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34th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage Recognizes Jerome, Poston Camps

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

At the 34th annual Manzanar Pilgrimage, the Jerome and Poston War Relocation Authority camps were recognized, and a representative from Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress' (NCRR) 9/11 committee shared some of the activities they've been involved in to ensure that what happened to Japanese Americans during World War II does not happen again to Muslim and Arab Americans.

Representing Jerome was Joe Yamakido, the only known draft resister from the Jerome camp in Arkansas. Yamakido refused to serve in the U.S. military until his family was released from Jerome. For his stand, he was sentenced to three years at the Texarkana federal penitentiary where he nearly lost his life in a prison fight, which started after a convict called Yamakido a "dirty Jap."

Yamakido slapped the convict, and the convict's friends jumped into the fray. While other convicts shouted "Kill that Jap. Kill that Jap," Yamakido, who held a black belt in judo, never went down, although by the time the fight broke up, all of Yamakido's



PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Jerome internee Joe Yamakido (left) and his son, Tyler, hold up the camp banner at the 34th annual Manzanar Pilgrimage.

clothes had been torn off except for his boxer shorts. Yamakido was the only one to be tossed into solitary confinement following the fight.

"This pilgrimage is very important," said Yamakido. "This is a reminder of what could happen when our civil rights are taken away. Civil rights is something we have to fight for constantly."

"Today, after Sept. 11, I know that national security is an important issue and I'm not saying that we should jeopardize our nation's security, but I think it's equally important that we keep the government accountable so that the civil rights of innocent Americans aren't taken away like ours were during World War II."

Ted Kobata, a JACL member, represented Poston. In camp, Kobata worked as one of the recreation department leaders before going out to harvest sugar beets in Idaho. When the draft was reinstated for camp internees in 1944, Kobata appeared for his physical but was not accepted into active combat duty. While most

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CC/PSW/NCWNP TRI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Sansei Farmer Hopeful Youth Will Return to the Family Business

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

VISALIA, Calif.—Tad Kozuki is part of a rare group these days in the Central California Valley.

A third-generation Japanese American farmer, Kozuki, 63, and his two brothers have been running the family farm in Parlier, a city just south of Fresno, for more than four decades now but so far their kids, eight in total, have no interest in continuing the family business.

It's a trend Kozuki sees throughout the valley here. As one of the youngest JA farmers in the area, he sees his many JA neighbors getting older and older but no young people to take over the farms.

"A lot of the Japanese families here, their children don't want to come back. I'm one of the



PHOTO: CAROLINE AOYAGI

Irene and Tad Kozuki at the recent tri-district conference in Visalia.

JACL Finances Focus of National Board Forum

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

VISALIA, Calif.—As expected, the status of JACL's current financial situation was the main topic of discussion during the national board forum at the CC/PSW/NCWNP tri-district conference April 25-27.

Many of the conference attendees wanted to know how JACL's finances are currently doing and what the national board intends to do to improve the situation.

"Financially we're paying

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younger people at 63. It makes it difficult because [the community] keeps on getting older and older," said Kozuki. "The joke is that if we keep on going to the funerals, as long as we keep going, we're alright."

Farming isn't a profession that JA parents often encourage their kids to pursue. Instead, young people are encouraged to go onto college and pursue professions such as medicine, engineering, law or accounting.

And that's exactly what many of the younger JAs here are doing. Many leave the countryside to study at a college or university in larger cities such as Los Angeles, San Diego or San Francisco, and the majority of them decide to stay.

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MORI MEMO Save the Date: JACL's Nat'l Dinner Set for Sept. 13

By FLOYD MORI
JACL Nat'l President

On Sept. 13, the national JACL and the Pacific Southwest district are hosting a dinner at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles.



"An American Testimonial: A Salute to the Japanese American National

Leaders," will honor the four Japanese Americans who are our best known and most highly recognized leaders: the Hon. Norman

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Wealth of Activity at Manzanar Historic Site

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

The recent flurry of construction and restoration activities at the Manzanar National Historic Site was in evidence everywhere at the 34th annual Manzanar Pilgrimage on April 26.

The National Park Service (NPS) Manzanar staff reported that 50,820 people visited Manzanar in 2002.

Some of the key projects currently underway are:

- Camp auditorium — Restoration of the auditorium is

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Calif. Assembly Debates AJR 30 Condemning Congressman Coble

The California Assembly debated on May 1 Assembly Joint Resolution 30, which condemns statements made by North Carolina Congressman Howard Coble.

As of press time, the result of the debate was not available.

The resolution, introduced on April 10, calls for the following: condemns the statements made by Coble; urges him to apologize; and encourages him to resign as chair of the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security of the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Coble touched off a firestorm Feb. 4 when he said during a WKZL-FM radio show that he supported the Nikkei internment camps during World War II.

"We were at war," Coble had said on the air. "They (Japanese Americans) were an endangered species. For many of these Japanese Americans, it wasn't safe for them to be on the street."

Coble added, "Some (Japanese Americans) probably were intent on doing harm to us, just as some

of these Arab Americans are probably intent on doing harm to us."

The resolution was introduced by Assemblymembers Carol Liu, Wilma Chan, Judy Chu, George Nakano and Leland Yee.

Principal coauthor in the state Senate is John Vasconcellos.

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Letters to the Editor

JACL Must Face Reality

Over 50 years ago, I heard Mike Masaoka give an eloquent speech and I knew that JACL's fight for justice would not be in vain. Being incarcerated in concentration camps was the most horrific occurrence in our young lives and most of us Nisei were determined to fight back. JACL aggressively developed an offensive.

Young men who were still in camp in 1943-44 were recruited to work in defense plants in Cleveland, Chicago and Detroit. One plant here was called the Cadillac Tank Plant. Harassment was widespread; service was denied in restaurants. The War Relocation Authority set up housing and an employment department with a list of companies willing to hire the Japanese American internees. Most of the offers came from nonprofit organizations and civil service.

A 1998 JACL report shows 70 chapters in California out of a total of 112 chapters nationwide. I'm sure with so many more JAs living in California, Oregon and Washington, the need for JACL is quite different from the Midwest. The few Yonsei and Gosei living here have "passed" because they can. Now they are part of the majority.

Floyd Mori mentions (P.C. Mar. 3-20) that a 35,000-member JACL organization is now around 21,000. What percentage of the loss of membership are Nisei? Even in this area where there are few Nisei, the majority are over 80 years old. There are many Nisei who have never been JACL members.

Instead of facing disaster, perhaps JACL needs to face reality. Are the California Sansei, Yonsei and Gosei really interested in JACL?

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Parma Heights, Ohio

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SPRING CAMPAIGN An Invaluable Resource

By DENI UEJIMA
PSW P.C. Editorial Board
Representative

The *Pacific Citizen* Spring Campaign is very important ...

critical at this time. I am not a writer familiar with publishing or writing columns as Gil Asakawa, Ann Fujii Lindwall or Paul Uyehara who preceded me, requesting your most generous support during this campaign. With the national JACL facing a financial crisis with the decreased income from its investments and passing of its members, the P.C. needs to go to the members and the friends of the P.C. to help meet its costs.

As Gil pointed out in his column, the staff has cut back to the bone in its expenditures and much-needed things such as air conditioning and updated computers. One of the P.C.'s computers is older and has less capacity than my personal computer I had to recycle at the salvage yard because it was so out of date. The P.C. published a list of equipment they needed late last year and many of our readers came through with support, but things are critical at this time. P.C. needs to make



payroll and make up the shortfall not covered by the national JACL budget.

As you are aware, the P.C. had to go to a semi-monthly publication schedule. At one time there was a possibility that the P.C. would become a monthly, but a decision was made to maintain a semi-monthly schedule as long as possible and eventually return to being a weekly. In order to meet our expenses now and through the summer months when membership renewals dip, we need your support to keep the P.C. afloat. Even if some people want to contribute things like an air conditioner that would be great, for the cost of utilities such as light and power have soared. We do need the support of readers like you and anybody else you can recruit to join or contribute.

Be sure to be vigilant and active during these times when Muslims, Middle Easterners, and others are going through experiences similar to the ones we went through during and after World War II, including incarceration without due process.

I am not a great one for writing, but I will use columns and clippings from publications such as the P.C. with short notes attached. I sent a few columns from the P.C. and other sources related to Rep.

Howard Coble to the Republican National Committee when they asked for me to renew my membership and for contributions. I wrote them that I would not support them until Coble stepped down. I cut the census report from my local paper about the lack of an Asian Pacific American anchor on our local NBC TV station since Tritia Toyota left, informing them I would watch any of the other six stations with an APA anchor. I also e-mailed my friends — APAs and non-APAs — to contact the station. The article in the P.C. about the growing number of Hapas helps me keep informed about trends. When I married my wife of German ancestry 40-plus years ago, it was sort of a unique experience.

In order to keep up with current events in the Japanese American community specifically and the broader APA community in general the P.C. is an invaluable resource. It is important that local or regional newspapers help keep people informed of local events and activities. The P.C. provides the big picture of what is of concern and interest to the wider JA community.

As a footnote, my aunt and some of my friends read the obituaries regularly to see if the names of one of their friends are there. ■



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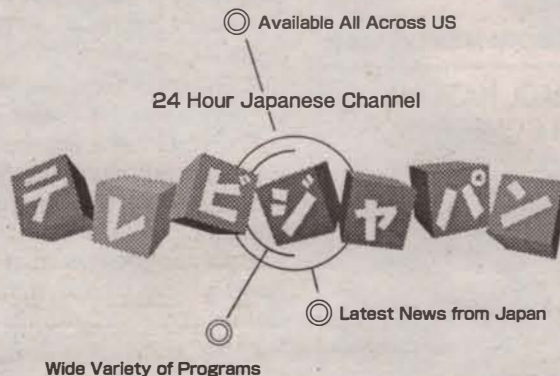
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JACL Wants to Stop Use of 'Jap' in Florida

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—Many Americans used 'jap' as a shortened, derogatory version of the word Japanese when the United States was fighting Japan during World War II.

Some are still doing it in advertisements, and JACL wants to stop the practice and is starting a campaign to rid newspapers and telephone directories of ads that use the word. Many of the ads are for car repair shops, such as The Jap Shop in Boca Raton that specialize in fixing Japanese vehicles.

JACL found more than 2,000 such listings in Florida several years ago when it did a survey. That was the most in any of the half-dozen states that were studied.

