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## Nisei WWII Broadcasters Tell their Story in 'Calling Tokyo'



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From l-r: Co-Producer Gary T. Ono; Frank Shozo Baba (OWI); Gish Takeshi Endo (BPWM); Chiyo Nao Wada (OWI); Robert Tetsuro Yamasaki (OWI); Kei Kitsuta; Robert Goodman, former Armed Forces Radio announcer; and Dr. Allison Gilmore, associate professor of history at Ohio State University.

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**  
Assistant Editor

During World War II, the U.S. government recruited a group of Nisei to work as radio broadcasters to wage psychological warfare against Japan.

A documentary titled, "Calling Tokyo," which highlights these Nisei broadcasters, was screened at the Japanese American National Museum on May 3, followed by a panel discussion with surviving members.

Panelists included: Frank Shozo Baba, who worked for the U.S. Office of War Information (OWI); Chiyo Nao Wada, OWI; Robert Tetsuro Yamasaki, OWI; Gish Takeshi Endo with the British Political Warfare Mission (BPWM); Kei Kitsuta, a student in Japan during the war who heard the U.S. radio broadcasts; Robert Goodman, former Armed Forces Radio announcer; and Dr. Allison Gilmore, a history professor at Ohio State University.

The documentary was co-produced by Gary T. Ono, Janice Tanaka and Sreescanda Subramonian, and partially funded from Ono's redress payment and the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program.

During WWII, the U.S. OWI,

as part of a Joint Anglo American Plan of Propaganda, worked with the BPWM to produce short-wave radio broadcasts in Japanese. Both OWI and the BPWM broadcast out of Denver radio station KFEL.

Because their work was considered top secret, some never told

their families. "I think without this revelation, this documentary, I don't think anybody would know what happened," said Endo.

Endo is the only surviving member of the four BPWM Nisei broadcasters. He worked with Ono's father, the late Sam Masami Ono, who passed away in 1981 without telling his family what he did during the war. The other two were: the late Frank Hattori of Seattle and the late George Yasuo Dote of Los Angeles.

The senior Ono and Dote were recruited from the Amache camp; Endo from Heart Mountain.

According to Ono, the OWI team were: Wada, the only female broadcaster; Baba; Yamasaki; Akira George Yoshida; Shiro Uyeno; Yukio Kawahara; and the late Takehiko Yoshihashi. Toshiko Miyakawa served as secretary.

During the initial stages, Chitoshi Yanaga, a history professor at the University of California, Berkeley, was also an OWI member but was later recruited to teach Japanese at Yale University.

## Portland Also 'Calls Tokyo'

By **MARTHA NAKAGAWA**  
Assistant Editor

While Gary T. Ono's documentary "Calling Tokyo" sheds light on the Nisei broadcasters working out of Denver during World War II, an even lesser known story is that of the contributions of 12 Nisei radio broadcast translators working out of Portland, Ore., during the war.

Helen Nambara Kaneko, 86, and her late sister Hiroko Louis Nambara Morioka, were among the first two hired to work out of the Portland office.

Unlike the Office of War Information (OWI) and the British Political Warfare Mission, the Nambara sisters

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## California Considers Legislation Officially Denouncing Rep. Coble

By **CAROLINE AOYAGI**  
Executive Editor

With little movement in the Republican Party and the White House to condemn remarks made by Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., endorsing the World War II internment of Japanese Americans, members of the California State Legislature are taking it upon themselves to repudiate the long-time congressman.

In a unanimous vote of 7-0 May 8 the Assembly Rules Committee passed Assembly Joint Resolution 30. AJR 30 condemns Coble's remarks as "insulting, inflammatory, and inaccurate," seeks an official apology, and encourages him to resign as chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security.

The legislation also encourages Coble's home state of North Carolina to follow California's example in condemning the representative. AJR 30 is now scheduled to go before the Assembly floor May 19.

George Nakano, D-Torrance, a sponsor of the bill and a former World War II internee, believes it is important that the California State Legislature take action to condemn Coble. "The fact that [Coble] distorted historic facts makes it dangerous," he said.

Nakano was just 6 when he and his family were uprooted to the Jerome, Ark., camp and later to Tule Lake, Calif. The tower guards had their guns pointed inward, said Nakano, who plans to testify in support of AJR 30 next

week. "They were not there to protect us ... our due process was violated," he said.

"[Coble] doesn't understand the history of this country ... he doesn't appreciate it," said Carol Liu, D-Pasadena, who is also a sponsor of AJR 30. "He was way out of line and he needs to apologize."

Also sponsoring AJR 30 are: Assembly members Wilma Chan, D-Alameda; Judy Chu, D-Monterey Park; and Leland Yee, D-San Francisco. The principal coauthor in the state Senate is John Vasconcellos, D-San Jose.

The original version of AJR 30 had asked that House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., remove the congressman from the subcommittee chair position if Coble refused to resign, and sought a statement from President Bush repudiating Coble's remarks, but both were stricken from the text after some Republican members expressed their concern.

Although both Nakano and Liu are disappointed these portions were taken out, they understand that in the political process compromises need to be made.

"You have to give up a little to gain something," said Nakano. "We needed the bipartisan support."

Interestingly, some of Coble's colleagues have been publicly repudiated by the White House and fellow party members for similar remarks but Coble has so far remained untouched. Pro-segregationist remarks made by Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., earlier this

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## Nakano Receives Assembly Approval for 'Blue Star' Designation of Calif. Highway 1

Assembly member George Nakano's continued efforts to honor the nation's veterans was recognized May 12 when the State Assembly approved Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 58, which designates California State Highway 1 as the "Blue Star Memorial Highway."

"The 'Blue Star' designation symbolizes the sacrifices made by those veterans who served before us and is a wonderful way for us to say thank you to those who currently serve," said Nakano.

The "Blue Star Memorial Highway" is rooted in the tradition of the Blue Star Flag or War Service Flag, created During World War I, which was hung in homes to symbolize that a member of the family was serving in the nation's armed forces. ACR 58 would continue this tradition.

After World War II, a nation-

wide movement was started to pay tribute to the nation's armed forces by designating various state and national routes as a "Blue Star Memorial Highway." In 1947, the California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI), which now represents 250 garden clubs and plant societies throughout the state, adopted the program and helps sponsor and coordinate the locations for memorial signs.

