “Maybe if I didn’t get that hit I wouldn’t have come back alive. I might have been bombarded by the fans.”

Not likely. Matsui is quickly becoming a fan favorite. He became the first Yankee to hit a grand slam in his first game at Yankee Stadium against Minnesota April 8 and drove in both runs in a 2-0 win over the Twins on April 10.

They didn’t even boo after his double play in the seventh inning and stood and cheered following his game-ending hit, which are called “sayonara” hits in Japan.

“I never dreamed of it,” Matsui said of the fifth-inning grand slam. “Certainly I feel a little relief.”

It was his 34th big league plate appearance.

“Maybe later in the season I can look back and say that was the moment, when I hit the home run, that I was a Yankee,” he said through an interpreter.

Matsui, who signed a \$21 million, three-year contract in the off-season, was 8-for-28 in his first six games on the road.

FOOTBALL

Arbitrator Awards Morton to Redskins

WASHINGTON—Kick returner Chad Morton will join the Redskins after an arbitrator ruled April 7 that the New York Jets didn’t match all the terms of Washington’s offer.

The NFL Players Association filed a complaint and arbitrator Richard Bloch heard arguments.

Washington had made the final two years of Morton’s five-year \$8 million offer sheet voidable at his option, provided Morton attains certain incentives.

The Jets did not include the void-

able years when they matched the deal after the league’s Management Council said the team was allowed not to match that portion of the offer sheet.

Morton, who is Hapa, was one of the NFL’s top kick returners last season, returning two kickoffs for touchdowns on opening day in Buffalo, including in overtime.

He signed with the Redskins because he wanted more playing time at running back in addition to returning kicks.

FIGURE SKATING

Kwan Eases Way to Fifth World Title

WASHINGTON—Topped by the magnificence of Michelle Kwan, the World Figure Skating Championships showed the sport’s powers aren’t losing their touch.

The United States, Russia, Canada and China won the gold medals at the MCI Center, and Japan took both bronze medals in singles.

China has recently developed into a strong contender, and the team of Shen Xue and Hongbo Zhao defended its pairs title with a moving performance unseen in skating in almost a decade.

Almost as dramatic was the ice dance victory by Canada’s Shae-Lynn Bourne and Victor Kraatz in their final appearance. Together since 1991, they captured their first world championship, drawing complaints from the Russian couple who lost the title in a 5-4 vote by the judges.

Russian Evgeni Plushenko reached his second world crown after being pushed by American Tim Goebel. Plushenko’s rival Alexei Yagudin was out with a hip injury.

Kwan, a seven-time U.S. national champion, including the last six,

continues her dominance this season. She competed three times — at Skate America, U.S. Championships and worlds — and swept every event.

She now owns five world titles, tied with Dick Button and Carol Heiss for most among Americans. Only Sonja Henie in the 1920s and ’30s won more women’s world championships.

“Medals are just medals,” Kwan said. “It’s the performance and the love for skating and the feeling I have when I am out there in front of a crowd.”

Kwan is planning to stick around for the 2006 Olympics, when she will be 25, hoping to capture that elusive gold medal.

“I’ve had such a long, wonderful skating career, I think anything else is extra,” she said. “I kind of have to put it in that perspective. I have nothing to lose, I have nothing to prove, just go out and skate.”

During this year’s worlds, Kwan once again displayed the focus, coolness and calm under pressure that distinguishes her from the rest.

“This year has been enjoyable

because I have been so relaxed,” she said. “Maybe that tells me something. That I should put less pressure on myself.”

A different kind of pressure has plagued Olympic champion Sarah Hughes. Kwan’s fellow American finished sixth at worlds, concluding a disappointing season in which she was injured and distracted. Hughes, who will soon graduate from high school, just might give up skating altogether.

“I’m glad that the year is over. It’s been very stressful,” she said. “Judging from how my life’s been from last February to this March, I definitely have to calm a lot of things down.”

“College decisions have to be in by the first week in May, so actually that’s something I’m really looking forward to. ... Which college? Or what to do? I really don’t know.”

Often asked why she continues to compete after all her accomplishments, Kwan said, “Because I haven’t had the feeling (of), ‘well, that is enough, I’ve had enough of competition, I can hang my skates up.’”

Stockton JA Wins H.S. CIF ‘Spirit of Sport’ Award

Michael Fujinaka of St. Mary’s High School in Stockton, Calif., was selected as the winter recipient of the California Interscholastic Federation’s (CIF) Spirit of Sport Award, along with Jacqueline Fisher of Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy.

The CIF Spirit of Sport Award recognizes student athletes who are leaders in their school and community.

Fujinaka was the San Joaquin Athletic Association League Champion in high school wrestling at 112 pounds and fell short of qualifying for the state championships by two



victories in sections. He has been a member of the student council at St. Mary’s for four years and is currently the student body vice president.

In addition to wrestling, Fujinaka has competed in tennis, soccer and baseball. His community involvement includes serving in the Model United Nations, campus ministry and Eagle Scouts.

Fujinaka and Fisher were two of 19 statewide finalists for the CIF award. Two other Japanese Americans were also selected as

finalists: Jennifer Katsuyama of Brea-Olinda High School, is team captain of her varsity basketball team, a nominee for the Wendy’s High School Heisman Award and received the Mayor’s Youth Service Award for her commitment to the community; and Lindsey Shiomi of Whittier Christian High School, is a two-time, first-team all-league selection in basketball, having scored over 1,500 points in her prep career, and has been a volunteer at a home for mentally retarded and abused children.

“The positive impact that these students display on a daily basis at their schools and in their communities is exactly what sport, integrity and fair play is about,” CIF Executive Director Marie Ishida said on the www.cifstate.org website. “They represent the best in high school athletics and in humanity.”



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THEATER

AA Theater Company Presents AIDS Drama ‘The Cure’

The Asian American Theater Company in association with Youthspeaks, Jon Sims Center for the Arts and Locus Arts, presents a groundbreaking workshop reading of “The Cure” by Joel Barraquiel Tan and Ginu Kamani at the Jon Sims Center on April 26 at 12 noon and April 27 at 6 p.m. An encore performance will also be held at Locus Arts on May 9 at 8 p.m.

Set in Hollywood in 1993, “The Cure” blends Indian spirituality into a gripping romantic tale entrenched in the AIDS crisis. Performed by Bay Area actors, the play weaves the story of Winston Chao (Leon Goertzen) as the “new face of AIDS” battling his lover Harmony (Keileil-DeLeon Frazier) at the Living Om weekend retreat run by Jeanne (Rosemary Maciel) and Polly (Sareeka Malhotra). Elvis (Rajiv Shah), who descends from the heavens as the Indian spiritual god Shiva, represents both the beacon of hope and messenger of loss as those on earth struggle to find a cure for AIDS.

“The Cure” cuts through the politics of AIDS profiteering and human pain with sharp humor and

intense emotionality,” said Tan. “Because of the participatory nature of the play, audiences should not expect to watch but to actively participate in the history of AIDS.”