John Tateishi, JACL national executive director, said use of the word is a painful reminder of WWII attitudes, which resulted in the internment of people of Japanese

descent in camps. The government has since apologized for the internment. Tateishi said anti-immigrant attitudes are rising again because of terrorist attacks and the war with Iraq.

"The experience of the Japanese Americans during World War II was the worst case of racial profiling in the history of this country, and today we're verging toward the same thing in the policies of the administration," Tateishi said.

Members of Miami's Asian American Advisory Board recently complained that a traveling show on Florida in WWII, prepared by the Museum of Florida History, contained no reference to the internment. Although there were no internment camps in Florida, a curator from the museum is working with the board members to create a small panel on the internment and what people of Japanese descent experienced in Florida during the war. ■

Muslim Teen Files Suit Over Alleged Beating by Orange County Mob

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANAHEIM, Calif.—Rashid Alam, who was allegedly assaulted by a group of Orange County teens with bats and golf clubs while shouting racial slurs, filed a civil rights lawsuit April 23 in Orange County Superior Court, which seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages as well as legal fees from four named defendants who are minors.

"I am a human being. Just because I am Arabian or Muslim does not mean that I am bad or evil," said Alam, 18, who suffered head injuries, a broken jaw and stab wounds as a result of the Feb. 22 attack.

The four youths named in the lawsuit and their parents could not be reached for comment.

Alam said he and friends were meeting at a Yorba Linda park before going out for late-night bowling when several carloads of youths arrived and began yelling racial slurs. The attack was described in initial reports as a rumble between rival groups, but Alam's lawyer, Federico

Castelan Sayre, said his client was not aware that a showdown had been planned. He acknowledged that some of Alam's friends may have known that a fight was going to break out.

Sayre, who represented Rodney King in his civil lawsuit against the Los Angeles Police Department, said Alam's damages were "more severe" than Rodney King's.

The Brea Police Department, which polices the suburb of Yorba Linda, recently completed its probe and submitted the findings to the Orange County district attorney's office, which has yet to file any charges in the case.

"Our contention all along is that this was a felony assault that involved a hate crime," said police Sgt. Jack Conklin.

Some of the defendants named in the suit allegedly were involved in an altercation last August involving Alam's younger brother, Mohamed, Sayre said. The youths allegedly stole Mohamed's watch and then showed it off in a videotape in which they spouted racial epithets against Arabs and Muslims, Sayre said. ■



From the Director

John Tateishi, National Director

Still Invisible?

When Trent Lott spoke with nostalgia about the pre-civil rights days and lamented that Strom Thurmond's segregationist platform didn't carry him to the presidency, Lott was forced by the Republican leadership to resign his role as the majority leader of the Senate Republicans.

When Congressman James Moran, a Democrat from Virginia, made an outrageous statement that American Jews were responsible for leading the United States into the war with Iraq, there was an outcry from the Republican leadership and other congressional leaders.

But when Howard Coble, a North Carolina Republican, made a statement a couple of months ago that he felt that FDR's decision to intern Japanese Americans was the right one, there was a resounding and deafening silence from the White House and from the Republican leadership of both the House and Senate.

Despite a barrage of criticism from Asian American organizations following the JACL's lead in demanding a repudiation by the Republican leadership of Coble's views and his removal from the chairmanship of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, we've been snubbed and have met with a total silence.

Time and again, we have demanded that the president and the House leadership step forward on this issue but have gotten absolutely no response. Not one word.

So what does this say about

JAs and what the leadership of the political party now in power think of us? To be so thoroughly ignored and snubbed, despite our repeated demands for a response, tells me that we're viewed as insignificant and inconsequential by the Republican leadership. By not saying anything, they're saying that we don't matter; we can be ignored.

I don't know how you feel about that, but I'm outraged and insulted by that attitude.

After all we've gone through as a community, after all we've contributed to this nation by our sacrifices and sweat, after putting our honor on the line to correct the worst constitutional violation ever committed by our government, and after having to prove ourselves over and over again, this is what it all comes down to? To be ignored without so much as a simple apology by the leadership?

You bet I'm angry about this.

Howard Coble never should have made that statement, but having done so, he should have apologized and recanted his views. But he didn't. And the leadership of the Republican Party should have taken action, as they did with Trent Lott and as they did with James Moran. But they didn't. Not a word from President Bush. Not a squeak from Dennis Hastert, Republican majority leader and speaker of the House of Representatives.

Not one word.

So yes, you bet I'm angry

about this.

For the JA community to be so ignored in my view says a lot about how we're viewed by the leadership. It was this type of attitude about us that led the political leadership in 1942 to feel they could get away with what they did. We were seen as inconsequential. They could get away with it. No one would care.

Ever since Coble made his statement in February, we and a host of Asian American organizations have been demanding his removal from the chairmanship of the Judiciary subcommittee and repudiation of his racist views from the president and the Republican leadership in the House and Senate. Now I'd like you to join in this demand.

I'm calling on every JACL member to write a letter to President Bush and to House Speaker Hastert to demand their public repudiation of Coble's views that the internment was the right thing to do, and demand his removal from his subcommittee chairmanship.

Don't be silent on this issue. Coble said our imprisonment during WWII was the right thing to do.

Write to the president, or call the White House. Write to or call Speaker Hastert and demand his public response to this issue.

If JAs remain apathetic and silent, then we have nothing to complain about when we're next taken for granted by this administration and the Republican leadership. Our silence creates our own invisibility. ■

JACL Denounces Sen. Santorum's Attack on Equality for Gays and Lesbians

The JACL recently denounced comments made by Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Penn., in an interview with the Associated Press in which he discussed the upcoming Supreme Court decision concerning a sodomy law in Texas.

Santorum is reported in the April 21 article as saying, "If the Supreme Court says that you have the right to consensual (gay) sex within your home, then you have the right to bigamy, you have the right to polygamy, you have the right to incest, you have the right to adultery. You have the right to anything."

The JACL is appalled that the No. 3 person in the Senate Republican leadership would openly equate the fight for equality under law — a right guaranteed by the Constitution — to bigamy, polygamy, incest and adultery, and calls on the Senate Republican leadership and the White House to repudiate his remarks.

"Senator Santorum's comments demonstrate a dangerous lack of objectivity, sensitivity or tolerance for an entire segment of American society and only serve to fuel prejudice," said JACL National President Floyd

Mori. "Given that he seems to support equality for only some, we seriously question the senator's fitness to serve in a leadership role in the Senate and believe that he should, at the very least, apologize for his callous and reckless remarks."

"Senator Santorum's remarks are beyond the pale," said JACL National Executive Director John Tateishi. "Neither the law nor politicians have any business promoting some religious beliefs over others or sanctioning any form of racial inequality or suggesting that some should be treated disparately because of their gender preferences. The senator needs to apologize now."

The JACL noted the irony of the White House's refusal to comment on Santorum's remarks and its continued and deliberate silence on Rep. Howard Coble's endorsement of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II despite the administration's immediate and strident rebuke of Rep. Jim Moran for similarly inappropriate comments about the Jewish community.

The JACL urged the White House to repudiate Santorum's and Coble's positions. ■

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National Newsbytes

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□ Lieberman Calls for Probe into FBI Agent Contributions

WASHINGTON—Democratic presidential candidate Joe Lieberman is asking for a federal investigation into whether an alleged double agent illegally funneled Chinese money into U.S. political campaigns.

Katrina Leung was a Republican activist and donor to candidates and the Republican Party. She was arrested on April 9 as a suspected spy for China.

Lieberman, ranking Democrat on the Senate Government Affairs Committee, wrote a letter April 26 to Attorney General John Ashcroft and FBI Director Robert Mueller demanding an investigation into whether any money she gave was from the Chinese government. Under U.S. election laws, such donations are illegal. Lieberman's Republican-controlled committee conducted an investigation in 1997 into whether Chinese government officials tried to influence the 1996 election with donations to Democrats.

□ American Airlines Charged With Racial Discrimination

WASHINGTON—As the nation's largest airline struggles to avoid bankruptcy, the Transportation Department on April 25 issued its first bias complaint against American Airlines, saying that 10 people were removed from American flights or denied boarding because they were perceived to be Middle Eastern, Southeast Asian or Muslim. Most of the incidents cited in the administrative complaint happened to U.S. citizens and occurred within three months of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, the department said.

American said it would fight the charges and denied that passengers were discriminated against by its crew or the crew of American Eagle, its commuter arm. It said that vigilance prevented Richard Reid from igniting a shoe bomb on an American flight in December 2001.

Among those not allowed to fly were Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., and a Secret Service agent on President Bush's security detail, said Hussein Ibish, spokesman for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

□ SARS Scare Hits New York's Chinatown

NEW YORK—Still hobbled by the World Trade Center attack, Chinatown's economy has been dealt another blow by rumors of severe acute respiratory syndrome.

Even though there have been no reported cases of SARS in Chinatown, groups have canceled tours and merchants have seen a drop-off in business, said Shao-Chee Sim, director of research for the Asian American Federation of New York.

The United States has reported 193 suspected cases — all among people who have traveled to Asia — but no deaths. With eight suspected cases in New York City, rumors spread fast. In Chinatown, a false e-mail rumor reported that the owner of a Vietnamese restaurant had died of SARS. The rumor spread so fast that city health officials made a public proclamation that

it wasn't true.

□ More Minorities Earn College Degrees in Maryland

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—While the number of white students graduating from Maryland universities and colleges decreased slightly over the last decade, the number of degrees awarded to minorities increased, according to a study released recently.

The report, based on statistics provided by the higher education institutions, also showed women outpacing men in the number of degrees awarded at every level except for doctoral professional degrees, where men hold a slight edge. The report included statistics on graduation rates for the 1993 through 2002 school years.

The number of black students receiving certificates or degrees increased from 5,140 in 1993 to 8,876 in 2002. During that same period, the number of certificates or degrees awarded to white students went down from 30,764 to 29,339. The number of Asian American students getting certificates or degrees increased from 1,780 to 2,787. The number of Hispanic graduates increased from 710 to 1,248.

□ New Group Meeting Laotian Needs

HOLLAND, Mich.—To help Laotian Americans live within the American culture while maintaining their cultural identity, Danny Sphabmixay formed the Laotian American Organization (LAO), which became a nonprofit organization in January and received recognition with a resolution from the city of Holland.

Volunteers provide services through LAO, designed to assist Laotians living in the western part of the state. For example, Sphabmixay recently helped a Laotian man who was laid off understand why he hadn't received an unemployment check in eight weeks.