Nakano, who served in the California Air National Guard for six years and is a longtime advocate for veterans, authored legislation (ACR 115) in 2000 to dedicate the 104-mile stretch of California State Highway Route 1 throughout Los Angeles County as the "Los Angeles County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway."

Nakano hosted a moving ceremony on July 27, 2001, which dedicated the first sign in Torrance, complete with flyovers by the California National Guard and the U.S. Coast Guard and ceremonial music by the 300th Army Marching Band, 63rd RSC. ■

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**SPRING CAMPAIGN**

# Our Lifeline to the Community

By **VALERIE YASUKOCHI**  
NCWNPDC P.C. Editorial Rep.

I believe in the *Pacific Citizen*! Please support the Spring Campaign with a generous donation towards its continuous operation.

As a new member to the P.C. editorial board, I wasn't sure what to expect and had some reservations and concerns about fulfilling the important role as district representative for the Northern California Western Nevada Pacific region. The annual P.C. editorial board meeting was coming up, scheduled for early April, just a few short weeks away. I began to experience butterflies in my stomach and a bit of anxiety that translated into nervous energy — definitely something a naturally hyper person doesn't need. What was going on?

I'm passionate about JACL. As the only child of the first postwar president of the Berkeley chapter, you might say I was born into the organization. However, it wasn't until "middle age" I began to fully understand and appreciate the indelible, historical role of JACL and its 75-year legacy of civil rights, activism and community service.

The P.C. is our lifeline, the communication link to our members and those outside the organization who read it. I respect its excellent content and high journalistic standards. News coverage is not limited to just what's happening within JACL, its districts and individual chapters. The broad spectrum of



articles in the P.C. keeps us updated on issues about and affecting Japanese Americans and Asian Pacific Americans across the nation. The P.C. is the crown jewel of JACL and we depend on it to get the word out, especially to those outside of California. I feel the survival of JACL is partly dependent on the effectiveness and success of the P.C.

We are fortunate to have a capable P.C. editorial board chairperson with a strong professional background in journalism. After meeting Gil Asakawa and the editorial board members at the recent annual meeting, I'm very optimistic and enthusiastic about the future of the P.C. One highlight of the meeting was being introduced to the friendly and extremely capable P.C. staff — Caroline, Brian, Martha, Eva and Margo (we miss you Tracy!). They've all hung in there at least five years and I can attest to the fact it's not because of the fabulous salary and comfort-

able working conditions.

This dynamic, yet underpaid staff deserves the raise they haven't received in over three years, but you don't hear them complaining. The three full-timers and two part-timers miraculously pull together a well-respected 12-page publication (plus exceptional Holiday and New Year's issues) on a semi-monthly basis. You couldn't ask for a more focused, committed and dedicated staff. Congratulations Team P.C.!

It's been enjoyable reading the expanded sports and entertainment coverage. Despite cutbacks in their travel budget (only one superhuman staff person attends the national board, bi/tri district meetings and special community events), the P.C. does outstanding coverage. But we can't allow only one reporter to cover the upcoming biennial convention in Hawaii!

And another priority on my wish list ... I'd love to see more articles about and written by youth

and young professionals. The P.C. is a wonderful avenue through which to share their stories, ideas and opinions. I encourage our young people to submit letters to the editor, and for budding youth writers, get in touch with P.C. Executive Editor Caroline Aoyagi (e-mail: paccit@aol.com), for additional information about submitting an article. Wouldn't it be great to have a regular youth column in the P.C.?

On behalf of my home chapter, Berkeley, and the NCWNP district, we urge you to support the P.C. staff with a donation to their Spring Campaign. It tells them what an excellent job they're doing and how much we appreciate their efforts. Because the P.C. is responsible for a portion of their budget, fundraising and advertising solicitation is important. Berkeley JACL and individual board members pledge \$400 towards the P.C. Spring Campaign to spearhead the effort from the NCWNP district. Please support the P.C. and their goal of raising \$10,000 from the Spring Campaign. ■

*Letters to the  
Editor*

**Re: Peggy Oki**

Thank you very much for the article on Peggy Oki. She is an inspiration both for her talent as a skater and surfer and for her work for the environment. "Dogtown and Z-Boys" is my favorite movie (right after "Rashomon") and one of my favorite things about the movie was that it glossed over the fact that the Z-boy team was so racially diverse. This fact was treated so nonchalantly in the movie because it was the best kind of diversity: not forced and not even noticed by the skaters.

Peggy Oki is a good example of an Asian American who succeeded in two areas that are not typically associated with AAs: extreme sports and environmentalism. However, many Japanese Americans have made large contributions to the sport of skateboarding: Shogo Kubo (who you mentioned), Christian Hosoi and Spencer Fujimoto are some examples that come to mind. Thank you for an excellent article.

*Mariana Kato Hoag*



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## California to Debate Coble Resolution

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year led to his resignation as leader of the Senate majority while Virginia Democratic Rep. Jim Moran's inappropriate remarks about the Jewish community drew an immediate rebuke from the White House recently.

Assembly member Alan Nakanishi, R-Sacramento, is one of the few Republicans who has publicly criticized Coble for his pro-internment remarks and plans to vote for AJR 30.

"[Coble] made a very wrong statement. It was an affront to us Japanese Americans," said Nakanishi, who was interned at Tule Lake during the war. "It's not good for Coble to make a statement like that ... especially since he's in a leadership position."

Nakanishi doesn't want to speak for the Republican Party and the White House regarding their silence on the Coble issue but he personally wrote a letter to Coble, Hastert and the White House criticizing the North Carolina representative's controversial statements.

Still, several Asian Pacific American groups remain unhappy with the lack of public repudiation of Coble by the Republican Party and the White House.

"I'm convinced that the White House and the Republican leadership have discounted the Japanese American community and have

no concerns that we're offended because they don't think we matter," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "I guarantee you that were this a situation in the black or Latino communities, there would have been some kind of response very quickly. In essence, they're saying they agree with Coble that the internment was the right thing to do, that it's okay to ignore the Constitution according to the whims of the times."

The groups have made their discontent very public with several letters to not only Coble, but also to several members of the Republican Party, including Hastert and Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., and the White House. So far they are still waiting for a response.

It was on Feb. 4 during a radio interview in his home state that Coble made his controversial remarks supporting the JA WWII internment.

"We were at war," he said. "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 went on to add, "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."

AJR 30 points out the inaccuracy of Coble's remarks. It highlights a 1983 report by The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) that concluded, "Executive Order 9066 was not justified by military necessity" but instead was the result of "race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership."