“People often forget that the recognition of AIDS by our own U.S. government involved a united political movement,” Kamani said. “The Cure” chronicles the events and causes that changed AIDS work from a street movement to establishment.”

Tan is a writer, director and AIDS activist who has published fiction, essays and poetry in both popular and academic anthologies, including “Asian American Sexualities” and “On a Bed of Rice: Asian American Erotica.” He is also the co-founder of the Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team in Los Angeles.

Born in Bombay, Kamani is now a resident of Berkeley, Calif., where she teaches creative writing at Mills College and writes fiction, essays and plays exploring the gender and sexual identities of America’s hyphenated subcultures.

For more information about “The Cure” or to reserve tickets, contact the Asian American Theater Company at 415/543-5738.

MORI MEMO

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to the site where the monument was installed at a special ceremony in August 2002 at which many JACLers, former Topaz internees and their families, local Delta area residents, and other interested citizens participated. Two buses sponsored by the JACL Topaz Committee had brought people to the event from the Salt Lake City area. Another busload had come from the San Francisco Bay area, bringing mostly former camp internees and their family members. Others traveled to the site by car.

It was a swelteringly hot day last summer when John Tateishi made the trip to Topaz with us to be the keynote speaker at the re-dedication of the monument, which had just been erected to replace the original monument that had been destroyed by the gunshots of vandals. It was a meaningful ceremony full of emotion. The ceremony was followed by a barbecue in the city park in Delta, Utah.

The new monument, designed by Ted Nagata as the first had also been, was built on a slant to discourage people from using the monument for target practice. The new design should allow the monument to remain intact for a long time. A flagpole was installed, and an American flag flies proudly over the area to hopefully further discourage vandalism. A local ranger living adjacent to the Topaz Camp checks on the monument regularly.

When we arrived at the monument area, we saw that the metal sign across the street telling that it was the Topaz camp site had been shot at many times so the words were unclear. The monument itself has remained intact and in good shape for these seven months since it was placed there.

Driving the roads through the camp gives one the perspective of life within the confines of the barbed wire enclosures. Wooden signs at Topaz mark the spots where significant buildings once stood. It is a sobering experience and a significant experience for anyone interested in our history.

Although my family settled in Utah in the early 1900s and were not required to enter a camp during the war, relatives came to our home from California to avoid going to camp. Every Day of Remembrance event commemorating the internment experience touches my heart. Every visit to the camp sites stirs emotions.

I would like to encourage JACLers everywhere to make it a point to visit the various camp sites whenever you are traveling in close proximity to a site, or to make a special trip to do so. It is something important for our young people to know about and to understand. It is a part of our history as Japanese Americans.

The JA concentration camps of World War II are a reminder to the world of the grave injustice done to American citizens during the stressful time of war. The camp sites are being preserved as much as possible so that a similar situation may never occur again in this great land.

We should remember the bad in history so as not to repeat our mistakes of the past. JACL is an important part of helping to insure and guarantee freedoms. Thank you for being members of JACL. ■

CENSUS

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African American/Native American father, who met during the American occupation of Japan. Houston was born in Japan, but at the age of 2, Houston and her family moved to Kansas when her father was transferred.

In Junction City, Kan., the only other Asians were the immigrant wives of American military husbands stationed there. These immigrant women varied in backgrounds but were largely Korean, Thai, Vietnamese and Japanese.

It was in this transnational, multiracial first-generation Hapa community that Houston and her sister grew up.

When Houston came to Los Angeles to attend UCLA as an undergraduate in the 1980s, she inadvertently became a voice for immigrant Japanese and their multiracial children when she explored these themes through her plays. Houston's plays were being produced at a time when other Hapa artists were emerging, such as Amy Hill, Brenda Aoki Wong and Nobuko Miyamoto, who is monoracial but has Hapa children.

Houston's plays soon gained the attention of those outside the art community, and she was hearing from Hapas from all walks of life. This widespread interest prompted Houston to spearhead the formation of the now defunct nonprofit organization called the Amerasia League.

The founding Hapa members of the Amerasia League included Houston; her sister, Rika Houston, currently a professor at California State University, Los Angeles; Teresa Williams-Leon, professor at California State University, Northridge; Michael Thornton, a professor at the University of Wisconsin; George Kitahara Kich, a psychiatrist in Northern California; Christine Iijima Hall, an administrator at the University of Arizona; and Philip Tajitsu Nash, an attorney and journalist.

Houston said their goal was to educate the public on the Hapa identity through such avenues as poetry readings and panel discussions, with special attention placed on outreaching to the younger Hapa generation.

Response to the Amerasia League was overwhelming. "When we formed the organization, we began to receive letters from Hapas all around the world, not just from within the United States," said Houston. "We were getting letters from Holland, China, Finland, all over the world. It was quite incredible to realize that so many people thought of themselves very clearly in a multiracial way."

The global response to the organization is significant especially since this was during an era before the rise of the Internet.

Today, Houston said she is encouraged by the ongoing work done by organizations such as the Hapa Issues Forum.

Houston attributes the emergence of the Hapa movement in the 1980s to the coming-of-age of two large Hapa groups: 1) children such as herself born to American military fathers and Asian immigrant mothers; and 2) children born to APAs and non-Asian spouses who became politicized by the 1960s civil rights movement.

Copies of "Demographic Profile of Asians and Pacific Islanders in Southern California: Census 2000" by Dan Ichinose and Kimiko Kelly are available on the Asian Pacific American Legal Center's website at www.apalc.org. To get a hard copy, contact APALC at 1145 Wilshire Blvd., 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017; tel: 213/977-7500. A more detailed final report will be released in the summer of 2003. ■

The 2000 Census confirms Houston's observation that the Nikkei community is diversifying and that the traditional model of a monoracial community no longer applies. The 2000 Census was the first decennial census where respondents could indicate that they were of more than one racial or ethnic background.

The Asian Pacific American Legal Center's (APALC) Demographic Research Unit released a study in April on the APA population using the 2000 Census. The study titled "Demographic Profile of Asians and Pacific Islanders in Southern California: Census 2000" was compiled and analyzed by two Hapas, Kimiko Kelly, research analyst, and Dan Ichinose, project director who is also a JACL PSWD board member and co-chair of PSWD's civil rights caucus.

The APALC study found that those who indicated that they were of Japanese descent alone numbered only 796,700, or 8 percent of the APA population in the United States. Based on this figure, the Nikkei population shrank by 6 percent between 2000 and 1990 nationally.

However, if this 796,700 number is added with those who answered that they were of multiracial Japanese descent, the Nikkei population swells to 1.1 million or 10 percent of the APA population, indicating a 36 percent increase in the national Nikkei population.

In California where the largest population of Nikkei live, the APALC study found that 288,854 or 8 percent of California's APA population answered that they were of Japanese descent only. However, the Nikkei population rises to 394,896 or 10 percent of California's APA population if multiracial Nikkei are included.