In addition to providing translation services, Sphabmixay plans to offer programs on dealing with social service organizations and on being Laotian in America. According to him, many of the 2,500 to 3,000 Laotians living in the Holland area came there in the 1970s. Since then, the Laotian community has continued to grow.

□ Complaints by Muslims, Middle Easterners on Rise

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Complaints of workplace discrimination against Muslims and people of Middle Eastern descent have increased since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, a federal official said.

Cynthia Pierre, head of Birmingham's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission office, said claims nationwide alleging religious discrimination have jumped 21 percent and charges based on national origin have climbed 13 percent since the attacks. Pierre said figures for discrimination claims since the beginning of the war in Iraq wouldn't be available until May.

At least seven "backlash discrimination" charges were filed with the Birmingham District Office during the year after Sept. 11 alleging religious or national origin discrimination.

□ Teen Pleads Guilty to Killing Muslim Men

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—A 19-year-old Tuscaloosa man pleaded guilty April 15 to murdering two men during a convenience store robbery in 2001.

Frederick Peoples was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences for the shooting deaths of Hassan Serag, a 31-year-old grocery store owner, and his friend, Mosaad Abdelkerem, 33.

Wilbert Ford IV, 21, and Ladarius Cole, 19, also face capital murder charges.

The deaths, which occurred shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, ignited the Muslim community in Tuscaloosa. Many thought the crimes were ethnically motivated, but police said ethnic hatred wasn't a factor.

□ U.S. Attorney Vows to Pursue Hate Crimes

PHOENIX—The U.S. Attorney for Arizona and other law enforcement agencies vowed to vigorously prosecute hate crimes throughout the state.

U.S. Attorney Paul Charlton said cases in which victims are targeted because of their religion or race will be aggressively pursued.

Days after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, a Sikh gas station owner was killed in Mesa by a gunman who told police "all Arabs had to be shot." Balbir Singh Sodhi was neither Muslim nor from the Middle East, but authorities say he was singled out by the gunman because Sodhi wore a turban as part of his faith. In Arizona in 2001, more than 380 hate crimes were reported by 97 law enforcement agencies, the FBI said. That was up from 240 in 2000.

□ Muslim Prayer Mats Defiled at UCLA

LOS ANGELES—Police at the University of California, Los Angeles, opened a hate crime investigation after Muslim prayer mats at its medical center chapel were smeared with a liquid marked as pork blood.

University police received a report on April 19 that the prayer mats were defiled, said Nancy Greenstein, a spokeswoman for the University of California Police Department.

The mats were in a drawer, and a supermarket container labeled as pork blood was next to the rugs that had been spotted with the liquid, she said. Pork is a banned meat among Muslims, and having contact with pork blood is considered a violation of the Islamic faith. The liquid has not yet been analyzed but appeared to be pork blood that can be bought at grocery stores, Greenstein said. Police have not identified any suspects.

□ Hawaii to Launch Tourism Marketing Campaign in Japan

HONOLULU—The state is launching a new \$2 million tourism marketing campaign in Japan to attract visitors to Hawaii after the war in Iraq.


The Hawaii Tourism Authority and Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau stopped advertising the state when the war started in March. The new campaign, which starts May 6, will include four waves of ads placed in major Japanese newspapers, travel agent seminars to be held in eight cities, and cooperative television ads. The funds for the TV ads come from \$3.4 million the state saved when the bureau canceled advertising and shifted programs. ■

APAs in the News Awards, Appointments, Announcements


Sherrie M. Hayashi was appointed by Utah Labor Commissioner R. Lee Ellertson as director of the Utah Antidiscrimination and Labor Division (UALD) for the Utah Labor Commission. Hayashi graduated from the University of Utah College of Law and is an attorney licensed to practice in Utah and California. She is currently associate general counsel for the Labor Commission. Prior to this, she served as the Fair Housing coordinator for the State of Utah and as the Texas court improvement coordinator for the Texas court system. She volunteers as executive director of the Multicultural Legal Center, which she co-founded, and serves as a board of trustee for the Disability Law Center. She also served on the boards of JACL's Salt Lake City chapter, Minority Bar Association, Japanese American Youth Young Professionals and has been a member of the Minority Law Caucus and Women's Law Caucus at the University of Utah. She has been honored with the 2000 Raymond S. Uno Award by the Utah State Bar; the Utah Women's Achievement Award by the Governor's Commission for Women and Families in 2001; and the University of Utah's Women's Week Committee in the exhibit "Breaking Boundaries: (Re) Constructing Activism in 2001."

Hawaii Chief Justice Ronald Moon on April 21 appointed Lono Lee as a District Court judge for the Oahu circuit. Lee will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of George Kimura. Lee has been a per diem District Court judge since 2000. He has been in private practice since 1999 and provides legal services to the City and County of Honolulu's Ethics Commission. He also served as deputy corporation counsel for Honolulu for 10 years. Lee's appointment is subject to confirmation by the state Senate.

Jimmie R. Yee, 69, of Sacramento, was appointed by Gov. Davis a member of the California Seismic Safety Commission, which develops cost-effective measures that lower earthquake risk to life and property. The commission is responsible for reviewing the adequacy of all earthquake safety policies and programs carried out by state and local agencies. Yee serves as a Sacramento city councilmember and is a former mayor and vice mayor of Sacramento in 2000 and 1999 respectively. A licensed civil and structural engineer, he has been active in such community organizations as the Sacramento Asian Community Nursing Home and the Sacramento Asian Sports Association Foundation. ■



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Elder Issues and Membership Among Workshop Topics



Presenter Gary Mayeda (back row, second from left) with some his facilitators.

VISALIA, Calif.—Retirement, financial planning, and membership recruitment were some of the topics covered by the workshops during the CC/PSW/NCWNP tri-district conference April 25-27.

The aging and retirement issues workshop was presented by John Yamada, NCWNP chairman of aging and retirement, and Tracy Scott, senior adult issues, San Diego JACL.

Yamada and Scott spoke about long-term care insurance, hospice care, what to do when your parents get sick and can no longer care for themselves, and what to do when one cannot afford nursing home or home care.

JACL Education Committee members Greg Marutani and Carol Kawamoto, and Dr. Franklin Ng, Asian Studies professor at CSU Fresno, led the education workshop — looking back at internment and at the current issues surrounding the recent Iraqi war.

The presenters looked at the sim-

ilarities between the experience of Japanese Americans during World War II and the current experiences of the Muslim and Arab American community.

Ken Inouye, JACL national vice president of public affairs, took a look at JACL's role in community building. This workshop considered various strategies that can be used to build local JACL chapters and how to build relationships within each community.

Presenter Steve Okamoto, director of planned giving for the American Cancer Society, led the financial planning workshop. Okamoto showed why it's important to have a will or living trust and how to go about preparing a will.

The membership workshop was led by Gary Mayeda, co-chair of the PSW district membership committee, and Ed Endow, NCWNP district membership chair. Mayeda and Endow focused on the "New Three R's in JACL" — "Recruit! Renew! and Revitalize!" ■

Lee Institute Brings Japanese Art to the Central Valley

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

HANFORD, Calif.—With just a few thousand dollars in his pocket Willard Clark purchased his first piece of Japanese art in 1976 and was on his way to fulfilling his dream of building a Japanese art museum.

Now more than 27 years later, Clark has massed a formidable collection of Japanese art that is respected worldwide.

Located in the midst of 100 acres of walnut trees, The Ruth & Sherman Institute for Japanese Art at the Clark Center, named after the scholar and Clark's close friend Dr. Sherman Lee, is hidden from the dirt road as visitors drive by.

Once inside the museum, collections from the 12th century to modern times of Japanese paintings, ceramics, screens, woodblock prints and baskets are on view. There's also a growing Japanese library available for those doing research in the Japanese arts.

"We've had a lot of positive response," said Clark, who estimates that more than 5,000 visitors passed through the institute last year alone.

Clark and his wife Elizabeth live beside the museum. Their large collection of Japanese art originally was stored in their home but when the nonprofit institute was set up in

1995 to exhibit, study and conserve the arts of Japan, all of the pieces were moved into the climate-controlled museum.

Clark was the keynote speaker at the CC/PSW/NCWNP tri-district

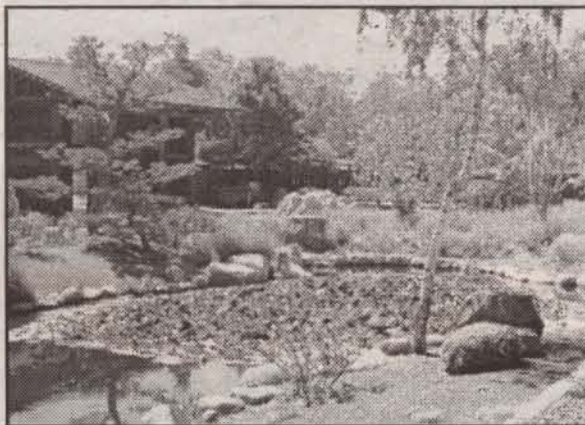
ponds.

"There are so many good artists in Japan who have not been discovered yet," said Clark, who showed a painting by a talented Japanese artist that is the only work of the artist's discovered thus far.

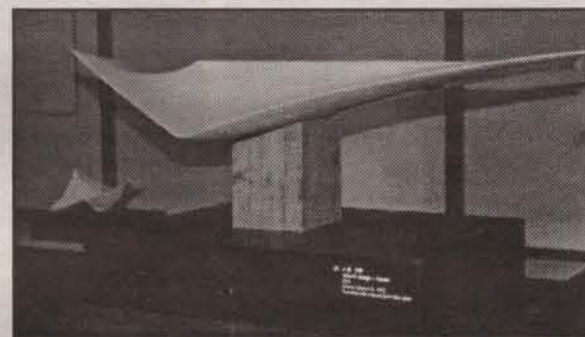
Several people who have seen the museum's collection have commented to Clark that they had always thought Japanese art was stiff and rigid but after their visit realized the opposite was true.

"Japanese art is very diverse. There's a lot of humor and fun in Japanese art. I think the Japanese have the best sense of humor in art," said Clark, using a scroll with a humorous Keigon mask painted on it as an example.

Clarks' museum pieces are regularly featured in exhibits throughout Japan. His collection even features pieces that would now be declared National Treasures by the Japanese government "if they had remained in Japan. Throughout the year Japanese scholars are regulars of the museum, where a number of lectures and featured speakers are high-



A Japanese garden at the Lee Institute.



