34th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage Recognizes Jerome, Poston Camps

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
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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 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. "

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After the fight, Yamakido was the only one to be tossed into solitary confinement following the fight. "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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JACL Finances Focus of National Board Forum

By CAROLINE AYOAGI
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VISAHL, Calif.—As expected, the status of the JACL's current financial situation was the main topic of discussion during the national board forum at the CC/PSW/NCNCNP tri­district 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 a healthy surplus," said Kozuki. "The joke is that if we keep on going to the funerals, as long as we keep going, we're alright."

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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.


Coauthors in the senate: Dede Alpert and Debra Bowen. ■

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JACL Must Face Reality

Over 50 years ago, I heard Mike Matsaoka 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 there are many more chapters in California now as the population has increased. The need for JACL is not 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 Niseis? 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.

JACL pays out 20% of its annual membership dues to its 361 chapters. Instead of facing disaster, perhaps JACL needs to face reality. Are the California Sanei, Yonsei and Gosei really interested in JACL?

By DENI UEJIMA
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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 advertising and Muslims, say (JACL) National Executive Director John Tateishi.

"The experience of the Japanese Americans during World War II was the worst case of racial profiling in history and today we are 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 about Florida in World War II, prepared by the Museum of History, contained no reference to the internment.

Although there were no interment camps in Florida, a creator of the museum's 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.

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Simplicity makes life easy.

When Trent Lott spoke on 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 Republican leaders.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, 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 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 White House and House of Coble's views and his removal from the chairmanship of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Terrorism, Homeland Security, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Terrorism, Homeland Security, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Terrorism, Homeland Security, 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 concern is not that there was a felony assault that involved a hate crime," said police Sgt. Jack Conklin.

Several 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.

Castelan Sayre, his client was attacked when his show had been planned. He acknowledged that some of Alam's friends may have known that a fight was going to break out.

Many of the defendants have been released on bond or personal recognizance and are awaiting further proceedings. The case is scheduled for a Feb. 22 trial.

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

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Liebman Calls for Probe into FBI Agent Conflicts of Interest
WASHINGTON—Democratic presidential candidate Joe Lieberman said last week that a thorough investigation into whether an alleged double agent illegally funneled Chinese money into U.S. political campaigns.

Katrina Leung was a Republican-appointed member of the board of the National Security Intelligence Surveillance and Collection Oversight Committee. Under the Intelligence Oversight and Surveillance Act, she was required to provide quarterly reports to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee until her death last year.

Lieberman, ranking Democrat on the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, called a letter April 26 to Attorney General John Ashcroft and FBI Director Robert Mueller that the investigation into whether any money was given to the Chinese government from U.S. election laws, such donations are illegal and could lead to a Democratic-controlled committee conducted an investigation in 1997 into whether election laws could have been violated. Officials tried to influence the 1996 election with donations to Democrats.

SARS Scare Hits New York's Chinatown
NEW YORK—Still hobbled by an Asian trade Center attack, Chinatown's economy has been dealt another blow by rumors of a severe acute respiratory syndrome.

Even though there have been no confirmed cases of the SARS virus in Chinatown, groups of Asian tourists and merchants have been seen gathering around burned-on-both-sides restaurants.

The United States has reported 193 confirmed cases of SARS, including 20 among people who have traveled to Asia — but no deaths. With eight deaths reported in New York City, rumors spread fast. In Chinatown, a false e-mail rumor reporting that 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 increased slightly over the last decade, the number of degrees awarded to minorities declined, according to a study released recently.

The report, based on statistics compiled by the Board of Higher Education, also showed women outpacing men in the number of degrees awarded to every level except for doctoral professional degrees, where men held a slight edge.

The report also included statistics on graduation rates for the 1993 through 2002 school years.

The number of black students receiving certificates or degrees increased from 7,514 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 students increased from 710 to 1,248.

New Group Meeting Latino Needs
HOLLAND, Mich.—To help Hispanics integrate 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, which is designed to assist Laotians living in the western part of the state. For example, Sphabmixay trained a Laotian man who was laid off to understand why he hadn't received unemployment check in eight weeks.

In addition to providing translation services and plans to offer programs on dealing with social service organizations and being Laotian in America. According to him, the group has grown from 3,000 Laotians living in the Holland area came there in the 1970s.

Since then, the number of Laotians in the community has continued to grow.

Complaints by Muslims, Middle Easterners on Rise
BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Complaints of workplace discrimination against Muslims and Middle Easterners 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 9 percent and charges based on national origin have climbed 13 percent since the attacks.

The attorney said figures for discrimination claims since the beginning of the war in Iraq wouldn't be available until May.

At least seven "backlash" discrimination cases were filed with the Birmingham District Office during the year after Sept. 11 alleging a pattern of national origin discrimination.