Southern California has a slight edge over Northern California in the number of Nikkei, with Los Angeles (138,080 both mono/ multi Nikkei) and Orange (41,767 both mono/multi Nikkei) counties having the highest population of Nikkei in California.

The APALC study found that within the three Southern California counties with the highest percentage

of Nikkei — Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties — Nikkei had the highest multiracial rate among the six largest Asian ethnic groups, which are (from highest to lowest) Chinese, Filipino, Asian Indian, Korean, Vietnamese and Japanese.

In Los Angeles County, according to the APALC study, Nikkei have the highest multiracial percentage at 15 percent, while the Koreans have the lowest multiracial rate at 3 percent, followed by the Chinese with 5 percent.

In Orange County, Nikkei have the highest multiracial percentage at 21 percent. The lowest APA multiracial rate in Orange County are the Vietnamese at 2 percent, followed by the Koreans at 4 percent.

In San Diego County, Nikkei have the highest multiracial percentage at 32 percent. The lowest is among the Vietnamese at 4 percent.

A similar trend can be seen in Northern California. The three counties with the highest number of Nikkei are: Santa Clara (35,124 both mono/multi Nikkei), Alameda (18,656 both mono/multi Nikkei) and Sacramento (17,591 both mono/multi Nikkei) counties. The multiracial Nikkei percentages for these counties are respectively 18 percent, 26 percent and 27 percent.

Jeff Murakami, director of Asian American Studies at USC where Houston teaches, said 97 of the current freshman class said they were of Japanese descent. Of the 97, 33 said they were monoracial Japanese; 29 said they were Japanese and of another Asian heritage; and the remaining 35 were Japanese and of a non-Asian heritage.

"Japanese Americans are in the lead in terms of mixed raciality within the Asian Pacific American community," said Murakami.

But while the numbers of Hapas are increasing, Houston noted that the initial acceptance of them back in the 1980s didn't come easy.

"It was difficult to be a Hapa in the 1980s, even in Southern California," said Houston. "The monoracial communities were resistant. The dominant white community didn't even understand but the hardest struggle came from dealing with communities of color."

Houston noted that within the APA community, there is an idealized stereotype of Hapas as being Asian and white, excluding Hapas who are Asian and non-white. This Eurasian Hapa stereotype is also often played up by the media, she added.

In sharing some of the difficulties she encountered with the Nikkei community, Houston said she was unwelcome when she first tried to join UCLA's Asian American Alumni Association, which at the time was being headed by a JA. She

also faced resistance when she initially joined a JACL chapter, and her son went through a similar experience when he joined a Nikkei Boy Scout troupe.

But around the 1990s, Houston said, the Nikkei community and APAs in general began to be more accepting of Hapas. In 1993 she was asked by then-Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley to speak at an APA Heritage Month program.

"The thing that was surprising and marked a sort of a turning point for me in terms of Asian Americans embracing the Hapa identity was that I had been invited to speak by a panel of community leaders, not just artists," said Houston.

As a measure of progress today, Houston points to several Hapas sitting on various boards of Nikkei institutions.

But as difficult a time as Houston has had in getting accepted into the Nikkei community, she said it has been more difficult in getting accepted into other communities of color.

Within the African American community, Houston noted that many still defined themselves in terms of the "one-drop rule," a definition that emerged as a result of slavery in the Deep South. This "one-drop rule," defines a person with any known African ancestry as African American.

But Houston found the definition limiting to Hapas. As an example, she pointed to the controversy surrounding professional golfer Tiger Woods' heritage.

"People are still arguing about his race," said Houston. "Essence magazine published an editorial that was horrific. It basically said that because he didn't just say he was African American, he was to be suspect." Essence is a publication geared towards African American readers.

In referring to the Nikkei community, Houston said, "I think we are making great strides. I think the Asian American community, more so than Latinos and African Americans, are doing the best job in learning to go beyond their color in their tolerance of mixed race people and beginning to embrace them. I don't know the reasons for that but I certainly know this from my own experience that this has been the case."

The APA community's tolerance of multiraciality may be partly due to numbers.

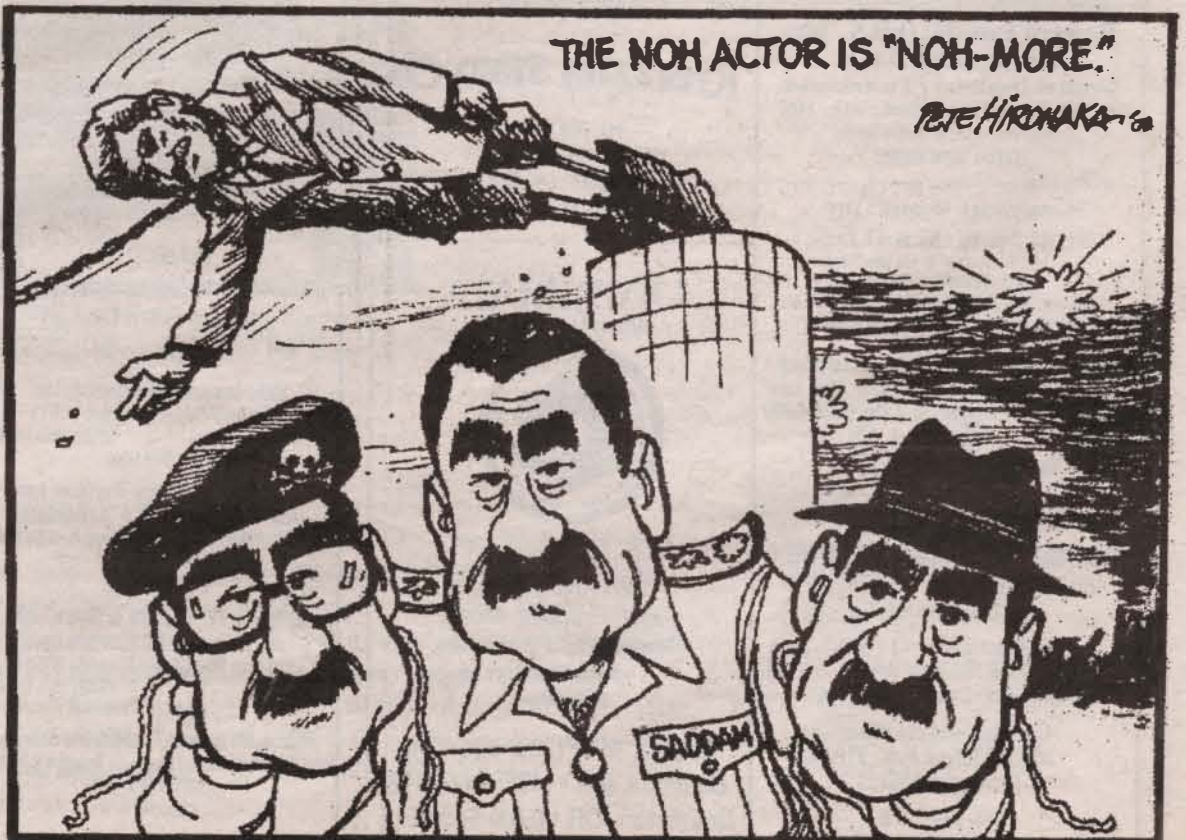
The APALC study found that nationally Asians have a 14 percent multiracial rate, a number higher than that of Latinos (6 percent), African Americans (5 percent) and whites (2 percent).