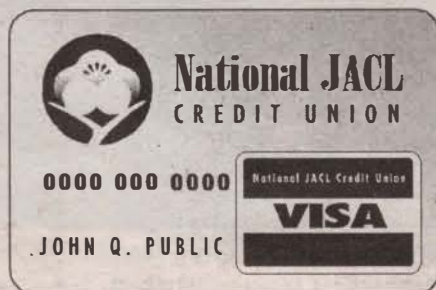
Ceramic artwork by Fukami Sueharu at the Institute.

conference April 26 where he presented a slide show of some of the many pieces his museum has acquired. Earlier in the day, conference attendees made a visit to the museum where they saw the latest collection of ceramics and got a personal tour of Clark's home surrounded by Japanese gardens and

lighted.

"I'm really committed to keeping the collection in the Central Valley," said Clark, who received a \$500 donation to the museum from the CCDC. For more information about The Institute of Japanese Art call 559/582-4915, or visit www.shermanleeinstitute.org. ■

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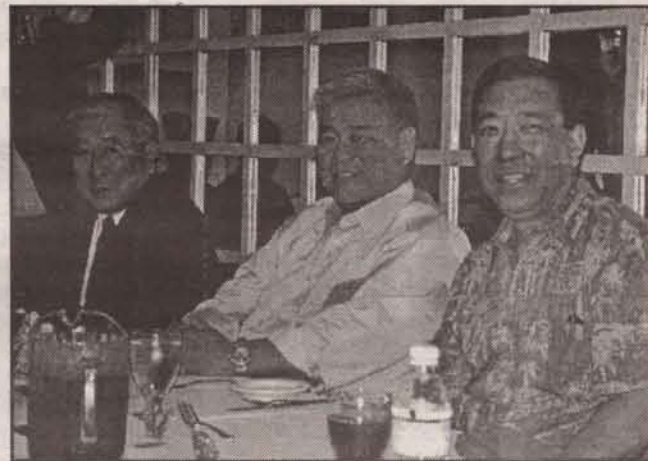
Keynoter Willard Clark (first row, second from right) speaks at the conference



Twins Kaylee and Alyssa Mataga



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How about some line dancing?



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CCDC Governor Bob Taniguchi (top left) with conference attendees



V.P. of Public Affairs Ken Inouye (top center) with attendees at the welcome reception

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FIGURE SKATING

Yamaguchi, Hedican Expecting a Child

SAN FRANCISCO—Olympic gold medalist **Kristi Yamaguchi** is expecting a child in October. The 1992 figure skating champion retired from the Stars on Ice tour last year to begin a family with husband **Bret Hedican**, a defenseman for the Carolina Hurricanes. “Both Bret and I come from very close families, so starting our own is an incredible thrill,” Yamaguchi said. “We are both ready for this new stage in our lives.” The couple met at the 1992 Olympics in Albertville, France,

where he was playing for Team USA. Yamaguchi will continue working with the organization she founded, the Always Dream Foundation, which provides funding and encouragement for programs to inspire children and adolescents. She also will host a skating event in November, about one month after she is due to give birth. “Since we both spend so much time on the ice,” Hedican said, “everyone is wondering if the child will be born with skates on.” ■

Kwan U.S. Olympics’ ‘Athlete of the Month’

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—**Michelle Kwan**, who won her fifth World Figure Skating Championship in March, was selected as the U.S. Olympic Committee’s athlete of the month. Kwan, who also has seven U.S. titles, tied Dick Button and Carol Heiss for most world crowns by an American with her victory in Washington.

She also has won two of the last three USOC monthly honors, also taking the award in January after her national championship performance in Dallas. The men’s award for March went to fencer Keith Smart, who became the first American to top the World Cup standings. He won a sabre silver medal at the World Cup in Athens on March 8. ■

MARATHON

Yamada Runs Boston Marathon 50 Years After Victory

BOSTON—**Keizo Yamada** was told by race doctors he wasn’t in shape to run a marathon. The Japanese runner went on to win in 2:18:51. That was the 1953 Boston Marathon. This year, the 75-year-old Yamada marked the 50th anniversary with a time of 4:10:11. He has been a regular entrant in the senior division and won four titles in the over-70 age group

between 1998 and 2001, placing sixth last year. Recovering after the race on the floor of the press room, Yamada, whose bib number was 1953, said he was “really happy he can run 50 years.” The runner, speaking through an interpreter, said the marathon hadn’t changed much in five decades and he plans on coming back for another eight years. ■

BASEBALL

Daytona Cubs Players Injured Protected Osprey With Ball

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—A minor league pitcher is in trouble because witnesses said he threw several baseballs at a bird, finally hitting and injuring it. **Jae-kuk Ryu**, a 19-year-old South Korean pitcher for the Class-A Daytona Cubs, knocked an osprey from its perch during pre-game practice April 21, witnesses said. He could face animal cruelty charges for the incident at Jackie Robinson Ballpark. The male bird, which had been nesting with its mate and a brood of fuzzy chicks on a 40-foot light pole over left field, suffered a serious eye injury. “The bird’s eye was gushing blood,” said Chad Efron, a trainer with the Port St. Lucie Mets, the Cub’s Monday opponent. “I started yelling at (Ryu). I got all fired up.” Although the osprey was feeling “feisty” as of April 23, it isn’t known whether its vision will be permanently impaired, said Pam Williams,

office manager at the Animal Clinic of Edgewater. Ospreys are recognized by the state as a species of special concern, meaning their habitats are vulnerable. Anyone who wounds or kills an osprey can be charged with a second-degree misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and 60 days in jail. “You can’t intentionally harm an animal,” said Melody Baum, a Daytona Beach Animal Control officer. “If somebody deliberately threw the ball, it’s animal cruelty.” The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is investigating and plans to submit its finding to the State Attorney’s office in a week, said spokeswoman Joy Hill. “We’ve received a number of calls from an outraged public. I just talked to one woman; she wants him deported,” Hill said. “People have zero tolerance for this kind of thing.” The Chicago Cubs, which signed Ryu two years ago, is conducting its

own investigation to determine how the pitcher will be punished. “I can assure you it would be more than the average citizen will receive,” farm director Oneri Fleita said. “The average citizen certainly wouldn’t be demoted or docked pay or fined or whatever it might be. It was certainly something we don’t condone, and we will make sure that the matter is rectified to the best of our ability.” Ryu was traveling with the team and was not available for comment. He has an 0-1 record and 3.05 ERA in four starts, with 22 strikeouts in 20-2/3 innings. Daytona general manager Buck Rogers said the team, as an act of contrition, held a fund-raiser for the Animal Clinic of Edgewater on April 25. The Chicago Cubs provided autographed balls for auction, and the Daytona Cubs donated \$1 for every fan in attendance. “We’re trying to make something positive out of it,” Rogers said. ■

BASKETBALL

NBA Star Yao Ming Plans to Play for China in Asian Championship, Official Says

BEIJING—NBA star **Yao Ming** has assured China he will play for its national team in the Asian championships in September, a Chinese official said April 18. There were few doubts that the Houston Rockets center would return to compete for China. But the issue has been sensitive since Yao’s countryman Wang Zhizhi of the Los Angeles Clippers infuriated Chinese officials last year by refusing to play in the Asian Games in Busan, South Korea. When Yao signed with the Rockets as the NBA’s No. 1 draft pick last year, part of the deal was

that he would still play for his national team. The 2.26-meter (7-foot-5) star said he will honor the agreement and compete in the Asian championships, said a Chinese Basketball Association official, who would only give his surname, Xu. The newspaper *Liberation Daily* in Shanghai quoted Yao’s agent, Zhang Mingji, as saying, “Yao will absolutely return to China once he is called up by the national team.” The championship will be held

in the northeastern Chinese city of Harbin. Officials said the tournament’s dates have not been set yet. China’s team will have to finish in first or second place to qualify for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. China has been a basketball powerhouse in Asia, but a scrappy South Korean team upset the Chinese in overtime during the Asian Games last October, dashing their hopes for a fifth consecutive gold medal in the sport. ■

FILM

MTV Films ‘Better Luck Tomorrow’ Has Amazing Opening Weekend

MTV Films/Paramount Classics “Better Luck Tomorrow” blew away expectations at the box office during its opening weekend when the Justin Lin directed teen picture held the largest per theater opening while marking the best-ever per screen opening for MTV Films. “For a little movie from Sundance to get to this point is really something,” said Van Toffler, MTV president. “It is great to see the audience respond this way to such an adventurous, risky story featuring fresh new

faces and filmmakers.” MTV Films acquired “Better Luck Tomorrow” at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival where the film garnered significant critical acclaim. On April 25 the film expanded to more than 100 markets. “Better Luck Tomorrow” tells the story of four overachieving Asian American high school friends who find themselves at odds with their good reputations and identities when they get caught up in a spiraling web of criminal activity. ■

TV

NAATA Announces National Programming for APA Heritage Month

The National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA) announced a lineup of national public television programming scheduled to run through May, which is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Programs scheduled to run include: “Forging a Feature: The Journey of BLT” by Evan Leong, which documents the making of Justin Lin’s controversial film “Better Luck Tomorrow,” its journey to Sundance and its aftermath; “China 21” by Ruby Yang and Lambert Yam, which follows four ordinary Chinese families

stepping into the 21st century; “Desi: South Asians in New York” by Allen Glazen and Shebana Coelho, a tribute to the diversity and dynamism of the 200,000 South Asians living in New York City; and “The Floating World: Masami Teraoka and His Art” by Louise Lo, which profiles one of the country’s most renowned AA artists whose work deals with cultural conflict, environmental pollution, sexuality and AIDS. For more information on dates and times of these NAATA programs on public TV, visit www.naatanet.org. ■



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Beholden to Presidents and Generals

WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS, who served on the U.S. Supreme Court as associate justice from 1939 to 1975, a term of 36 years (the record for that court), was appointed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Douglas was then age 41, the second youngest member ever to serve. (The youngest, at age 32, was Associate Justice Joseph Story; but that's going back to 1812.) Three years following Douglas' appointment, Roosevelt was to issue his infamous Executive Order 9066; Douglas would then be called upon to pass upon the legality of his mentor's action.

THE QUESTION emanating from E.O. 9066 and now confronting Douglas and his brethren was a simple one: May *Americans* of Japanese ancestry (AJAs) be subjected to *disparate treatment* by military determination based on their *race*? In *Hirabayashi*, 320 US 81 (June 21, 1943), in an opinion authored by the chief justice (Stone), the Supreme Court answered the question in the affirmative. In a concurring opinion, Douglas rationalized that "it seems to me necessary to concede that the army had the power to deal *temporarily* with these people [AJAs] on a *group basis*." 320 US at 107, emphasis added. What Douglas appears to be espousing is the proposition that infringement of constitutional protections on a group basis may be permissible when it is temporary, such as imposition of a curfew.