In 1988 the U.S. government passed the Civil Liberties Act, officially apologizing and paying redress to the JA former internees. In a 1990 letter to the former internees, then-president George Bush stated: "We can never fully right the wrongs of the past. But we can take a clear stand for justice and recognize that serious injustices were done to Japanese Americans during World War II."

Nakano, Liu and Nakanishi are optimistic AJR 30 will pass in both the House and Senate. So far they have not heard of any plans to reject the legislation by members of the Republican Party.

"If there's any state legislature that ought to take a position on the Coble issue, it's California, with the nation's largest Japanese American and Asian Pacific populations," said Tateishi. "This is where the greatest abuse of the internment took place, and the legislature here in California has a responsibility to repudiate Coble's views of the internment." ■

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## Korean War Vets to Host Annual Joint Memorial Service

A joint annual Memorial Day Service with the Japanese American Korean War Veterans (JAKWV), the Japanese Vietnam Veterans and the Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance will take place May 24.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. at the National Japanese American Memorial Court at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles.

The services are held annually in memory of those who gave their lives during WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. There were a total of 1181 JAs killed in action: 819 in WWII, 247 during the Korean War and 115 in the Vietnam War.

The service also honors those who have passed away since the wars as well as those who were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

JAKWV President Robert Wada will serve as master of ceremonies and speakers will include: Sam Shimoguchi (JAKWV), Vince Okamoto (JAVNV), and Dr. Roy Machida (AJAWIIMA).

Floral arrangements will be presented by the families of those killed in action, the families of the Medal of Honor recipients, and representatives of all the veteran groups including VFW, DAV, American Legion, 110th/442nd, MIS, NVCC, and community organizations. The public and families of deceased veterans will be provided flowers to be placed at the memorials.

For more information or to confirm your attendance contact: Wada, 714/922-5461, Victor Muraoka 818/368-4113, Bob Hayamizu, 323/292-3165 (WWII KIAs) or Paul Ono, 310/532-2495 (Korean War, Vietnam War). ■

## Tri-Caucus Meets with FOX and DirecTV to Discuss Merger, Diversity

Members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus met with the presidents of Fox Broadcasting Company and DirecTV to discuss their possible merger and efforts each corporation is taking to ensure diversity in front of the camera, behind the camera, and in the board rooms.

"I appreciate Fox's continued efforts to increase the diversity of their employees, both on camera and behind the scenes," said Rep. David Wu, chair of the Congressional APA Caucus. "Although major strides have been made, we will continue to call on all the networks to increase both

the diversity of their programming and their recruitment of minority employees. They should continue to tap into the strong talent pool within the Asian Pacific American community."

"It remains to be seen how beneficial a potential merger between News Corp. and DirecTV will be to our constituents," said U.S. Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. "The Caucus is pleased with efforts News Corp. is taking to improve their dialogue with Members of Congress. However, we still have a long way to go."

"Fox has taken positive steps, and I expect it will take more, but the larger issue goes beyond any

one company," said Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez, Congressional Hispanic Caucus chair. "Not only do we need more progress on improving diversity in the media and entertainment industry, we need to pay close attention to the FCC's proposals for media consolidation and its impact on our communities."

Members of the 108th Tri-Caucus plan to continue to monitor mergers that result in media consolidation and their possible impact on the minority communities.

Members will also look to address issues surrounding the Federal Communications Commission regulations on media consolidation. ■

## University of Wyoming Hosts Heart Mountain Draft Resisters

Two members of the Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee (FPC) spoke at the University of Wyoming's Organization of Active Students Interested in Sociology conference held on April 25-26.

Frank Emi, a leader of the FPC, and resister Yosh Kuromiya spoke before students and faculty about their wartime expulsion from their homes and detention at the Heart Mountain camp in Wyoming.

Takashi Hoshizaki, another FPC resister, was unable to attend but sent a statement read by Sandy Root-Elledge, a graduate student who wrote a master's thesis about Heart Mountain.

"The removal and the unconsti-

tutional incarceration of Americans of Japanese ancestry in 1942 has been on my mind, reincarnated 60 years later in the form of the U.S. Patriots Act of 2002," Hoshizaki wrote in his statement. "Both trample on the constitutional right of the people of the United States under the guise of wartime necessity."

Hoshizaki is a Korean War veteran as were several other FPC members. As free Americans, they responded when their draft orders came.

Donna Barnes, a UW associate professor of sociology, told the *Casper Star-Tribune* that the three were "remarkable men" who performed what was "truly an act of principle and conscience." ■

## Sacramento County to Award H.S. Diplomas to Former Camp Internees, WWII and Korean War Vets

The Sacramento County Board of Education's Operation Recognition program is providing high school diplomas to Japanese American former World War II internees and WWII and Korean War veterans who may have had their education interrupted.

So far 16 former internees and veterans have been awarded their diplomas through the Operation Recognition program.

A requirement for all applicants is that the individual was enrolled in high school during specified time periods leading up to military service or internment (1937-1940 or 1946-1950). All veterans will need to show proof of honorable discharge and proof of U.S. military service during Sept. 16, 1940-Dec. 31, 1946 (WWII), or during

June 25, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955 (Korean War). Former JA internees will need to show proof of having been interned in a relocation camp during Sept. 16, 1940-Dec. 31, 1946.

Recipients should also be residents of Sacramento County, but inquiries from outside the County will be referred to the local county office of education. Persons may apply for a diploma to posthumously honor a deceased family member.

"Operation Recognition will honor those in our community who were forced to discontinue their high school education due to wartime circumstances," said Dr. David P. Meaney, Sacramento County superintendent of schools. "We look forward to celebrating

the life achievement and contributions of these individuals as we present them with their high school diplomas."

Operation Recognition, modeled after similar programs implemented in other states, was adopted unanimously by the Sacramento County Board of Education in October 2001.

Applications are available at local veterans' organizations, public libraries in Sacramento County and at the Sacramento County Office of Education. Call 916/228-2416 to request an application be mailed or download it online at: [www.scoe.net/or](http://www.scoe.net/or).