Within the Pacific Islander population, the APALC study found that PIs were 54 percent multiracial, the highest of all racial groups. In short, there are more multiracial PIs than there are PIs from a single PI race. ■

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SARS

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business for the Chinese Canadian community throughout the city.

"This is not a racial disease. This is a form of racial profiling and people need to wake up," said Tang, who along with several leaders in the Chinese Canadian community held a press conference in early April to dispel the myth that SARS is an "Oriental disease." Through the help of the media and the government they want to get the message out there that it's okay to go to Chinatown.

"We are letting [Chinese Canadians] know they have rights and that they have a right to complain," said Go, who believes many are still not coming forward out of fear or are making the mistake of excusing racist behavior.

Interestingly it has been a large number of Chinese Canadians themselves who are avoiding various Chinese businesses and Chinatown. Cynthia Pay, national president of CCNC, believes this reaction is expected and normal. What they are concerned about are the blatant forms of racism that specifically target their community.

"Of course the Chinese are scared, like all Canadians there's fear," said Pay. "But we're not associating ourselves with the disease."

"Discrimination from the mainstream is different from the Chinese not going to a restaurant," said Tang. "In our community no one is screaming, 'Dirty

Chinese people' because they are Chinese themselves. It's just fear."

The symptoms associated with SARS include fever, shortness of breath, coughing, chills and body aches. Doctors have not yet confirmed the cause of SARS or the details of how it is spread. There is still no cure but the majority of patients recover upon receiving prompt medical attention. Worldwide 3,000 people have been infected by SARS and as of April 14 there were 144 confirmed deaths.

Torontonian Judy Ho was in Hong Kong on vacation when the worldwide SARS alert was announced. Although concerned, she decided not to cut her trip short but she and her husband made a conscious effort to avoid public areas.

Still at the beginning stages of the SARS scare, Ho noticed that not many people were wearing masks although she decided to wear one on her flight back to Toronto and took a cab home instead of having her son pick her up at the airport. Once Ho returned to the city she and her husband chose to voluntarily quarantine themselves for 10 days just to be cautious.

"The first few days we were anxious. Every little cough or sneeze made me feel uncomfortable," said Ho, who never developed any symptoms. "It wasn't until after six or seven days that I felt more comfortable."

She has read about the increased anti-Asian sentiment in the city but has not personally experienced any discrimination towards her. She believes avoiding public places, whether Chinese owned or not, is just smart right now, not racist. "Those who have said negative things toward Asians are just ignorant people who don't understand the disease and likely already had pre-

vious racist attitudes," she said.

Like most Canadians right now, Sophie Chang is concerned about the disease that has hit her city and has made a conscious effort to change her normal routine. She doesn't go out unless she absolutely has to and is avoiding Chinese restaurants and businesses. She's noticed that when she's at a grocery store or bank, a person sneezing makes her tense up, but that's a common reaction among most Canadians these days, she says.

"People don't know a lot about SARS. People are scared," said Chang, who admits a lot of her concern has to do with the fact that she's seven months pregnant. She finds she is more cautious around fellow Asians "but it doesn't have to do with being a racist," she said.

Chang, a financial analyst, works in the city of Scarborough where the first SARS death was reported. So far 10 of her coworkers have been sent home for quarantine.

Up till now the message she has gotten from the various media reports and from talking to people is that SARS affects the elderly most of the time and not that it is an Asian disease.

"I don't feel discriminated at all," she said.

Although the SARS scare thus far has had a wider impact on Canada than the United States, Chinese Canadian activists warn

that the anti-Asian sentiment they see in their country could soon be moving south, especially if the disease continues to spread.

Already Chinatowns in Boston and New York have seen a dramatic drop in their business. The city of Monterey Park, Calif., an area with a large Asian population, experienced an e-mail hoax similar to Toronto in which certain businesses were falsely reported to have SARS.

"Avoid going to ASIAN areas!!! This is very serious about life and death and spreading them to the love one," the e-mail said, mentioning certain businesses like Hawaii Supermarket and the Bar Dao Restaurant.

Although quickly proven to be false by the Health Department, police and local politicians, the effect on local businesses in Monterey Park has been devastating.

Sam Wong, owner of the popular Hong Kong-style restaurant Café Spot, has seen a dramatic drop in his business during the past couple of weeks. He estimates that each day he is losing 30 percent of his profits and fears that he will soon have to start laying off some of his staff.

"Fear is from ignorance. The Health Department has said that there is no need to panic. It's not epidemic," said Wong.

He has seen the effects the SARS scare has had on the Chinese businesses in Toronto

and worries that if a prolonged drop in business continues in Monterey Park the results could be devastating.

"If the same thing happened in our community, it would be devastating for no reason," said Wong, noting that no deaths have occurred in the United States due to SARS.

John Tateishi, JACL executive director, was notified by CCNC about the current anti-Asian sentiment in Canada. He is hopeful that a similar occurrence can be avoided in the United States but encouraged APAs to be mindful.

"Like the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s, the biggest fear for the public in the current situation is the unknown, and if individuals from the Asian Pacific community are being victimized by scapegoating or worse, they need to let us know about it," he said. "Our organizations need to work with the media to educate the public about SARS and to help protect Asian Pacifics from this kind of awful scapegoating."

In addition to ongoing educational efforts, CCNC plans to hold a national "eat-in" in cities like Vancouver, Calgary, and Toronto during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May to encourage the public to support Chinese restaurants and businesses.

Chinese Canadian leaders are hopeful that the word is getting out there but believe as long as SARS continues to spread, the Chinese Canadian community needs to remain vigilant.

"People need to think of what they're doing, ask themselves 'Is this discrimination?'" said Pay. "That's the message we're getting out there." ■

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Month of May—TV Documentary, "The Floating World: Masami Teraoka and His Art"; produced by the National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA); check local PBS listings for days/times.

East Coast

DELRAY BEACH, Fla.

Sun., April 27—*Kodami No Hi*, Children's Day; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Morikami Museum, 4000 Morikami Park Rd.; a full day of traditional hands-on activities plus music, sword play, taiko, storytelling, candy artist, kite flying demonstrations. Info: 561/495-0233; www.morikami.org.