IT'S BEEN SAID that Douglas expressed remorse in the stance that he took in the so-called "evacuation" cases. If so, such was not forthcoming when some year and a half later he had full opportunity to recant in *Korematsu*, 323 US 214 (Dec. 18, 1944). On the contrary, in writing the *Endo* decision for the court, 323 US 283 (delivered the same day as *Korematsu*), Douglas

studiedly reaffirmed the concept "that the original evacuation was justified...." Id. at 302.

If Douglas was seeking the road to Epiphany, he was headed in the wrong direction.

NOW, ALONG COMES a 716-page biography on Douglas written by Bruce Allen Murphy, a professor at Lafayette College, titled and sub-titled "Wild Bill, The Legend and Life of William O. Douglas," (Random House, 2003.) Upon receiving the book (from my daughter) I turned to references to the internment cases. The author quotes a Douglas law clerk who succinctly summarized the situation: "It outraged me a lot. I knew that the [military explanation for the exclusion] was a bunch of bullshit. The main purpose was to get the Japanese out so that they could seize their property." (206). Author Murphy cites some factors that were weighing on Douglas:

The issue here was complicated for Douglas however, since he had thus far been very devoted to the policies of the man who had appointed him to the Court, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He was tempering his views not only out of love for FDR, but also on account of the fact that he personally knew and liked General DeWitt. Later that summer, after having dinner with the general and his wife on a trip west, Douglas wrote Hugo Black, "They are really grand people. We enjoyed them immensely." (Id. 206)

Author Murphy writes: "Douglas, a man who rarely second-guessed himself, came to regret his decision to go with the majority in [the *Hirabayashi*] case. 'My vote to affirm was one of my mistakes,' he later wrote, adding, 'the evacuation case ... was ever on my conscience.'" (Id. 234) ■



Very Truly Yours

Harry K. Honda

Nickname Game: For a Reunion Rumpus

LAST MONTH, the Poston III camp reunion, hosted by the Central Californians at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas, had a truly Nisei-kind of a game. I think that others have been held elsewhere, only they haven't come to our attention. The reason for saying this is that the Rev. Dr. Paul Nagano (one of the bachelors then at Poston III) has seen a comparable list while he ministered in Seattle.

When the Hakujuin kindergarten teacher couldn't pronounce your given Japanese name, an American monicker was substituted. Or when your classmates at recess gave you a suitable tag. Or, in self-defense, you picked one of your own. There may be other theories.

One might have occurred at kindergarten or first grade. One Hakujuin teacher wondered why the Japanese girls had "ko" in their first name. One mother explained: "Ko stands for 'child' in Japanese." The teacher said: "Well, they are not a 'child' any more. You should drop 'ko'." Perhaps, some complied.

Midori (Koba) Koga of Parlier remembered 75 guys and gals at Poston III were called or given a "nickname." One of them: Masato Asakawa, one of the San Diego JACLers I've known, was "Bruce" when we met years ago. That made Midori's Nickname Game List.

As a prelude to my nickname, "Harry," it was given before going to kindergarten. The sign on the window of my dad's business read: "Henry S. Honda Shoe Repair." His steady customer, an Englishman, asked my father what my name was. It was "Kazue." It didn't sound English to him, and he proceeded to suggest the diminutive of Henry, "Harry." It's a part of my legal name, "Harry K.," the middle initial to distinguish from the other Harry Hondas in this land.

Now, how is the Nickname Game played? There were two sheets: One listing the nicknames. The game was to pair them with the real names on the other sheet.

What a great assortment. There are other nicknames in the Nisei world not cited here. This could start the parade of "nom de Nisei."

(1) Sunshine, (2) Silent, (3) Yoker, (4) Yonki, (5) Gorcey, (6) Dumbo, (7) Head, (8) Killer, (9) Bum, (10) Panda Bear, (11) RFD, (12) Snooks, (13) Pinochle, (14) Porky, (15) Toto, (16) Chino, (17) Hot Rod, (18) Honey, (19) Jojo, (20) Peter, (21) Hideyama, (22) Chibodi, (23) Lover, (24) Wacky, (25) Cherry, (26) Pakkai, (27) Jumbo, (28)

Smackie, (29) Marty, (30) Cookie, (31) Kako, (32) Hash, (33) Iki, (34) Nambo, (35) Mush, (36) Babe, (37) Bruce, (38) Tu-Tone, (39) Edison, (40) Toastie, (41) Mutt, (42) Yumily, (43) Popo, (44) Jeep, (45) Tach, (46) Wong, (47) Boss, (48) Monku, (49) House, (50) Marblehead,

(51) Hook, (52) Gopher, (53) Scooter, (54) Yangu, (55) Hambone, (56) Hankus, (57) Polly, (58) Cleo, (59) Kash, (60) Parker, (61) Kimber, (62) Wrap, (63) Fatty, (64) Chingus, (65) Koba, (66) P.O., (67) Willie, (68) Noby, (69) Mouse, (70) Lou Buck, (71) Kokomo, (72) Mexican, (73) Nibo, (74) Lefty, (75) Bubbles.

Here are the true names in alphabetical order:

(1) Hidetoshi Akiyama, (2) Kiyo Aoki, (3) Todd Aoki, (4) Masato Asakawa, (5) Tsutomu Date, (6) Walt Fujimoto, (7) Iyoko Sasaki Hamada, (8) Edythe Hirase Harada, (9) Mary Hashimoto, (10) June Hayashi, (11) Tetsuo Himaka, (12) Futoshi Hirai, (13) Toru Hirose, (14) Masami Honda, (15) Nobu Honda, (16) Tom Honda, (17) George Iwasaki, (18) Ropy Iwashita, (19) Carl Kaneyuki, (20) Richard Karasawa, (21) Kiyoshi Kawamoto, (22) Kunio Kawamoto, (23) Yukio Kawamoto, (24) Lilian Nagata Kiyomoto, (25) Allan Koba

(26) Yoshito Koba, (27) Jiro Kodama, (28) Midori Koga, (29) Kiyoko Kunishige, (30) Minoru Maruyama, (31) Fred Masukawa, (32) George Masumoto, (33) Toru Matsumoto, (34) Mitsuru Mitsuoka, (35) Noboru Mitsuoka, (36) Terry Hamaguchi Mizufuka, (37) Tok Morikawa, (38) Haruye Nakamura

Nagata, (39) Isao Nakagawa, (40) Kiyoko Nakagawa, (41) Torao Nakagawa, (42) Michiko Niino Nakamichi, (43) Masumi Nakamichi, (44) Pauline Date Nakamura, (45) Miyoko Mikasa Nakamura, (46) Nobuyuki Nakamura, (47) Milton Nishida, (48) Isamu Okamoto, (49) Satoshi Okamoto, (50) Yuri Izushita Okamura

(51) Masashi Osato, (52) Phyllis Osato, (53) Hanaye Watari Rerige, (54) Naomi Nishida Rickett, (55) Sumako Hirashima Sano, (56) Hideko Tsuda Shimamoto, (57) Sanzo Shinmoto, (58) Jimmy Shinohara, (59) Machiko Mori Suyama, (60) Akira Tajiri, (61) Akira Takeshita, (62) Hiroshi Tanizaki, (63) Willie Tateishi, (64) Masaharu Tsuda, (65) George Uchida, (66) Kiyoko Tsuda Uda, (67) Harumi Hirai Yabu, (68) Ayako Morikawa Yamada, (69) Eugene Yamada, (70) George Yamada, (71) Joe Yamada, (72) Kazumi Yamada, (73) Yuriko Yamada, (74) Noboru Yamakoshi, (75) Jim Yanagihara, (76) Kimiteru Yokota.

Notes: Masashi Osato and Akira Takeshita each had two nicknames Besides the conversations that criss-crossed our table, three fellows were comparing their respective scientific patents. (That's an idea for another column, I thought) ... Doug Urata made an unexpected appearance to wish parents Jim and Helen a happy 60th wedding anniversary. In the dim spotlight, Jim said to me: "That guy looks awfully familiar (oblivious, at first, that it was his son)." ■

JACL and NJAMF to Host Nat'l Nikkei Golf Tournament July 14

The JACL and the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF) are co-hosts for the Inaugural National Nikkei Golf Tournament to be held at Virginia's Westfields Golf Club July 14.

Funds raised at the National Nikkei Golf Tournament will go towards the overall operations of the JACL and to support the education, maintenance, and operations of NJAMF's Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, D.C.

Since its founding in 1929, the JACL has addressed and fought for civil rights issues in the Asian Pacific American community. Today the organization continues to preserve the rights and well-being of APAs and others who fall victim to social injustices through-

out the United States.

On Nov. 9, 2000, the National Memorial to Japanese American Patriotism during World War II was dedicated in the U.S. capital. The construction of the memorial was itself created by an act of Congress.

The fund-raising goal for the Inaugural National Nikkei Golf Tournament is \$50,000. Westfields Golf Club is located in Clifton, Va., about 25 miles from Washington, D.C.