The next Operation Recognition ceremony is scheduled for May 20 and future ceremonies are also being planned. ■

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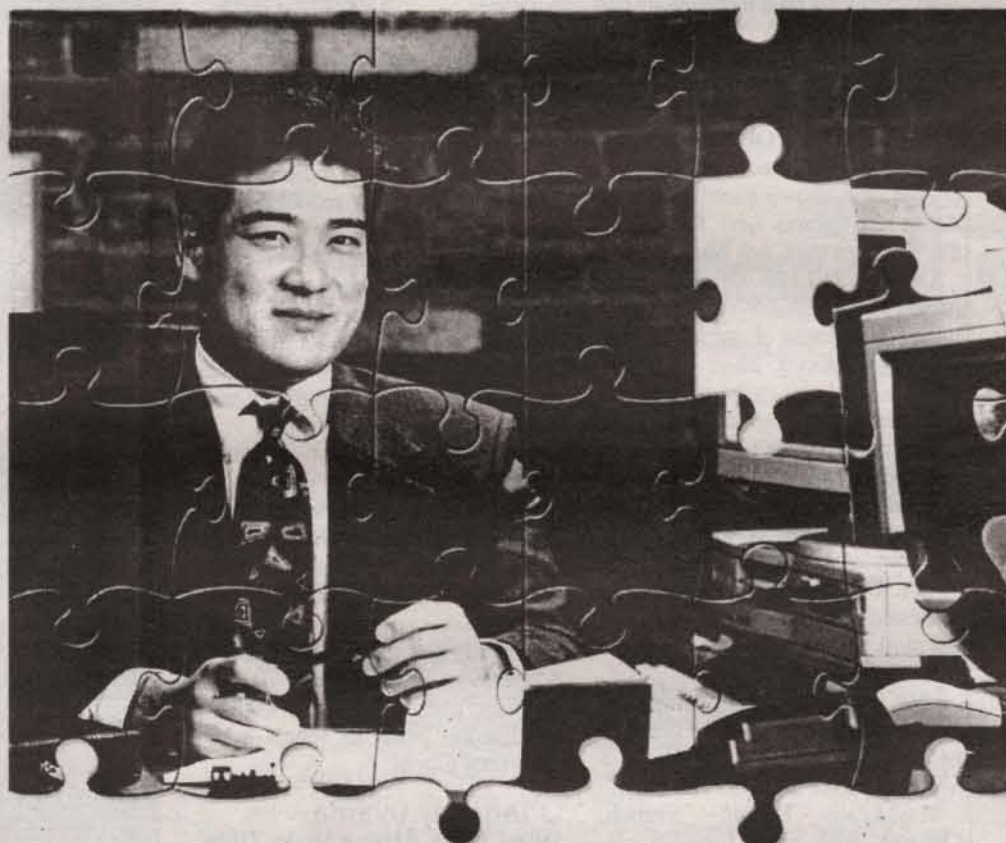
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## □ Suspected Spy May Have Compromised Finance Probes

WASHINGTON—A politically connected Chinese American woman who is accused of being a double agent says she had 2,100 contacts with Chinese officials while being paid as an FBI informer.

Many of Katrina Leung's meetings were in the 1990s, and law enforcement officials say she could have compromised investigations under way then into whether China tried to influence U.S. elections with campaign contributions.

The key question for investigators is whether Leung, a Los Angeles businesswoman and Republican activist, tipped off potential targets of the campaign finance investigations or fed the U.S. government false or misleading information from Beijing through her FBI handler, former counterintelligence agent James Smith.

The FBI and two congressional committees conducted inquiries in the late 1990s into an alleged clandestine effort by the Chinese government to influence U.S. policy by funneling tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions through U.S. intermediaries to the Democratic National Committee, congressional candidates and former President Clinton's campaigns.

More than two dozen people eventually were convicted or pleaded guilty, mainly to charges of making illegal contributions. But more than 120 people sought by congressional investigators either fled the United States or refused to testify.

## □ Clinton Says Chinatown Needs \$500,000 in Aid

NEW YORK—Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said recently that Chinatown, still suffering from the effects of terrorism and fears of SARS, needs help from the federal, state and local governments.

Clinton said she and other officials would send a letter to the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. requesting about \$500,000 to promote tourism and provide consumer discounts in Chinatown. She said the development corporation, the city-state agency created after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, has done a good job overall but has not done enough to help businesses in Chinatown recover from the attacks.

## □ Asians Buying Property Near Mohegan Sun Casino

MONTVILLE, Conn.—Janny Lam is a Chinese American developer who is renovating Norwich apartment houses popular with Asians who work at the nearby Mohegan Sun casino.

Asian American investors have been buying up single-family homes near the Mohegan Sun casino in Montville and turning them into boarding houses for dealers and other casino workers. Town officials call the area "Little Chinatown."

According to town records, the investors, most of Chinese origin, have bought 44 homes across Route 32 from the casino. The homes cost a total of \$6.6 million, and the average price was \$155,000.

Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods Resort casino employs more than 2,000 recently arrived Asians.

Real estate agents say the demand for single-family homes is pushing up prices in the region, and houses put on the market near the casino are often sold the next day.

## □ Police: Body Found in Greenbrier That of Asian

LEWISBURG, W.Va.—Investigators will conduct another missing persons search after learning that a body found last September near the

Greenbrier State Forest is that of an Asian woman, not Hispanic as previously thought.

The state medical examiner's office had earlier identified the body as that of a Hispanic female between the ages of 12 and 20.

But forensic anthropologists at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., say the person was of Asian ancestry, possibly Japanese, said West Virginia State Police Sgt. Vince Deeds of the Lewisburg detachment. They also listed the woman's age as between 25 and 33 and her height between 4 foot 8 inches and 4 foot 10 inches. Deeds said the cause of death is unknown and the Smithsonian exam found no trauma to the body.

A motorist found the body Sept. 26 in a ravine off Greenbrier State Forest Road, a half mile south of the state forest boundary. Police estimated the body may have been there several months.

## □ 12-Year-Old Off to Medical School

GLENVIEW, Ill.—Sho Yano entered Loyola University at the age of 9 and graduated three years later *summa cum laude*. This June, the 12-year-old will become perhaps the youngest student to enroll in medical school. He was awarded a full scholarship to the University of Chicago's medical school where he will enroll in the rigorous medical scientist in-training program, which leads to both a medical and doctorate degree.

In the graduate school admission tests, Yano had perfect scores in the quantitative and analytical sections. He scored 13 or 14 out of 15 in his Medical College Admission tests, placing him among the cream of the crop. Yano is the son of Kyung Yano, a Korean immigrant with a master's degree in art history, and Katsura Yano, a business executive for a Japanese company who was also a top student in Japan. Yano has a younger sister, 6-year-old Sayuri, who seems to be following in her brother's footsteps.