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

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 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 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 Bar 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 Lomo 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 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 Stockton, 1991-1990 and 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.
CC/PSW/NCWNP Tri-district Conference

Elder Issues and Membership Among Workshop Topics

Lee Institute Brings Japanese Art to the Central Valley

By CAROLINE AYOYAGI
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 amassed 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.

“Once 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 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 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.

Clark’s 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 highlighted.

“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 550/964-4915, or visit www.shermaninstitute.org.
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Bob Taniguchi, Silvana Watanabe and Floyd Mori

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

Twins Kaylee and Alyssa Mataga

Gerald Kato, Amy Kato and Kerry Kaneichi

Floyd Mori, Art Koga and David Kawamoto

How about some line dancing?

Renee Koga, Art Koga and Alan Teruya

Steven Okamoto and Greg Marutani

Reiko and Milo Yoshino and Carol and David Kawamoto

CCDC Governor Bob Taniguchi (top left) with conference attendees

VP. of Public Affairs Ken Ihouye (top center) with attendees at the welcome reception
**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 her husband, band Beat Hedican, a defense man for the NHL's San Jose Sharks.

"Both Birit and I come from very close families, so starting our own is an exciting prospect," Yamaguchi said. "We're both happy to be ready for this new stage in our lives."

Yamaguchi, who won the 1992 Olympics in Albertville, France, where she 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. Olympian's 'Athlete of the Month'

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—Michelle Kwan, who won her fifth World Figure Skating Championship in March, is the U.S. Olympic Committee's athlete of the month.

Kwan also has seven U.S. titles, tied Dick Button and Carol Heiss for most world crowns by an American woman, and is a four-time Olympic medalist with the U.S. women's team.

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**BASEBALL**

Daytona Cubs Players Protected Osprey With Ball

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—A minor league pitcher is in trouble because he hit an osprey with a fastball during a recent game.

The Daytona Cubs, knocked an osprey from its nest with a 95-mph fastball April 21, witnesses said. The bird then spent the rest of the game circling the stadium with its mate and a brood of two in tow.

"The bird's eye was pushing blood," said Chad Efren, a trainer with the Port St. Lucie Mets, the Cubs' Monday opponent. "I started yelling at (Efren). 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, Daytona's general manager.

"You couldn't intentionally harm an animal," said Melody Baum, a Daytona Beach Animal Control officer. "But the Osprey is certainly something we don't condone, and we will make sure that happens to the best of our ability."

Ryu was traveling with the team and not available for comment. He has an 0-1 record and 3.05 ERA in four starts, with 22 strikeouts in 34 1/3 innings.

Daytona general manager Buck Ramsay said the team, as an act of contrition, held a fund-raiser for the Animal Clinic of Edgewater on April 25. The Cubs provided autographed ball for auctions, and the Daytona Cubs donated $1 for every fan in attendance.

"We're trying to make something positive out of it," Ramsay said.

**BASKETBALL**

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

BEIJING—NBA star Yao Ming has assured China he will return to his native team in the Asian championships in September, a Chinese official said.

There were few doubts that the Houston Rockets' young 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 before last season, he said he would only give his surname, Xu.

"(Yao) said he would play if the government asked him," said Van Clief, the group's逃避 a. "But he didn't say he would definitely return."

**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 Asian-American drama's opening picture held the largest per theater opening while marking the best per screen opening for MTV Films.

"A little movie from Sunset Strip to the point is really something," said Van Toeffler, MTV president. "It's 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 crime.

**TV**

NAATA Announces National Programming for APA Heritage Month

The National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA) announced a lineup of national public television programs through May, which is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Programs scheduled to run include "Detroit Live!" and "Feast Like a Feature: The Journey of BLT" by Evan Leong, "Better Luck Tomorrow," its journey to Sundance and its after­math, and "My Little Thing" by Justin Lin, which follows four ordinary Chinese families stepping into the 21st century; "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" by Andrew Garens and "Club USA" by Brian Garens and "Street Heat: Floating World: Masumi Terakaka and His Art" by Louise Lo, which profiles one of the country’s most renowned AA artists who work with deals cultural conflict, environmental destruction, and AIDS.

For more information on dates and times of these NAATA pro­grams on public TV, visit www.naaata.net.
LAST MONTH, the Ponzi III camp reunion, hosted by the Central Californians at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas, was, as a truly Nisei kind of a game. I think that others have been held else­where, only where 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 Ponzi III) has seen a similar list come up when he reviewed in Seattle.

When the Hakujin kindergarten teacher couldn’t pronounce your given Japanese name, an American nickname 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 Hakujin teacher wondered why the Japanese girls had “ku” in their first name. One mother explained: “Ko stands for ‘child’ in Japanese.”

The teacher said, “Well, not a child anymore. You should drop ‘ku’?” Perhaps, some compiled.