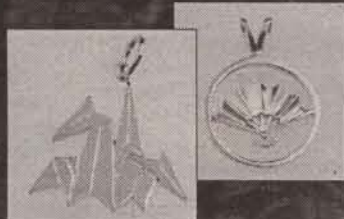
Entrance fees are \$200 per person, \$1200 per foursome with hole signage. Checks should be mailed to NJAMF, 1000 Connecticut Ave. NW #304, Washington, DC 20036. For more information please contact Cheron Carlson at 202/530-0015 or njamf@erols.com. ■

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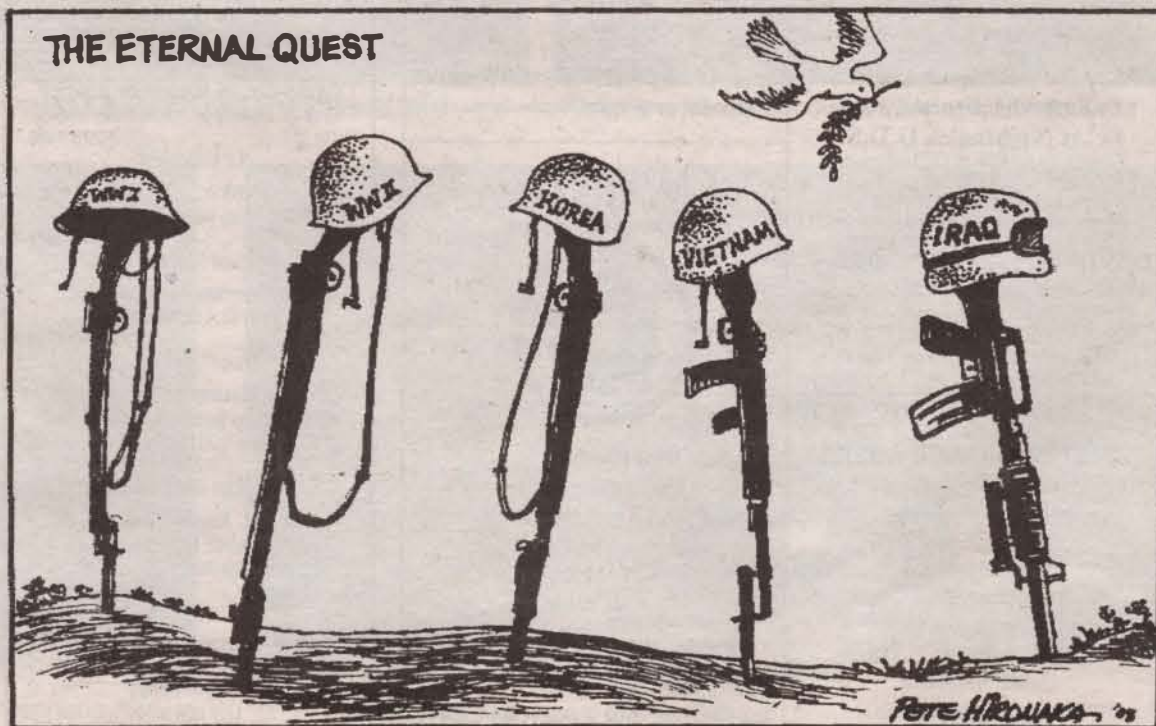
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MORI MEMO

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Mineta, Sen. Daniel Inouye, Rep. Bob Matsui, and Rep. Mike Honda.

The national JACL has only once before hosted a dinner of this magnitude. In 1980 we honored the JA members of Congress at a major redress fund-raising dinner, two years after the public launching of the historic redress campaign.

It's been 23 years and the time has come for us to recognize and thank our JA national leaders and to honor them for all they have done throughout the years for the benefit of the JA community and for the nation.

This gala dinner will bring together the four honorees in public for the first time. It's truly a rare opportunity for us to pay tribute to these individuals who play significant roles at the highest levels of

government. This may very well be the last time we will ever be able to honor all four together.

This is a fund raising dinner, much like the one we held in 1980. But like the dinner back then, we are organizing this event to be able to say thank you to these remarkable individuals who have supported the JACL and the community over the years. It's about them.

This is an event which I hope every JACL member will think about attending. Because this is such a special event, we'll be offering a special rate for JACL members because we'd like as many of you as possible to have an opportunity to attend. Your chapter presidents will be receiving information about this, so be sure to check with your president and board members. Or you can contact us at national headquarters or the PSW office.

Save the date: Sept. 13. See you in Los Angeles. ■

**From the Midwest**

Bill Yoshino, Midwest Regional Director

Harry Caray Struck Out

The arrival of spring brings with it the opening of the baseball season, which is a blessing for the optimism it evokes for a winning season. In the case of the Chicago Cubs, it can be a curse, not only because of their half century of failure, but because it's impossible to park around Wrigley Field on game days if you want to dine at one of the many restaurants in the area.

On Opening Day, I unwittingly decided to have lunch at a Wrigleyville restaurant and quickly learned that it was game day. In leaving the area, I drove down Addison Street and glanced at the statue of Harry Caray, which brought back some unpleasant memories of past encounters with this celebrated sports announcer.

Our JACL office files contain a letter written in 1973 by Chiye Tomihiro, then chair of the Chicago JACL anti-defamation committee, to Harry Caray taking him to task for referring on air to Tommie O'Leary as "the jap." O'Leary, a Japanese American, was a well-known operator of a Rush Street bar. In her letter, Chiye told Caray that because of his friendship, O'Leary may not

object to the usage, but that the term has a derogatory history. Chiye then asked him to refrain from using the term on air again.

In 1984, during a WGN telecast of a Cubs game, Caray repeatedly made reference to Japanese baseball players as "jap" ballplayers. I wrote a letter protesting this usage to Caray and to WGN management reminding them both that the term is a slur and that using it on air would serve to condone its use. Caray responded by letter saying that two of his JA friends were embarrassed by my over-sensitivity, and that he was as well.

In his letter, he went on to say that I was being presumptuous to "pressure your own viewpoints" to WGN. At the end of my letter to Caray I said that the JACL is committed to the belief that everyone has a responsibility to promote understanding among people, regardless of ethnic background. To this Caray replied, "what makes you think that your commitments and desires for ethnic goodwill are superior to mine — I have been making friends ethnically over the radio and TV for 40

years, and I am damn proud of it and because they know where I come from I can even say things that you apparently get overwrought about."

In 1995, Caray interviewed Cub manager Jim Riggleman and asked, "I don't feel slanty-eyed today, do you?" This was a reference to Hideo Nomo who was scheduled to pitch that day. We met with WGN management (Caray's bosses) protesting the remark and demanded an apology, which they gave. Not Harry Caray; he decided to dig in. Despite letters from a variety of organizations, petitions, and several days of media furor, he stuck to his line that he didn't do anything wrong. Several of his broadcast colleagues came to his defense saying that the remarks were being blown out of proportion and that he didn't mean anything by it, indicating that he is not a malicious person.

These reactions aren't ancient history. Many still don't understand that "jap" isn't just a shortened form or that "slanty-eyed" isn't the same as describing someone as a "blue-eyed." Slurs and insulting caricatures carry a history that many fail to understand. Harry Caray may well have been a kind and decent person despite the several stupid remarks he made on air. However, when it came time to make things right and own up to his remarks, he muffed it. ■

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Santa Cruz (Bolivia). Tours to be arranged.	
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JACL COMMUNITY Calendar

National

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.

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; lunch on the course; awards buffet to follow; hosted by the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation and JACL. \$200/person, \$1200/foursome with hole signage. Make checks payable to: NJAMF and send to NJAMF, 1000 Connecticut Ave. NW #304, Washington, DC 20036. Info, directions: NJAMF, 202/530-0015; njamf@erols.com.

Sat., Sept. 13—National JACL Dinner, "An American Testimonial: Salute to Japanese American National Leaders"; Wilshire Grand Hotel, Los Angeles; honoring Hon. Norman Mineta (invited), Hon. Daniel Inouye, Hon. Robert Matsui and Hon. Mike Honda. RSVP, info: 213/626-4471; psw@jacl.org; www.jaclpsw.org.

East Coast

DELRAY BEACH, Fla.

Through May 25—Exhibit: "Diamonds in the Rough: Japanese Americans in Baseball"; Morikami Museum, 4000 Morikami Park Rd.; explores baseball's special place in the history of the Japanese American community. Info: 561/495-0233; www.morikami.org.

NEW YORK CITY

Sat., June 7—Korean American Coalition Personal Development Workshop #3: "Managing the Asian Pacific American Career"; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (8:30 a.m. registration); KUSOC, 1952 Gallows Rd., Vienna; featuring professional trainers from LEAP. Free and open to the public. RSVP, info: 202/296-6401; davidskim@kacdc.org.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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. Info: William Lee, 202/986-4598; wlee213@aol.com; or Marisa Wu, 703/521-7046; apaspringbenefit@yahoo.com.

Thurs., Sept. 25-Sat., Oct. 4—Korean War Veterans Washington D.C. Tour, "Heritage of America"; to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of the Korean War; welcoming dinner, memorial service; includes JA Memorial to Patriotism; Williamsburg, Gettysburg, Amish country, Philadelphia; open to the public.

Reservation deadline is May 16; for reservations and special arrangements, call Elaine Ishida, 310/329-9105. Info: Sam Shimoguchi, 310/822-6688; Paul Ono, 310/532-2495; Victor Muraoka 818/831-2178.

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. 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.

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

TWIN FALLS, Idaho

Fri.-Sun., June 27-29—JACL Bi-District Conference (IDC-PNW); welcome mixer, "Hint of Hawaii" (pre-function for 2004 convention); recognition/speakers: artist Roger Shimomura, political aide Dan Shimomura and Terrell Nagata, JACL Credit Union; workshops; bone marrow registry drive; golf in the canyon, bus to Jackpot, Nev. (golf there also), Minidoka pilgrimage, fishing for rainbow trout. **Registration discount until June 10. Group rate at Red Lion Hotel until June 16: 800/727-5003; robin.bammert@westcoasthotels.com.**

Pacific Northwest PORTLAND

Sun., May 4—Portland JA community organizations, including JACL will honor graduating seniors at the Annual Graduation Banquet; 5 p.m.; keynote speaker, poet/professor Lawson Fusao Inada. Tickets, location, info: Terry Nishikawa, 503/666-3836.

SEATTLE

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

WOODINVILLE, Wash.

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

Northern California

BAY AREA

Sun., May 4—Nikkei Widowed Group Meeting; new members, men and women, are welcome. Call for meeting time and place: M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

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.

SACRAMENTO

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; seh@jps.net.

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

Mon., May 26—Dedication of a plaque honoring those from the Sacramento area who gave their lives serving with the U.S. armed forces during WWII and the Korean War; 1 p.m.; Nisei War Memorial Community Center, 15615 4th St.; family members of the honorees will participate. Info: Tom Okubo, 866/421-4744.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sun., May 18—*Kodomo No Hi*: Children's Day Festival; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Japantown Peace Plaza; entertainment, jump house, hands-on activities, games, food; combines Dolls Day (*Hinamatsuri*) and Boys Day. Info: 415/567-5505.

Sun., May 18—NAATA Asian American Documentary Showcase; from 2 p.m.; AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres, 1881 Post St. Info: www.naatanet.org. Tickets: at the door or fax 415/863-7428; festival@naatanet.org.