PHILADELPHIA

Sun., May 4—Children's Day Festival; 12 noon-4 p.m.; Japanese House and Garden, Fairmount Park. Info: 215/878-5087.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sat., April 26—Cooking Class with Laura Nakatani; 2-5 p.m.; Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Info: 703/519-9378.

Thurs., May 1—Asian Pacific American Heritage Council (APAHC) Annual Scholarship Dinner; 6 p.m.; China Garden Restaurant, Arlington. Contact Beth Fujishige, 703/548-1566 to join the Washington, D.C., JACL table.

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); Russell Senate Office Bldg.; featuring professional trainers from LEAP. Free and open to the public. RSVP, info: 202/2976-6401; davidskim@kacdc.org.

Thurs., May 8—Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) Annual Gala Dinner; 6:30-10:30 p.m.; Capital Hilton, 16th & K. Tickets: www.apaics.org or Emmy Akiyama, 202/296-9200; contact Craig Uchida, 301/438-3132 to join the Washington, D.C., JACL table.

Sat., May 10—7th Annual Asian Pacific American Spring Benefit Celebration, "Reflections: Reinforcing Unity"; 8 p.m.-1 a.m.; Wyndham City Center, 1143 New Hampshire Ave. NW; tickets discounted before May 1. Info: William Lee, 202/986-4598; wlee213@aol.com; or Marisa Wu, 703/521-7046; apaspringbenefit@yahoo.com.

Mon., July 14—Inaugural National Nikkei Golf Tournament, "Nikkei 1"; 8:30 a.m. registration; 10 a.m. shotgun start; Westfields (a Fred Couples signature course), 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton, Va.; practice time available in the morning; awards buffet to follow; hosted by the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation and JACL. Info: NJAMP, 202/530-0015; njamp@erols.com.

Midwest

ST. LOUIS

Fri.-Sun., June 20-22—JACL Youth/Student Council's National Youth Conference; Washington University; workshops, forum on multicultural

issues, mentorship luncheon, Vision Award banquet, much more. *Discount on registration before May 1.* Info: Maya Yamazaki, youthchair@jacl.org; or Joshua Mizutani Spry, youthrep@jacl.org.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY

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

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.

RENTON, Wash.

Wed., April 30—White River Valley JACL Scholarship Banquet; 6:30 p.m.; The Golden Peacock, 14412 SE Petrovsky Rd.; author/director Frank Abe, director of communications for the Metropolitan King County Council, will speak on "Japanese Americans and War." Info: Yvonne Kinoshita Ward, 253/887-8686 office, 206/387-1795 cell.

Northern California

BERKELEY

Sun., April 27—2003 Berkeley JACL Scholarship Awards Luncheon; 12 noon-2:30 p.m.; Silver Dragon Restaurant, 835 Webster St., Oakland; speaker, Hon. Jo-Lynne Lee; also honoring Pioneer Award Recipient Tak Shirasawa. *RSVP by April 19:* Ron Tanaka, 925/932-7947.

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@itechcom.com.

OAKLAND

Sat.-Sun., April 26-27—Asian Accents Benefit Fashion Show; 1-4 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday; Oakland Buddhist Church Social Hall; featuring the Sachiko line of mix and match fashions.

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

Sat., April 26—Panel discussion, "Kenjin-Kai: Historical Foundation of Japanese American Community"; 1

p.m.; Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church, 6929 Franklin Blvd., between 47th Ave. and Florin Rd.; moderator, Ben Kobashigawa of San Francisco State University; sponsored by the Ethnic Studies Dept. at CSUS and the Japanese American National Library. Info: 415/567-5006.

Thurs., May 8—Forum, "Smoothing Racial Edges: A Multiracial Perspective"; 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Holiday Villa Restaurant, 7007 S. Land Park Dr.; Wayne Maeda, CSUS lecturer, author of "Japanese Americans in the Sacramento Region"; childcare available; Florin JACL's 4th multiracial forum. *RSVP by May 2.* Info: Karen, 916/979-0569 days; Sue, 916/429-2579 evenings, weekends.

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

SAN FRANCISCO

Through May 10—Exhibit, "Nikkei Journey: Retrospective by Watercolorists Lewis Suzuki and Larry Yamamoto"; National Japanese American Historical Society, 1684 Post St. Info: 415/921-5087; www.njahs.org.

SAN JOSE

Sun., May 4—Nikkei Matsuri in San Jose Japantown; 9:15 a.m. opening ceremony, 4 p.m. closing; entertainment beginning at 10 a.m.; Jackson St. between 4th & 6th; food, gifts, clothing, cultural and historical exhibits, children's program, book signing, more; San Jose JACL and JACL Next Generation will have food booths.

SAN LEANDRO

Sat., May 3—Northern California Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society (JEMS) 14th Annual Women's Luncheon; 9 a.m. registration, 12 noon bento lunch; San Lorenzo Japanese Christian Church, 615 Lewelling Blvd.; Jenny Siu, nursing professor, retired Air Force Lt. colonel, wife and mother, will speak on forgiveness. *RSVP by April 19:* Ruby Yamada, 408/578-9357.

SAN MATEO

Sun., April 27—Sunday Movie Matinee, "Yojimbo" with Toshirō Mifune; 1:30 p.m.; JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St.; directed by Kurosawa; 1961 black & white; Japanese with English subtitles. Info: 650/343-2793.

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

Sat., May 10—Jazz Concert, "A Musical Tribute to Asian American History Month"; 7 p.m.; College of San Mateo Theater; featuring Anthony Brown's Asian American Orchestra and the Bob Kenmotsu Quintet; a KCSM Listener Concert. Tickets, Info: 650/524-6919; jazlvr2000@attbi.com.

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

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

Central California

MANZANAR

Fri., April 25—Public meeting; 1 p.m.; American Legion Hall, Kear-

sarge St. and Hwy 395, Independence; planning, development and management of Manzanar National Historic Site. Info: National Park Service, 760/878-2932.

VISALIA

Fri., April 25—Tri-District Golf Tournament; 1 p.m. tee time; Valley Oaks Golf Course near the Holiday Inn. Info: 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. Info: 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

Sat., April 26—34th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage; 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.

Thurs., May 1—Asian Appreciation Fair; 12 noon; Cal State L.A. Free Speech Area. Info: Cross Cultural Centers, 323/343-5001.

Fri., May 2-Wed., May 14—First Annual Festival of Anime; Egyptian Theatre, 6712 Hollywood Blvd.; includes premiere screenings, TV episodes, tribute to *hentai* pioneer Toshio Maeda, more; validated parking. Tickets, schedules, info: 323/466-FILM.

Sat., May 3—Film Screening and Panel Discussion, "Japanese American Broadcasters During World War II"; 1-3 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

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.

RIVERSIDE

Sun., May 18—Riverside JACL Scholarship/Graduation Potluck Dinner; 5 p.m.; First Christian Church, 4055 Jurupa Ave.

SAN DIEGO

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.

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.