Douglas clerk Koga of Parkersburg remembered 75 gals and gals at Ponzi III were called or given a “nickname.” One of them Masato Asakawa, one of the Sandie JAClers I’ve known, was “Harry.” It’s a part of my legal name. I was “Kame.” 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 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. Roosevelt was tempering his views even 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 cites some factors that were weighing on Douglas:

The JACL has addressed and fought for the Pacific American community. Today the organization continues to support the rights and well­being of APAs and others who fall victim to social injustices through­out the United States.

On Nov. 9, 2000, the National Memorial to Japanese American Heros During World War II was dedicated in the United States. The construction of the memorial was created by an act of Congress.

The fund-raising goal for the Japanese National Nikkei Golf Tournament is $50,000. Westfield Golf Club is located in Clifton, Va., about 25 miles from Washington, D.C. For more information please contact Cheryl Carson at 201/315­0015 or njamf@erols.com.
to be able to say thank you to these -

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 theoptimist 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 is impossible to park around Wrigley Field on game days if you want to dine at one of the many restaurants in the area.

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 chap­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­…
A heartfelt new comedy explores the traditions, loves, losses and lives of Nisei women.


EAST WEST PLAYERS

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RIVERSIDE

Sun., May 3—Riverside JACL ScholarshipGraduation Potluck Dinner; 5 p.m.; First Christian Church, 4055 Yuma Ave., at Brockton.

TEMECULA

Sat., May 3—30th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Info: 951/677-3015.

WEST COVINA

Sat., May 17—City of West Covina’s Annual Cherry Blossom Festival; 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; West Covina Civic Center Mall, co-hosted by East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center.

Arizona — Nevada

PHOENIX

May 5—"Evening With Lane Nakasaka"; 7 p.m.; Phoenix College Auditorium; live performance by Nakasaka, plus his two films: "While We Were Warriors" and "Forgotten Voice"; sponsored by ASU, tickets discounted for JACL members. Info: 602/286-2638; Randy Nakagawa, 602/693-3521; Ted Namida, 637/922-5131.

RENO


DEADLINE for Calendar is the Friday before issue of PACIFIC CITIZEN.

Please provide the time and place of the event, and name and phone number (including area code) of a contact person.
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The past couple of years have been especially harsh. The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks prevented their produce from getting into New York City, where most of it was marketed, while the dockworkers' strike prevented their produce from getting 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 left farming.

"I told my husband, one of the mistakes he made was working so hard and not showing his children the rewards of that," she said. "Our kids have always seemed like hard work." But Tad and Irene also believe farming can be the ideal life. Tad said his kids had seen the hard work of bosses, running their 800-acre farm with an independence not available by appointment, but if they stayed in the service I probably would have died. I would have gone on to military school when I was about to start, the odds of coming back alive are bad. I think in retrospect I probably 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 nurse. "I would have been 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 TA 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 coffee growers are finding it difficult to do daily work the long hours that season. "There's a lot of honor and dignity in farming," said Irene, "you see a lot of the rewards there." The Kozukis also believe the country is an ideal place to raise a family. In fact Tad has seen some young people leave the farm only to come back to raise their own families a few years later. For the Kozukis, they think that they would rather raise them in the country than in the city, 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.

"Farming has provided me with the kind of joy you get from that," said Tad. "The independence you have in farming, the fact you own the land."

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FINANCES

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

Koga said the group that several months ago JACL was forced to borrow money from its Life Time Endowment to meet payroll. Currently, JACL's various funds, including the Legacy Fund, are still in the red. The group's principal, which so withdrawals cannot be made.

The national board also recently adjusted its 2003 budget by trimming $250,000 in expenses, said Koga. Noted that some staff have already gone on leave but if the staffing levels had not been reduced, "we may have been forced to make some serious decisions." Currently, headquarter is running on a skeleton staff of four.

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 an average amount $45 to $50,000 a year for grants from the Japan Foundation for the next few years, said Mori, businesses and foundations are becoming sensitive to the same financial difficulties as JACL brought on by a poorly performing stock market and the increased instability after the recent war in Iraq.

Lucy Kishibe, JACL membership and development committee co­ ­ordinator, reported that JACL has had some degree of success getting funds for the Operation Justice, Pendleton 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 some 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 stabili­

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Sacramento, president; survived by wife Betty Klimon Bunko: (213) 629-2848 (8am to 10pm PST)

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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 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 be returned to Manzanar. The move took place in December 2002 with the help of the NPS, Inyo County, 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, Tuscon 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/manzan/virtual.

“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 mame@superintendent@nps.gov; or clo 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 Masanela, 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 jobs positions.

One is for an administrative assistant (420/878-2194) and the second is for a fulltime maintenance worker (420/878-0635). Those interested should visit the www.usajobs.opm.gov.

Manzanar also has a six-month internship with a stipend, and educational and award available through the Student Conservation Association. Those interested can contact Hays or John Slaughter at 760/878-2607 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 excavating 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.

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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 NCRR 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 IAs.

“It is up to people like yourself and the 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.”