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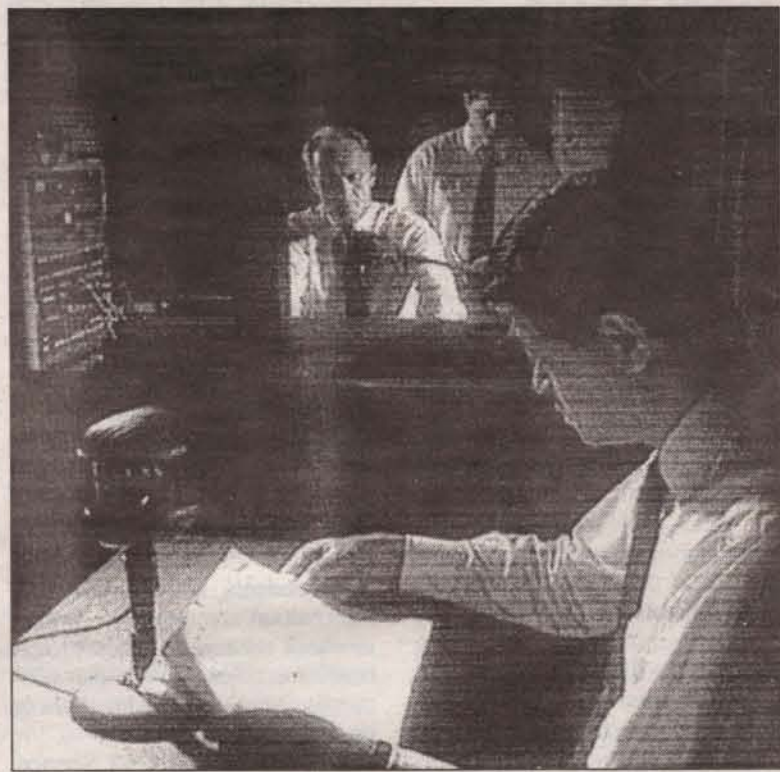
Sun., May 4—Nikkei Matsuri in San Jose Japantown; 9:15 a.m. opening ceremony, 4 p.m. closing; entertainment beginning at 10 a.m.; Jackson St. between 4th & 6th; food, gifts, clothing, cultural and historical exhibits; children's program, book signing, more; San Jose JACL and JACL Next Generation will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

Sat.-Sun., May 17-18—Children's Book Signings; 1 p.m.; Nikkei Traditions, 219 Jackson St., Japantown; "Floating Lanterns and Golden Shrines: Celebrating Japanese Festivals" on Saturday, and "Why Cats Chase Mice" on Sunday. **Pre-orders are strongly advised: 408/297-7554.**

SAN MATEO

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,



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STOCKTON

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

Southern California

LOS ANGELES

Sat., May 3—Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion, "Calling Tokyo: Japanese American Broadcasters During World War II"; 1-3 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; surviving broadcasters will be on hand to answer questions. RSVP: 213/625-0414.

Through May 8—Visual Communications Film Festival 2003; venues include Directors Guild, David Henry Hwang Theatre, Arclight Hollywood and the Japan America Theatre. Tickets and info: 213/680-4462 ext. 59; www.vconline.org/filmfest.

Thurs., May 8—Film, "Mai's America"; 6 p.m.; Cal State L.A., Maxwell Theatre, University-Student Union; film follows a Vietnamese teenager studying in the United States. Info: Cross Cultural Centers, 323/343-5001.

Wed., May 14—"Asian American Dreams: An Evening With Helen Zia"; 7 p.m.; Cal State L.A., Los Angeles Room, University-Student Union. Info: Cross Cultural Centers, 323/343-5001.

Wed., May 14-Sun., June 8—East West Players world premiere of "The Nisei Widows Club"; David Henry Huang Theater, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo; **Low-cost previews on May 8-10, American Sign Language interpretation on June 6.** Tickets, schedules: 213/625-7000.

Sat., May 17—Bazaar-Carnival; St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 961 S. Mariposa Ave. Info: 213/387-0023.

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TEMECULA

Sat., May 31—Children's Matsuri; 2-5 p.m.; Temecula Community Center, 28816 Pujol; food, crafts, games, taiko, koto, karate & kobudo, dancing, kimono, bonsai, kai ken, more; presented by the Temecula/Nakayama Sister City Association. Info: www.TemeculaSisterCityAssociation.org.

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Sat., May 17—"Evening With Lane Nishikawa"; 7 p.m.; Phoenix College Auditorium; live performance by Nishikawa, plus his two 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

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KOZUKI

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"Once they go to a bigger city, there's so much more to do, when they come back to a small town like Parlier, it's like what is there to do today? — nothing," said Kozuki. "They're relocating and they're just coming back to visit. There are not as many opportunities here and they don't want to farm."

Tad and his Sansei wife Irene, 57, have two daughters and one son. One daughter is a social worker, the other a public relations rep while their son is an electrical engineer; all currently live in Southern California and so far have shown no interest in returning to the farm where the family grows peaches, plums, nectarines, apples and Japanese pears.

The Kozukis always encouraged their children to pursue their dreams and although they are proud of their kids' success, they are hopeful that their children might consider eventually returning to the farm.

Irene has heard through her relatives that her son is thinking of coming back to the farm eventually, "and it gives us a glimmer of hope," she said. They also have a niece who is currently helping out with the farm so "I think there's an outside chance."

"I would love to see my son come back," said Tad. "We (the brothers) know the potential of the farm. If you want to keep it in the family, then someone has to take care of it. So I would love to see them come back."

Tad and Irene, both members of the Parlier JACL chapter, attended the CC/PSW/NWCNP tri-district conference April 25-27.

Tad is the first to admit that the farming life isn't easy. Unlike several years ago when a great deal of money could be made in farming, the industry these days hasn't been as lucrative.

In the past farmers used to be able to sell their produce for a decent price with grocers doubling the price to make a profit, but these days the markup by grocers is three to four times what is being paid to the farmer, he said.

Tad also believes farmers are

forced to be big gamblers. They put all their money into a crop hoping that there will be no hail and that heavy rains won't damage the harvest. If the farmers come out on the losing side, their loss is huge.

"Farmers are the biggest gamblers," said Tad. "We're spending a lot of money without knowing if it's going to come back."

The past couple of years have been especially harsh, he said. The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks prevented their produce from getting into New York City, one of their biggest markets, while the dockworkers' strike prevented their produce from being shipped to their customers in Taiwan.

Irene believes it is because her kids have watched their father over the years work the long hours and do the hard labor that they have shunned away from the farmer's life.

"I told my husband, one of the mistakes he made was working so hard and not showing his children the awards of that," she said. "It always seemed like hard work."

But Tad and Irene also believe farming can be the ideal life. Tad and his brothers are their own bosses, running their 800-acre farm with an independence not found in a typical 9-to-5 job. Besides harvest time in the summer, Tad can make up his own work schedule, taking off for a fishing trip or heading to the coast with his family on a moment's notice.

"I think I still truly enjoy farming," said Tad. "The independence makes it good. When you farm, whatever work you put into that product, you will see the fruits of your labor that season."

"There's a lot of honor and dignity in farming," said Irene, "you see the results of your labor."

The Kozukis also believe the country is an ideal place to raise a family. In fact Tad has seen some young people leave the farms only to come back to raise their own families a few years later.

"Once they start raising children, they find that they would rather raise them in the country than the city," said Tad. "I hope that catches on."

Like their children today, Tad and Irene never thought they

would follow in their parents' footsteps and live a farmer's life. Tad, a graduate of UC Davis, went into the Army after graduation and looked forward to a military career. But as the eldest son he felt the pressure to come home and take over the family business. Although resentful at first, in hindsight he believes it was the best decision he could have made.

"I was almost forced to come back because it's like who's going to take over if I don't?" said Tad. "I could have had a career in the military. But if I had stayed in the service I probably would have died. I would have gone ... to countries where wars were about to start, the odds of coming back alive are bad. I think in retrospect it was a good idea I didn't. But at the time I thought, I was still young, why should I come back?"

Irene was born and raised in Fresno and attended Cal State Berkeley. After graduation she went into the Peace Corps and worked for a short while as a teacher, but eventually she too returned to her farming roots.

"I really never thought that I'd settle down on a farm," she said. But "my husband loves farming, so did my father, so I know the kind of joy you get from that."

As the JA farmers in the area get older, many now in their 80s, they are becoming dependent on the younger farmers like the Kozukis. Without their own children to take over the land, many have asked the Kozukis to lease out their farms so they won't be forced to sell to the corporate farms in the area. And without their own children to take care of them, the elderly farmers are finding it difficult to do daily chores such as fixing their roof or going to visit the doctor's office.

The Kozukis don't know what the future holds for their farm. They are still hopeful that the younger generation will return but if not, they realize hiring a manager or selling to one of the corporate farms is a possibility. But till then Tad and his brothers plan to continue farming their ancestors' land.

"It's unfortunate," said Tad. "[Farming] has provided me with a very good life and I think it's there for others." ■

FINANCES

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our bills but it's month to month, week to week," said Floyd Mori, JACL national president. "It's not going to be an easy year."

"We're not in good shape," said Art Koga, JACL national secretary/treasurer. Although it's always a good idea to have a three-month reserve of funds to draw from, JACL is "not in that situation at all."

Koga reminded the group that several months ago JACL was forced to borrow monies from its Life Trust Fund in order to meet payroll. Currently, JACL's various funds, including the Legacy Fund, are still below their principal value so withdrawals cannot be made.

The national board also recently adjusted the 2003 budget by trimming \$250,000 in expenses, he said. Koga noted that some staff have recently left the organization but if the staffing levels had not been reduced, "we may have been forced to make some personnel decisions." Currently, headquarters is running on a skeleton staff of four employees.

In order to deal with JACL's financial crisis the organization is always looking for corporate and foundation grants. Although they have had some success, including a \$50,000-per-year grant from the Japan Foundation for the next few years, said Mori, businesses and foundation are experiencing the same financial difficulties as JACL brought on by a poorly performing stock market and instability after the recent war in Iraq.

Lucy Kishiue, JACL membership and fund development director, noted that JACL has had some degree of success getting funders for the national convention and national youth conference, including grants from The Ford Company and Daimler Chrysler. "But we're like other nonprofits, we're all suffering," she said.

Tad Kozuki of the Parlier chapter stressed the need for the national board to take a more serious look at how to improve JACL's finances. He believes if finances are the problem, all of the organization's efforts should be put into returning JACL to financial stability.

He recently spoke to John Tateishi, JACL executive director, who said he believed JACL could

raise money but that he didn't have enough time or the staff to do so. Kozuki believes if the executive director needs additional staff so his time can be freed up to do more fund raising it should be done.

"We need to invest money to make money," said Kozuki. "If you believe in JACL, you have to invest in it. Let's face the problem. The bleeding is with the finances so we need to take care of it."