PHOENIX

Sat., May 17—"Evening With Lane Nishikawa"; 7 p.m.; Phoenix College Auditorium; live performance by Nishikawa plus his two new films: "While We Were Warriors" and "Forgotten Valor"; sponsored by Arizona JACL; tickets discounted for JACL members. Tickets, info: Alan Tang, 602/861-2638; Randy Nakagawa, 602/369-0532; Ted Namba, 623/572-9913.

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.

Announcement

Archaeologists working at the Shepherd Ranch within the Manzanar National Historic Site are seeking volunteer assistance.

The Shepherd Ranch is the earliest Euroamerican settlement in the area. The project will help to interpret the full range of history represented at the Manzanar National Historic Site.

The work will be conducted from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on April 16-19, 22-25 and 28-30 regardless of weather. It will include digging with shovels and small hand tools, raking leaf litter, operating wheelbarrows, screening sediment to retrieve artifacts, taking notes, filling out forms and labels and use of a metal detector. Archaeological experience is helpful but not necessary.

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Eejima, Fumiko, 87, Los Angeles, March 28; survived by son Akira (Carol); daughter Keiko Kay (Bob) Hirose; 4 gc., 1 ggc.; brother Roy Waichi Kito; sister Kimiko Watanabe of Japan; sisters-in-law Yasuko (Frank) Kito of Japan, Hana (Dick) Yamane of Goleta; predeceased by husband Sadamu Sam.

Gee, Bill, 53, New York City; West Village-born; former executive director of Asian CineVision; editor of the AA media arts journal *CineVue* and two volumes of the Asian American Media Reference Guide.

Hada, Isao, 76, Seattle, Feb. 23; Mukilteo, Wash.-born; veteran.

Hara, Kaoru, 86, Torrance, March 28; Southern California-born; survived by son Dean (Shirley); daughter Joy (Derrick) Yonamine; 5 gc.; brothers Jiro (Haru), Saburo (Nobu), Jimmy; sister Miyo Yokotake.

Hataye, Kiyoshi, 78, Oakland, March 5; survived by wife Yuriko; daughters Junko Narahara, Kyoko Arita; 4 gc.; brothers Masami, Tatsuo, Tamotsu; sisters Hisae Matsuo, Kyoye Uki, Chiyoko Peterson, Miyuki Ichise.

Higaki, Yoneko, 96, Palo Alto, March 31; survived by son Robert (Jenny); daughter Chiyoko (Shig) Takao; 1 gc.; brother Takeo Okamoto; sister Kimiko Toyooka.

Horita, George, 89, Monterey Park, March 17 service; Stockton-born; survived by wife Otome; son Gary; daughter JoAnne; sister Chiyo Kikuchi of New York.

Ikehara, Shizue, 85, Glendora, March 22; Hawaii-born; survived by husband Kazuo; sons Jack (Abby) of Florida, Jerry (Nancy); 3 gc., 2 ggc.; sister Kiyoko (Tsutomu) Nakama; brother-in-law Tatsuo (Yoshiko) Ikehara of Hawaii; sister-in-law Mitsue Nakada.

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

Kaisaki, Arthur A. "Aggie," Seattle, March 8; Lewiston, Idaho-born; longtime Spokane resident; WWII 442nd RCT U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Amy; daughters Susan Kaisaki of Steilacoom, Wash., Nancy (Tony) Yonemitsu of Brier, Wash.; son David (Carol) of Minneapolis, 2 gc.; sisters Setsue, Amie; predeceased by brothers Hideo and Tadeo; sister Yoshie.

Kato, Masae S., 88, Los Angeles, April 3; Hood River, Ore.-born; survived by son Roland; daughter Terri Kato Togiai; 2 gc.; brothers Katsumi (Yuki), Victor (Fumi) and Ben Sato; sisters Yoshiye Sato Tsuboi, Setsuko Ruth Malora.

Katsuki, Shizuma, 89, San Juan Capistrano, March 14; Kurume, Japan-born; survived by son Setsuo (Kiyoko); daughters Shizuko (Takashi) Matsushita, Takako (Hiroaki) Nagano, Hideko (Roy) Suzuki, Misako (Gary) Shimbashi, Betty (Jon) Peebles; 9 gc.; brothers Hiromi Koga, Tetsuo Hirota; sisters-in-law Lily and Stella Katsuki.

Kimoto, James Kiyoshi, 84, Richmond, March 28; survived by wifeiolet; son Rick; daughter Lynn (Clay) Yoshida; 4 gc.

Koga, Bob M. "Butch," 81, Anaheim, April 5; Dinuba-born; survived by wife Ruth S.; son Robert S. (Amy); daughter Ruth Ann (Ron) Sakahara; 2 gc.; sisters Faye (George) Fujimitsu, Jane Kuda.

Koyama, Mie, 80, Fountain Valley, March 29; Aomori-ken-born; survived by husband Toshio; son Toshikazu (Ritsuko); daughter Tomie (Akisada) Nishio of Japan; 3 gc.

Maruyama, M. Norma, 88, El Cerrito, April 8; Oakland-born; survived by brothers Masami (Midori), Michael M. (Alice) and Richard Y. Maruyama; sisters Yemiko and Mitzi; sister-in-law Kazuko.

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Masatani, Misao 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.

Mayeda, George S., Desert Hot Springs, March 18; longtime resident of Pasadena; survived by wife Lillian; daughter Janis (Bruce) Furuta; son Rodger (Dianne); 2 gc.; brother Minoru (Harumi); sister Rose Takeuchi.

Mitamura, Joyce Toshiko, 79, Los Angeles, March 24; survived by daughters Linda (Fred) Balderama, Gayle (Bill) Sun; 6 gc., 5 ggc.; sister Yoshiko (Roy) Mitamura; brothers Ets (Ireen) and Mas (Marion) Yoshiyama.

Mizutani, Amy Emiko, 81, Cypress, March 24; Northridge-born; survived by husband Tatsumi; son Larry (Carol) of Colorado; daughters Linda (Keneth) Owens of Virginia, Lori Mizutani, Lisa (Michael) Shuttleworth of Colorado, Lena (Jeffrey) Rodine; 6 gc.; sisters Kimi (George) Yuzawa of New Jersey, Fumi (George) Matsuura and Susie (Tetsuo) Narahara of San Francisco; sisters-in-law Toshiko Hattori, Fusako Nitahara.

Mori, Betty Yoko, 81, Monterey Park, March 31; Gifu-ken-born; survived by son Todd (Nora); 3 gc.

Morimoto, Miyuki, 96, Santa Clara, Feb. 25; Hiroshima-born; survived by daughters Fujiko Fudge (Dick) Masuda of Los Gatos, Tamiko Mathewson of Butte, Mont., Jane (Kiyumi) Seto of Sacramento; 7 gc., 14 ggc., 1 gggc.; predeceased by husband Haruto, sons Toru and Chikara Nagai.