## □ Marker Honors Asian Civil War Soldiers

COLUMBUS, Ohio—A historical marker dedicated April 26 honors the little-known contributions of Asian immigrants who fought for the Union in the Civil War.

Of the 313,180 Ohioans who fought in the Civil War, at least 17 were Asian, most of them Chinese, said Sonya Gong, chairwoman of the Columbus chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans.

The group has not located any of the soldiers' descendants, she said.

Unlike many Civil War veterans, Asians were denied war pensions and citizenship because of anti-Asian sentiment at the time, said Siu-Lueng Lee, who first suggested the marker to the Ohio Bicentennial Commission.

"We are something like forgotten in the history. That's why it needs to be told," said Chih Ping Chen, a Vietnam native and OCA member.

American Indian, French, German, Irish and Moravian soldiers also fought in the war, said Tom Vince of the Cuyahoga Valley Civil War Roundtable. The marker could prompt requests for other ethnic groups to represent their role in the war, said Kristina Markel, who coordinates the marker program for the Ohio Historical Society.

## □ California Supreme Court to Review Slave Labor Law

SAN FRANCISCO—The California Supreme Court agreed April 30 to review the validity of a state law allowing people to sue companies that forced them into slave labor during World War II.

The justices, without comment,

decided at its weekly private conference to examine a January decision by a Los Angeles appeals court allowing a Korean American man to sue the former Onoda Cement Co. and its successor, Taiheiyo Cement Corp. of Japan, which has a Los Angeles-based subsidiary. Jae Wan Jeong is seeking back wages, unspecified damages, an apology, and establishment of a trust fund to benefit victims of forced labor.

Jeong claims that as a Korean student at Tokyo's Hosei University, he was taken away in 1943 and forced to break limestone for Onoda for more than a year without pay. He was not provided adequate food, water and safety, and about 30 prisoners in his groups died, according to the lawsuit.

At issue is a 1999 California law allowing people claiming to be wartime forced-labor victims in Europe and Asia to seek redress until 2010 against multinational firms that operate in the state.

Since the California Legislature adopted the law hundreds of such lawsuits have been dismissed by federal and state judges. Jeong's was the only one allowed to proceed to trial. The justices' action April 30 stays Jeong's case pending a decision. The court did not indicate when it would rule.

## □ UC Berkeley Eases Student Ban From SARS-affected Countries

BERKELEY, Calif.—Officials at the University of California, Berkeley, said May 10 they would ease their ban on some students from SARS-affected areas of Asia who have signed up to attend summer school.

Berkeley Chancellor Robert Berdahl said the school will welcome about 80 students from Taiwan, China and Hong Kong who have enrolled in core academic classes which begin May 27. Severe acute respiratory syndrome has killed hundreds of people in those countries.

But the school will maintain its ban on nearly 600 students who had enrolled in English as a second language classes through a UC extension program. Though that ban could still be lifted, the school is refunding payments received from those students.

Since announcing the ban, the school has come under scrutiny for what critics dubbed an overreaction. Chinese for Affirmative Action, a civil rights group, called on Berdahl to reconsider, saying the ban was discriminatory and too broad.

Berkeley's ban went further than other U.S. universities, which have struggled over accommodating students from countries where the little-understood disease is still spreading. Other schools have canceled Asian summer study programs, advised researchers to shelve cooperative projects with Chinese scholars, and asked Asian students to abandon plans to return home after final exams.

## □ Jennifer Oyama Wins Miss Aloha Hula Title

HILO, Hawaii—Jennifer Kehaulani Oyama of Honolulu won the Miss Aloha Hula title April 24 at the Merrie Monarch festival.

Oyama is a member of Halau Na Mamo O Pu'uana'hulu, led by kumu hula William "Sonny" Ching.

First runner-up was Kara Chow of Na Hula O Kaohikukapalani of Hanapepe, Kauai. Second runner-up was Hi Ileiokalani Costa of Ka Pa Hula O Kamehameha of Honolulu, followed by Shelsea Ai of Halau Hula Olana of Pearl City, and Ka'ena Hopkins of Halau I Ka Wekiu of Honolulu. Women from 16 hula halau, or schools, competed, performing in chant and kahiko and auana, the ancient and modern hula. ■

## APAs in the News

### Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Arizona chapter JACLers Joseph Allman and Ted Namba

have been named to the first-ever Governor's Asian Advisory Council for the state of Arizona. The council brings together AAs with diverse backgrounds to inform and advise the governor of issues impacting the AA community. Other members include: Madeline Ong-Sakata, publisher of the *Sun Times*, Dorothy Lew, executive director of the Pan Asian Community Alliance, and Prof. John Leung of Northern Arizona University.



JOE ALLMAN


Larry Oda, president of the Monterey JACL chapter, was awarded the annual Employee of the Year Award by the Association of Management Personnel of Salinas (AMPS) May 2. The award is given to an individual who most clearly exemplifies the ideals of AMPS, who through dedication and commitment to the City and the larger community demonstrates exemplary leadership and accomplishment. Oda is currently the division man-




ager in the Public Works Department of the City of Salinas and has served six consecutive terms as the Monterey JACL chapter president.

California Assemblyman Darrell Steinberg has chosen Genevieve Shiroma as his district's 2003 Woman of the Year. Shiroma was selected for her many years of community service as the chair of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, and boards of the Capital Unity Council, JACL Sacramento chapter, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, B Street Theater, and Sacramento Municipal Utility District. Steinberg represents the 9th district.

Margaret Reed, a JACL DC chapter board member and Northern Virginia Community College student, was featured in the April 7 issue of *USA Today* as a member of the All USA Academic First Team. The honor is based on Reed's academic achievement and community service. She is one of 20 students selected from nearly 1,500 applicants nationwide by *USA Today*, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges. Team members receive a \$2,500 stipend. Reed has also been named a New Century Scholar, which is awarded to the highest-scoring All USA Academic First Team member from each state. As a New Century Scholar, she receives a \$2,000 scholarship. ■





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# JACL Corner

## Cleveland/Cincinnati/Dayton Chapters

Cleveland chapter members Hank Tanaka and Ed Ezaki teamed with Cincinnati chapter members Masaji "Stogie" Toki and Betsy Sato to present a Cleveland chapter-sponsored program titled, "In the Land of the Free: The Japanese American Experience in America's Concentration Camps," at the Great Lakes Regional Conference of the National Council for the Social Studies on April 12.