Mori noted that although he and Tateishi spend almost every weekend going out and asking for money it takes time to develop relationships with the various foundations and corporations.

"Raising money is not easy," said Mori. "We're making progress but it's not going to happen overnight."

Koga believes the national board has given the staff leeway to do fund raising, especially with the development of the Three Pillars initiative that stressed fundraising as a main priority.

"John [Tateishi] has the leeway to move forward ... the problem is with the implementation. Right now we're trying to find the right balance," said Koga.

Mori noted that in addition to grants, membership is an important part of JACL's finances and encouraged chapters and districts to go out and recruit new members.

So far he's been disappointed with the efforts of membership recruitment, with almost every district showing a decrease in their overall membership.

"It's up to the chapter presidents to start banging on doors," said Mori. "Right now we're not harvesting anything because we're not cultivating. We need the help of the chapters because that's where the action is."

In addition to increasing membership, the board encouraged JACL members to support the organization's fundraising activities currently being planned including the national JACL dinner in Los Angeles Sept. 13 and the NWCNP fundraising dinner at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville, Calif., March 27, 2004.

Also participating in the board forum were: David Kawamoto, vice president of general operations; Ken Inouye, v.p. of public affairs; Mark Kobayashi, NCWNP governor, and Bob Taniguchi, CCDC governor. ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Asa, John, 65, Toronto, March 5; founder and owner of Japan Camera, the first company in Canada to provide on-site one-hour photo developing.

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Cawley, James, 41, Layton, Utah; U.S. Marine Reserve staff sergeant; killed in action in Iraq on March 29; survived by wife Miyuki; son Cecil.

Coddington, Max Eugene, 84, Los Angeles, April 9; Abington, Ill.-born; WWII U.S. Air Force veteran; survived by wife Betty Fumiko; sons David (Tracy) and Dan Coddington and Kenneth (May) Inouye; daughters Patricia Coddington, Marie (Bob) Petrie; many gc.; brothers Wayne, Herbert (Marian).

Hisatomi, Carol, Durham, N.C., April 2, of leukemia; Sacramento

resident, former Florin JACL president and Asian Bar Association, Sacramento, president; survived by sons George, Greg; daughter Cheri; predeceased by husband Aki.

Hiyoshi, Phillip, 39, Monterey Park, April 2; survived by father Charles; brother David; sisters Irene (Frank) Gomez, Ann Hiyoshi.

Igasaki, Haruko, 87, Gardena, April 3; Santa Maria-born; survived by son Dr. Howard (Nobuko "Nobbi"); 2 gc., 4 ggc.; brother Roy (Eileen) Mayeda; sister Hide (Hiroshi) Muranaka of Hawaii; sister-in-law Grace Mayeda; predeceased by husband Toshi "Eggs," brother Yas (Grace) Mayeda; sisters Michi (Shig) Tokumoto and Kikuye Mayeda.

Kumagai, George Tadashi, 81, Santa Monica, April 10; Calexico-born; WWII veteran; survived by wife Sumie; brother Fred Ei (Sachi) of Santa Maria; sisters Chizuko Rose Makita of Carlsbad, Yuriko Lilly (Noboru) Takashima of Oregon, May (Bob) Thompson

of Las Vegas; sisters-in-law Ruth Kumagai of Minnesota, Cibyl Kumagai of Washington.

Nakanishi, Kunio, 59, Los Angeles, April 10; Saga-ken-born; Vietnam War veteran; survived by daughter Mariko Nakanishi; brother Iwao (Midori).

Yagi, Dexter Seikoo, 54, Torrance, April 10; Michigan-born; Vietnam War veteran; survived by brother Byron S.

Yamashiro, Asayo, 100, San

Francisco, April 5; Kauai, Kekaha, Hawaii-born; survived by son Tadao (Miwako) of Penryn; daughters Hisako (Nobuyuki) Sugioka; 7 gc., 11 ggc.; brother Shigeo (Shizuko) Nakamura; predeceased by daughter Emiko (George) Fujii.

Yoshimi, Ino, 103, Los Angeles, April 19; Kagoshima-ken-born; survived by sons-in-law Tetsujiro Nakamura, Richard Peterson; daughters-in-law Sachiko and June Yoshimi; 11 gc., 7 ggc.



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Yoshimoto, Chiyeno, 100, Gardena, April 13; Okayama-ken-born; survived by son Kenishiro (Takae); daughters Midori Ishibashi, Harumi Sugiyama, Naomi (Teruo) Yoshimoto; 4 gc., 7 ggc.; brother Hatsutaro Fujioka of Japan.

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MANZANAR

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scheduled to be completed by this fall in preparation for a Nov. 8 grand opening ceremony. Once construction is complete, the auditorium will house a visitors' center with exhibits and a bookstore and the NPS Manzanar staff offices.

The auditorium was originally constructed by internees in 1944 and used for camp high school dances, talent shows, graduation ceremonies, movie showings, recreational games, funerals and other community gatherings.

"The auditorium restoration is going very well," said Sue Kunitomi Embrey, former Manzanar internee and chair of the Manzanar Committee. "We had a tour of the auditorium and they put in the two theaters in the south wing. They're putting in the park headquarters and working on the exhibits. They also put in the windows on the south side and the stage that's pretty close to what it was originally in 1944. It's going to be great and we're looking forward to the November 8 opening."

• **Mess hall** — An original Manzanar mess hall, which ended up at the Bishop County Airport (42 miles north of Manzanar) after the war, was evaluated and found to retain sufficient historic integrity to be returned to Manzanar. The move took place in December 2002 with the help of the NPS, Inyo County, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol. Inyo County donated the labor and funds to remove asbestos from the walls.

According to NPS Manzanar Facility Manager John Slaughter, before the structure could be

moved, it had to be braced and split into four sections because it was too huge to bring back in one piece (50' long, 25' wide). The move took two days, with the CHP closing down Highway 395 and escorting the movers to Manzanar.

"It was neat to be a part of this," said Slaughter, who grew up in the area. "This is an experience I'll never forget."

The mess hall, however, is not currently open to the public. Externally, the structure will need extensive strengthening, and internally, an interpretive exhibit with recreated items will need to be constructed.

• **Public support** — Superintendent Frank Hays is currently working to form a nonprofit "Friends of Manzanar" organization to support the current eight staff members.

Hays said they are in need of in-kind donations such as audio or video equipment to be used in the exhibits; and fundraising to underwrite special projects not included in their operating budget.

Thanks to efforts by Rose Ochi, Manzanar Advisory Commission chair, the park received a fundraising start with a check for \$25,000 from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Special project priorities include:

1) Restoring the mess hall. Estimated cost \$300,000. "We'll need to restore the building to where we can take visitors through it and show them what a mess hall was like," said Hays;

2) Reconstructing a guard tower. Estimated cost \$120,000-\$140,000. "Part of the reason the cost may seem high is because the wood that was used in those days was higher quality wood that is not easily accessible now," said Hays.

"And whenever you're dealing with historic structures, you need to take that extra care to preserve the historic nature and build it to what it was like exactly so that takes more than a normal construction process. We might be able to do the guard tower for less but that was the general estimate that we were given";

3) Create a research facility at the Eastern California Museum in Independence. Hays said their goal is to house all the collections that came from Manzanar in one place. "Right now, they're spread all over the place in Death Valley, Tucson and at the Eastern California Museum," said Hays. "So we want one facility where all the artifacts are kept";

4) Construct wayside exhibits along the tour route. A virtual tour over the Internet is available at www.nps.gov/manz/virtualtour/tour.

"Any funding we receive, we would put it towards these projects and work on them in phases to where we can invite visitors in," said Hays, who noted that even small donations of \$5 are appreciated.

Anyone who would like to donate or volunteer as a "Friend of Manzanar" should contact Hays at 760/878-2194; email manz_superintendent@nps.gov; c/o Manzanar Historic Site, P.O. Box 426, Independence, CA 93526.

Other critical ways to support Manzanar would be to write to your respective congressmen and National Park Service Director Fran Mainella, c/o NPS, 1849 C Street NW, Washington D.C. 20240 to ask for funding.

• **Other Activities:** — Volunteers from the Little Tokyo Service Center and a Manzanar-sponsored

Youth Conservation Corps crew helped clear out debris from the historic orchard, foundation and rock gardens.

A local Boy Scout, with the help of Manzanar staff, earned his Eagle Scout badge by spearheading the construction of 15 historical bench replicas used at Manzanar, which will be placed in the park soon.

• **Positions** — Hays said they currently have two job positions. One is for an administrative assistant (#PGSO-03-62-DEU) and the second is for a fulltime maintenance worker (#PGSO-03-063-DEU). Those interested should visit the www.usajobs.opm.gov.

Manzanar also has a six-month

internship with a stipend, housing and educational award available through the Student Conservation Association. Those interested can contact Hays or John Slaughter at 760/878-2867 or visit SCA website at www.sca-inc.org and fill out an application for the Conservation Associate position at Manzanar.

• **Minidoka** — NPS Archaeologist Jeff Burton, who has done extensive work at Manzanar, will start excavation at the Minidoka camp site this fall, most likely in September. Burton is seeking volunteers to help at Minidoka. Archaeological experience is helpful but not necessary. Anyone interested should contact Burton at 602/670-6501. ■

PILGRIMAGE

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men might be relieved not to be drafted, Kobata said he had hoped to join several of his friends who had volunteered for military service from camp.

When an opportunity came to spearhead the construction of a monument at Poston during the 1990s, Kobata made sure there was an honor roll listing all the Poston internees who died in combat.

"I felt these people made the supreme sacrifice and we owe it to them to honor them," said Kobata.

Kathy Masaoka, a representative from NCR's 9/11 committee, shared about some of the activities they've organized with the Muslim and Arab American communities following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Events included "Break the Fast" programs during the holy month of Ramadan, visiting Islamic mosques and Buddhist temples, picnics, and serving as

watch dogs during the special registration program recently instituted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"The Japanese were alone in 1942 except for the Quakers," said Masaoka. "We understand the fear that the Muslim, Arab and South Asian communities went through after September 11. That's why NCR formed the September 11 committee."

Masaoka also touched upon the remarks made by Congressman Howard Coble, who said during a radio interview that the World War II camps were created to protect JAs.

"It is up to people like yourselves and Japanese Americans who experienced the loss of their rights to educate our government again about these lessons," said Masaoka. "It is up to us to write letters to Congress to call for the removal of Congressman Coble from his position as chair of a very important Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security." ■

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