Murakami, Tadashi Shai, 68, Seattle, Feb. 6; U.S. Army veteran (1956-58); survived by son Raines and fiancée Liz DoFredo; step-daughter Tiffany (Chris) Kraght; 2 gc.; special friend Nancy Jill Valencia; sister Shiz Nobuyama;

brother Kaz Gus (Michi); predeceased by wife Cheryl, parents Kyoto and Chiyomo, sisters Yoshiko Murakami and Mitsuko (Jack) Hamada.

Muto, Noboru, 85, Tujunga, March 24; Hollywood-born; survived by son Ernest of Tujunga; daughter Dorothy Muto (Stephen) Coleman of Seattle; 1 gc.; sister in Japan.

Naito, Teruko, 95, San Francisco, March 21, Kumamoto, Japan-born; naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by son Kiyoshi (Tazuko); daughters Yasuko Fukuda, Sakiye Kusama; 9 gc., 6 ggc.; predeceased by husband Rev. Shozen Naito.

Nakasora, Hatsue, 91, San Jose, March 19; survived by sons Robert (Shirley) of Cupertino; daughters Shirley (Sam) Kuramoto, Alice (Toshio) Akima, Linda (J.D.) Dickinson; gc., ggc.; sister Peggy Fukagai.

Nakata, Masaru, 76, West Los Angeles, April 6; Hawaii-born; survived by wife Kazuko; sons Hitoshi, Stan (Jamie Yasuko); daughters Michiko (Seiko) Toma, Tomoko (Masahiro) Matsushita, Mizuyo (Curtis) Crane; 13 gc.; sisters Kiyoko Ishikawa of Japan, Mitsuru Medeiros of Madera; sister-in-law Namiko (Yasunobu) Yamashiro of Japan.

Namimoto, Fusae, 85, Los Angeles, April 4; Hawaii-born; survived by sons David (Jane), James (Mariko); daughters Nora Matsuda, Ann (Darryl) Shaw, Joyce and Mollie Namimoto; 8 gc., 4 ggc.; sisters Harue Fujimura, Aasako Oda.

Nanjo, Aiko, 80, Ocala, Fla., March 24; Los Angeles-born.

Narahara, Shigemori, 85, McAllen, Texas, March 14; Berkeley-born; formerly of Sacramento; Topaz, Utah, internee; survived by wife Mary; sons Dr. Kenneth of Los Angeles, Gerald of Dallas, Dean of Houston; sisters Hisako Takami and Asako Watanabe of Chicago; sisters-in-law Shinobu Narahara of Los Angeles, Aki Narahara of Sacramento.

Oda, Frank, 76, Gardena, March 28; California-born; survived by wife Ethel; sons Mitchell, Marshall (Jacquelyn); 3 gc.; sister Yoshiko Muranaga.

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

Okada McGhee, Teruko, 70, Stockton, March 24; Osaka, Japan-born; survived by daughters Curterina Chu and Jane McGhee of Stockton; 3 gc.

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.

Saito, Margie Tomiko, 90, Los Angeles, March 28; Sacramento-born; survived by sons Bill (JoAnne), John (Jean), Ted (Frances), James; daughter Yuriko Saito Byers; gc., ggc.

Sakamoto, Charles Tadayuki, 86, Laguna Woods, March 29; Waikamalo, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Yoshie; son Garrett (Janet); daughters Lynn (Michael Yamane) Sakamoto, Karen (Jeff) Ly; 7 gc.; sister-in-law Mary (Katsumi) Hokoda.

Sakamoto, Eddie K., 69, Monterey Park, March 26; Los Angeles-born; survived by brother Howard N. (Edith).

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; brothers Norman and Lance Arakaki of Hawaii, brother James Arakaki.

Taniguchi, Kenji, 80, Pasadena, April 2; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Sachiko "Sherry"; sons Claude (Bernadette), Grant (Elze) of Houston; 5 gc.

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.

Taylor, Mitsuko O., Los Angeles, Feb. 15; survived by husband Roosevelt; son Stephen; daughter-in-law Liz; 1 gc.

Tsuruda, David M., Whittier, Dec. 24; WWII 442nd RCT (Co. E) U.S. Army veteran — he was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant on the battlefield; survived by wife Kayo; son Gary; daughter Nancy Santo; 2 gc.; brother Yo (Fumi); sister-in-law Miki Mayeda; brother-in-law Aki Uyeda.

Wada, Yutaka Fred, 74, Los Angeles, March 30; Lodi-born; survived by wife Ayako; son Frank; daughter Barbara (Daniel) Leon; 2 gc.; brother Tadashi; sisters Fusaye Sakoda, Takako (George) Kenmotsu, Mitsue Wada.

Yamamoto, Misae, 94, Los Angeles, April 1; Washington-born; survived by daughters Midori (John) Enkoji of Sacramento, Kaoru (Isao) Kimura, Peggy (Masayoshi) Teraishi, Judy (Charlie) Sekiguchi; gc., ggc.; daughter-in-law Misao Yamamoto.

DEATH NOTICE

MAE TERUKO HIGUCHI
SAN JOSE, Calif. — Mae, Teruko Higuchi, 81, passed away Mar. 27. The Salinas-born native was the beloved wife of the late Takashi Higuchi. Loving mother of Judy Higuchi Lindbeck of Rohnert Park and Kathy Higuchi and husband Bowman Ching of Sunnyvale. Devoted grandmother of Daniel Ching. Dear sister of Toshi Tanouye of San Francisco and Ida Endo of Honolulu, Hawaii. Preceded in death by sister Edna Teshima and brothers George Nagano, Ken Nagano and Jiro Nagano. Mae is survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. A memorial service has been held. Remembrances may be made to Wesley United Methodist Church or Yu-Ai Kai at 588 N. 4th Street, San Jose, CA 95112.

DEATH NOTICE

HAROLD T. MURAI
BERKELEY, Calif. — Harold T. Murai, 91, passed away April 6. He was a native of San Francisco and lived in Oakland for the last five years. Before moving to Oakland he lived in El Cerrito. Harold is survived by his wife, Nobu; daughter, Suzie Kiyama; sons, Michael, Peter, Phillip and Richard Murai; 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. A memorial service has been held with interment at the Japanese Cemetery in Colma.

Yamamoto, Paul Toshio, 88, Los Angeles, April 1; Lahaina, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Miyo; sons Ronald T., Alan T., Paul Y. (Narcissa); 4 gc.; brother Stanley; sisters Margaret Hanayo Kawamura and Gwen Kondo of Hawaii; brother-in-law Isao (Alice) Kikuchi.

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

Yamasaki, Yoshimasa, 86, South Pasadena, March 27; Chico-born; survived by son Albert Shigeo; daughters Irene Tsuneyo (Eddie Shigeki) Hagihara, Darlene Katsuko (Ronald) Maeda; 3 gc.; sister Haru Kurisu of Hawaii.

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.