Volunteers from the two chapters and the Dayton chapter were also available to answer questions, and the Midwest District Council put together an exhibit with photographs, books and resource guides.

Toki discussed the shock that families experienced when forced to evacuate, the indignity of being treated with suspicion, the agony of family separation resulting from a segregation policy based upon a so-called loyalty questionnaire, and the anxiety of not knowing how long they would be incarcerated in camp.

"The evacuation story is now history, but we hope that those who hear this story will be reminded of this dark moment in U.S. history, and as a result, will hold sacred the individual rights of all Americans as guaranteed by our constitution," said Toki. "I come here not to ask for your sympathy but to make sure that the evacuation story is never again repeated for any other American and that no other group of Americans will be forced to endure what we went through, the subject of suspicion just because of

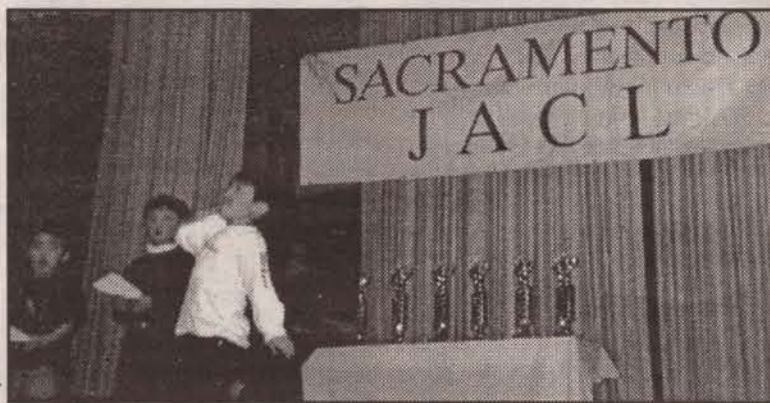
our race."

Ezaki explained how adults tried to "normalize" life for their children and how grateful he was that they were allowed to play baseball, basketball and football at the Gila River camp in Arizona. Ezaki coordinates the Cleveland chapter's speakers bureau and since October has organized teacher training workshops that have reached more than 1,000 students at more than 25 schools.

Tanaka talked about the legal challenges to internment by focusing on the three coram nobis cases — the Minoru Yasui, Gordon Hirabayashi and Fred Korematsu cases. Tanaka also shared about testifying before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians during the 1980s, which eventually led to the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

Sato ended the session by explaining JACL's "Teacher Resource and Curriculum Guide."

## Sacramento Chapter



Sacramento: Young contestants in the airplane flying contest.

Sacramento JACL's Annual Benefit Crab Feed attracted more than 400 crab lovers to the Sacramento Buddhist Church, said Chairman Dean K. Okimoto.

Attendees enjoyed the usual "all you can eat" Dungeness crab dinners as well as the entertainment that followed. The emcee for the evening was Stuart Satow, former sports announcer for KXTV-10.

In addition to the raffle, which raised about \$2,000 for the scholarship fund, the traditional airplane flying contest drew the maximum number of contestants, who vied for 12 trophies donated by Victory Trophies. A Sacramento Kings autographed team pennant was auctioned for about \$400.

The event was a success thanks to the hard work of the Sacramento JACL board members and volunteers from UC Davis, Sacramento City College and the Boy Scouts from the VFW troop.

## White River Valley Chapter

The White River Valley chapter held their annual scholarship ban-



White River Valley (l-r): Grace and Dan Hiranaka, keynote speaker Frank Abe and Yvonne Kinoshita Ward, chapter president.

quet on April 30, at the Golden Peacock in Renton, Wash. Keynote speaker was Frank Abe, award-winning producer and director of the documentary "Conscience and the Constitution."

In his decades of activism, Abe said his two most meaningful involvements were redress and the resisters.

He noted that one reason Muslim and Arab Americans were not rounded up into internment camps after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, was due to the lessons learned from the redress movement.

"The nation had learned. It didn't happen again," said Abe. "That is our first legacy. We held the government accountable for its actions in World War II."

Then Abe turned his attention to JACL's action during the war. He compared the words of JACL leaders Joe Grant and Mike Masaoka, who advocated cooperation with the government, to that of journalist James Omura and Heart Mountain Fair Play Committee

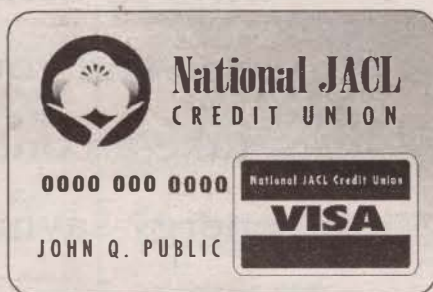
leaders Min Tamesa and Frank Emi, who challenged the government.

"An historic moment of crisis, two different responses to injustice: compliance or resistance," said Abe. "It takes a great nation to admit it was wrong. It makes a good organization stronger to admit it was wrong, as JACL did just about a year ago in San Francisco."

Abe commended JACL's action last May when they offered an apology to the Nisei draft resisters, but reminded them of Emi's words at the ceremony where Emi urged JACL to go one step further and offer a similar apology to the entire Japanese American community.

"I haven't seen anyone rushing to follow up on Frank Emi's suggestion, but like he said, the ceremony was a good first step," said Abe. "As redress did for the government, the public apology gave JACL a chance to show that it is not the same organization it was in 1942." ■

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## PORTLAND

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did not wage psychological warfare. They worked for the Federal Broadcasting Intelligence Service under the Federal Communications Commission. Their mission was to translate Japanese radio transmissions from NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation) and send the information directly to the president and the heads of the Army, Navy and Marine Corp.

Prior to the outbreak of WWII, the two sisters, who grew up in Nebraska, were in Japan studying at Tokyo Jyoshidai (Tokyo Womens Christian University). They graduated in March 1941 and were working in Japan when they received notice from the American embassy that war between the United States and Japan was imminent, and for Americans to make plans accordingly.

The sisters made plans to return to America immediately, but since other Americans were making similar plans, they were unable to find space on any of the ships through the N.Y.K. Lines (Nippon Yusen Kaisha). A cousin finally booked them on the Nitta Maru through the O.S.K. Lines (today Mitsui OSK Lines).

When the Nitta Maru docked in San Francisco in early July 1941, a sailor told Kaneko that they had made the trip in 12 days rather than the usual 14 because they had moved quickly. She later found out that another ship that had left right after them made it as far as Hawaii but was turned back due to fear of submarine attacks in the waters between Hawaii and San Francisco.

"We were lucky to have come back," said Kaneko.

The two sisters had a brief reunion with their family and then headed for Washington, D.C. There, they contacted an acquaintance who worked in the Japanese section of the Library of Congress, to see if there were any federal jobs available.

It so happened that the sisters' contact knew of someone seeking translators. An interview was set up immediately, and the sisters took a number of tests, which they passed with flying colors. In late July 1941, the sisters were hired and then told to take two weeks off to do some sightseeing since the office was not yet in operation. Kaneko said she was not aware of any security checks.

In the beginning, the sisters worked out of Washington, D.C.,

but since reception was better on the West Coast they were soon moved to Portland, where the government rented a house and set up a makeshift office with receivers and microphones.

Prior to the outbreak of war, the Portland office included the two sisters and a third translator. When war broke out, the three were not evacuated but an additional three translators were added. A few months after evacuation, another six were recruited from the camps. In total, 12 translators worked out of the Portland office.

Typically three translators worked 48-hour shifts. "It was tough work," said Kaneko. "I learned new Navy and Army words, Imperial words. They weren't everyday language."

The two sisters lived on Pacific Avenue in a home belonging to a Nikkei family who had been evacuated. The family had asked the two sisters to look after the home during their indefinite incarceration.

Looking back, Kaneko said, "I wish I had the sense to send them a care package at least once a month. I understand it was very harsh in camp."

Kaneko said they had little time to socialize with each other and had no contact with the neighbors. But she encountered no hostilities if she attended concerts or baseball games. She even had time to enroll in classes at the University of Portland where she studied Spanish and English literature.

Kaneko said their contacts with OWI were limited. "I never met them," said Kaneko. "We just had direct transmissions like today's e-mail so I might recognize names."

In November 1944, Kaneko accompanied the sister of a co-worker to Pendleton, Ore. This Nisei woman felt uncomfortable traveling on her own since most travelers at the time were soldiers or sailors.

In Pendleton, Kaneko met her future husband, the late John Kaneko, who ran a potato farm in Pocatello, Idaho. Although Kaneko knew the government had plans to transfer her to Honolulu, she quit her job to get married.

"I had no problems leaving because most of the battles were over and the tide had shifted in favor of the Allies," said Kaneko. "Everything was simmering down. I don't even think they replaced me."

Kaneko said she hasn't kept in touch with the last six that came to work in Portland, but of the first six, she is the only surviving member. ■

## Nisei Broadcasters 'Calling Tokyo'

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Towards the end of the war, Ono said, others came through the Denver OWI office after the U.S. Navy Language Program in Boulder, Colo., closed down. They were: Francis Higuchi, Katsu Hori, James Inomata, Joseph Inouye, Tsuneo Buddy Iwata, Howard Imazeki, T. Takekoshi, Takeo Tsukamura. Others whose first names are unknown include: Tamaki, Shikakura, Yamasaki (unrelated to Robert Yamasaki) and Yokouchi.

Baba said the subject of their broadcasts, which were done in Japanese, were commentaries and news intermingled with music. He noted that early on, their programming was so sparse that they replayed the same broadcast up to 17 times.

The objective of the propaganda was to demoralize the Japanese, said Gilmore. "The idea was to convince the Japanese that they were losing the war," she said.

She drew parallels between propaganda used during WWII and the war in Iraq. In any war, Gilmore said American propaganda focuses on a scapegoat and emphasizes that civilians are not the target. In the case with Japan, U.S./British propaganda targeted the need to rid the Japanese militarists and urged civilians to surrender to save their lives. With the war in Iraq, the scapegoat was Saddam Hussein.

Gilmore added that the United States did not target the Japanese Emperor, because America feared the Japanese were still loyal to the Emperor and to blame him would "alienate and make the fight harder."

While there has been no extensive study on the effectiveness of psychological warfare, Gilmore said she believes the OWI's and BPWM's radio campaign had some measure of success.

"Certainly there's been study on the Office of War Information in the 1950s and 1960s but nothing lengthy or recently," said Gilmore. "The problem always in terms of propaganda operation is to come to some kind of conclusion as to the impact. It's very hard to know. My conclusion is that the propaganda was effective in convincing the Japanese that they were going to lose the war."

Gilmore added that the radio campaigns were "effective in establishing Ally credibility" because the United States and the British worked to broadcast similar messages so the Japanese were not getting different messages from different nations.

But one area the radio broadcasts did not seem to have a major impact on was persuading the Japanese soldiers to surrender. Gilmore said there was still rampant fear among the Japanese soldiers that those who surrendered would be tortured.

Since the broadcasts were in Japanese, the recruited Nisei had to be proficient in the Japanese language — a quality that also made them suspect by the U.S. government. But most said they were not aware of security checks.

"I was interviewed in camp," said Endo. "We had an oral examination. I don't know how many participated but I was selected from camp and sent to Denver to do a job. That's all I can tell you. I don't know if they had a security check or not."

Wada and Yamasaki were working for CBS before the outbreak of WWII. On Dec. 8, 1941, the day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Wada said they were told to start monitoring Japanese language programs, and they continued to do so until their job with CBS was taken over by the U.S. government.

"As far as I know, I was hired by CBS, a private company," said

## How to Order 'Calling Tokyo'

The documentary "Calling Tokyo" can be purchased for \$23 (includes shipping and handling). Checks should be made out to Gary T. Ono and sent to 2408 Sweetwood Street, Simi Valley, CA 93063; or call 805/522-6350; or e-mail garytono1940@cs.com.

Dr. Allison Gilmore's book, "You Can't Fight Tanks With Bayonets: Psychological Warfare Against the Japanese Army in the Southwest Pacific" is available from the University of Nebraska Press. Hardback is \$45; paperback is \$17.95. Add \$4 for shipping and handling for the first book and 50 cents for each additional book. Contact UN Press at P.O. Box 880484, Lincoln, NE 68588-0484; phone 800/755-1105; or fax 800/526-2617. ■

Wada. "When the government took over, I was not aware of any security checks."

But Wada said when she visited her mother in the Amache camp, her mother said some internees thought she was a spy because she was "the only one in the area not in camp."