Yenoki, George Kyoji, 81, Walnut Creek, March 30; Dinuba-born; Pasadena resident; survived by wife Lily; son George Jr.; daughters Marilyn (Glenn) Bybee and Karen (Brian) Chuck of Lafayette; 5 gc. ■

Whereabouts

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

SEIJI "BROOKLYN" KANETA

Seiji was a member of E Co. 442nd Infantry. He was hit in the knee in front of the "Pink House" in Italy on July 11, 1944. With information please contact Robert Ichikawa, 24406 Walnut St., Torrance, CA 90501. ■

DEATH NOTICE

WALTER SUSUMU NAGATA
GARDENA, Calif. — Walter Nagata Susumu, 81, has passed away. Beloved brother of Mac Nagata of Fresno; brother-in-law of Chris Nagata of Sanger and Roy Atsumi of San Francisco; also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives.
Memorial Service was held on April 18 at Green Hills Memorial Park, Palos Verdes, with Rev. Kyogo Miura of Gardena Buddhist Church officiating.

DEATH NOTICE

MINORU AMIMOTO
CHICAGO, Ill. — Minoru Amimoto has passed away. Beloved husband of Hisa. Dear brother of Masayo Yokoi, Yosh Amimoto, and Mary Osugi. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, April 25, 1 p.m. at Ravenswood Fellowship Church, 4511 N. Hermitage St., Chicago. For information call Lake View Funeral Home 773/472-6300.

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Take Note

FICTION

The Oxford Book of Japanese Short Stories

Edited By Theodore W. Goossen
Oxford Press
452 pp., \$21.50 paperback

This collection of short stories, including many new translations, spans Japan's modern era, from the end of the 19th century to the present day. Writing styles range from the assimilation of Western literary traditions to the flourishing of the short story genre during the Taisho era to the new breed of writers produced under the constraints of literary censorship.

Various indigenous traditions, in addition to those drawn from the West, recur throughout the stories such as stories of the self, the Water Trade (Tokyo's nightlife of geishas), social commentary, love and obsession, legends and fairytales. This collection includes the works of two Nobel prize winners: Kawabata Yasunari and Oe Kenzaburo.

Against the Flood

By Ma Van Khang
Translated by Phan Thanh Hao & Wayne Karlin
Curbstone Press
306 pp., \$15.95 paperback

The book caused a sensation in Vietnam when it was published in 1999 because of its controversial description of sex and politics in contemporary Vietnamese socie-

ty. The plot revolves around Khiem, a writer and editor of a publishing house who is attacked by a clique of conformist writers, resulting in the banning of his book. His lover, Hoan, becomes involved in opium trafficking and is arrested. Khiem's wife, a smuggler, has an extra-marital affair and dies during an abortion. After a period of suffering, Khiem and Hoan are reunited. Imbued with the themes of friendship, love and betrayal, the novel presents a picture of contemporary Vietnamese life, examining the tensions inherent in a rapidly changing society.



NONFICTION

From the Land of Green Ghosts: A Burmese Odyssey

By Pascal Khoo Thwe
Harper Collins
304 pp., \$24.95 hardback

Pascal Khoo Thwe's book was awarded the 2002 Kiriya Prize in nonfiction, an award worth \$30,000 that is split among two winners. Thwe's debut book recounts his childhood in rural Burma, his years as a guerilla fighter in the jungle and his eventual journey to England.



Thwe grew up as a member of a tiny, remote Kayan Padaung tribe, famous for their "giraffe-necked" women. In Burma, English books were rare, and independent thought was discouraged. Photocopies of the few approved texts were passed from student to student, while lessons consisted of lecturers reciting essays that the students learned by rote.

In 1988 Dr. John Casey, a Cambridge don visiting Burma, was told of a waiter with a passion for the works of James Joyce. Casey visited the restaurant and met Thwe. But soon Thwe's world lay in ruins as Burma's military dictatorship grew more brutal. Thwe's student lover, who had become involved in the democratic movement, was arrested, raped and murdered by the armed forces. Thwe fled, becoming a guerrilla fighter against the government and seeing many friends die in battle. Out of desperation, Thwe wrote to Casey with little expectation of receiving a reply. Miraculously, the letter reached its destination and would lead to Thwe's rescue and his enrollment at Cambridge University, the first Burmese tribesman ever to do so.

Living Pidgin: Contemplations on Pidgin Culture

By Lee A. Tonouchi
Tinfish Press
50 pp., \$12 paperback

Lee Tonouchi, writer and language activist who refers to himself as "Da Pidgin Guerrilla," discusses contemporary challenges that Hawaii's native Pidgin speakers must face. Like Ebonics and Spanglish, Hawai'i Creole English, also known as Pidgin, is a language whose speakers are

stereotyped as being less intelligent and more prone to delinquency. The grammatical structure of Pidgin is heavily based in Hawaiian with many import words from English, Japanese, Chinese and Filipino languages, making it a linguistic melting pot. Ironically, in multicultural America, due to the hegemony of "Standard English," this unique language faces the likely threat of extinction. With this latest release, Tonouchi tackles:

- Pidgin language discrimination
- Pidgin civil rights
- Pidgin in education and immersion schools.



Asian American Politics: Law, Participation, and Policy

Edited by Don Nakanishi & James Lai
Rowman & Littlefield
496 pp., \$35 paperback, \$85 hardback

Asian Americans are emerging as a political force but their politics, which transcend simple questions of voting behavior and elective office, have not been systematically studied by either social scientists or politicians. This book brings together original sources on key topics influencing AA politics, knit together by scholars who introduce each subject and place it in context with political events and the greater emerging literature. Court cases, legislation, demographics and key pieces on topics ranging from gender to

Japanese American redress to the Los Angeles riots to the Wen Ho Lee scandal round out this reader.

Contributors include: Harold Brackman, Edward Chang, Elaine Chao, Steven Erie, Kim Geron, Bil Ong Hing, Thomas Kim, Harry Kitano, James Lai, Taeku Lee, Pei-te Lien, Gary Locke, Lee Makela, Mitchell Maki, Norman Mineta, Don Nakanishi, Glenn Omatu, Elena Ong, Paul Ong, Leland Saito, Sandhya Shukla, Okiyoshi Takeda, Wendy Tam-Cho, Spencer Turnbull, Ling-chi Wang, Janelle Wong, Kent Wong, David Wu and Frank Wu



Click on Democracy: The Internet's Power to Change Political Apathy Into Civic Action

By Grant Reeher, Steve Davis and Larry Elin
Westview Press
304 pp., \$27.50 hardback

Media experts discuss how the Internet affected the 2000 election. Contributors argue that the Internet's impact on Election 2000 was not electoral but more social in terms of building political communities. 80-20, the nonpartisan organization that aims to deliver Asian Pacific American bloc votes, is featured as one of the most successful cyberspace political organization to emerge during the 2000 election. S.B. Woo, founder and president of 80-20, is interviewed and contributed a forward to the book. ■

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