Yamasaki believes the government may have conducted secret background checks. "I wouldn't think there were any security checks except there was one incident," said Yamasaki. "I can't remember who I talked to but it appeared that I made a comment that sounded favorable to Japan, and a man, I don't know from what bureau, came and quoted me and questioned me. That was the first inkling I had that I was being investigated quite thoroughly. I think they were investigating all of us but they were very quiet about it. As long as nothing detrimental showed up on our records, we weren't contacted." ■

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## NSRCF Awards Scholarships to Southeast Asian Refugee Students

The Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund (NSRCF) awarded \$35,000 to 30 graduating high school students from Cambodian, Laotian and Vietnamese refugee families at its 21st annual scholarship awards ceremony on April 26 in Portland, Ore.

The NSRCF was founded in 1980 by a group of Nisei in a spirit of *ongaeshi* — gratitude for the help they received from the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council during World War II. From 1942 through 1946, the council relocated some 4,000 Japanese American students from the internment camps to colleges throughout the country.

The NSRCF chose to help Southeast Asian refugee students because their experience was similar to that of Nisei students during WWII, when Nisei students also

were uprooted from their homes, interned in camps and had their education disrupted. Since 1983, the fund has awarded over \$340,000 in grants to 388 students from Cambodian, Laotian and Vietnamese refugee families.

Among the Nikkei organizations participating in the scholarship committee were the Portland JACL, the Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland and the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center.

The NSRCF awards were a major component of the fifth annual Scholarship Awards Banquet sponsored by the weekly newspaper *Asian Reporter*, and attracted more than 700 attendees, making it one of the largest local Asian American gatherings in recent history.

For more information about the NSRCF, or to make contributions, write to them at 19 Scenic Drive., Portland, CT 06480. ■



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# In Sports & Entertainment

## BASEBALL

### Baseball Diamond Named After Masato Yamashita

Masato "Mauch" Yamashita, a coach for the JACL baseball team for over 50 years, was honored April 27 with the renaming of the baseball field at Kofu Park in Lodi, Calif., in his honor.

More than 100 people came to the official renaming of the Yamashita Baseball Field, where many described the coach as an inspiration on and off the field.

"It was a big surprise and it's a big honor for me," said Yamashita, in an interview with the *Lodi News-Sentinel* shortly after throwing out the first pitch to christen the field.

Yamashita, a former World War II internee, is a lifelong resident of Lodi. He has managed the Double A semi-pro JACL team since 1961 and has led the team to four state championships including the most recent one in 1992. Prior to coaching, Yamashita had a 10-year career as an outfielder.

The Yamashita Baseball Field is the fourth park in California to be named after a Japanese baseball player. ■

## IN GENERAL

### S.I.'s 101 Most Influential Minorities

In the May 5 issue, *Sports Illustrated* published its "101 Most Influential Minorities in Sports."

Coming out on top was **Robert Johnson**, African American owner of the Charlotte NBA team. Included in the list were several Asian Pacific Americans including, golf sensation **Tiger Woods** at the No. 2 slot, and Houston Rockets center **Yao Ming** came in at No. 7. Sports agent **Don Nomura** was

ranked 26; **Charles Wang** and **Sanjay Kumar**, co-owners of the New York Islanders Nos. 30 and 31 respectively, and No. 38 was **Kim Ng**, vice president and assistant general manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Coming in at No. 57 was Seattle Mariners outfielder **Ichiro Suzuki**; Olympic fencer **Peter Westbrook** was ranked No. 71; and golfer **Se Ri Pak** sat at No. 93. ■

## SNOOKER

### Marco Fu Bids to be First Asian World Champion

SHEFFIELD, England—**March Fu** of Hong Kong remained on course to become the first Asian snooker player to win the World Championship when he outplayed Scotland's Alan McManus 13-7 on April 28 and reached the quarterfinal.

Leading 10-7 overnight, 25-year-old Fu won three frames in just 43 minutes at the Crucible Theater and now faces Stephen Lee for a place

in the semifinal.

"You have got to bring the game overseas to try and popularize the sport," said Fu, who has taken over from Thailand's **James Wattana** as the top Asian player.

"I don't think there are too many more top players in Hong Kong at the moment," he said. "But there are a lot of good youngsters in China and in two or three years I'm sure you'll see a couple of them breaking through." ■

## GOLF

### Back to School: Wie's Golf Adventure Takes a Break

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga.—Time to put down the golf clubs and grab those schoolbooks. **Michelle Wie** has a math test to take.

As the 13-year-old is prone to say, that's cool.

Wie is content to give women's golf a handful of tantalizing glimpses each year — at least until she's 18, even longer if she follows through on her plans to attend college.

She's still more than six months away from her 14th birthday, holding the future of the sport in her grasp even as she pauses to watch "S Club 7" (the televised adventures of a British pop group) or listen to a rap CD by 50 Cent.

Wie has played in two LPGA events this year, more than holding her own against women two, three, even four times her age. She tied for ninth at the first major of the year, the Kraft Nabisco Championship. She followed up at the end of April with a solid 3-under 213 at the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship south of Atlanta, making the cut against a strong field.

Wie could join the tour tomorrow and probably be one of the better players. But she has no desire to speed up the learning curve, willingly settling for the LPGA's allotment of six events each year.

Next up: the ShopRite Classic in New Jersey on the last weekend of June.

"I think six times is OK for me now," Wie said. "I may getsick of it if I played every week out here."

This way, she's having the time of her life.

The Korean-American from Hawaii has a smooth, powerful swing that has drawn comparisons to Ernie Els. Big Easy, meet

the Big Wiesy.

No one on the women's tour hits the ball as far or as high as Wie, who didn't hesitate trying to drive the green on the 306-yard seventh hole at Eagles Landing Country Club. Everyone else laid up.

"If you didn't see who was swinging, and you saw the ball take off, you'd think a man hit it," Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez said. "The ball is so hot coming off the face, and the flight is so high."

Wie is definitely intrigued by the idea of following Annika Sorenstam to the PGA Tour. Sorenstam will play in the Colonial this month, a groundbreaking event that may be a precursor to Wie's own career plans.

"Sure," she said. "Why not?"

Even now, according to her father, Wie is more comfortable teeing up with men. She's signed to play a Canadian Tour event this summer and doesn't hide her desire to make a run at the Masters through one of the amateur qualifying events.

"She watches how the men play," B.J. Wie said. "She listens to the sound of the club head, the way the ball sounds. Instinctively, she tries to keep up with them. It will help Michelle get better playing with men. She plays like they play. She likes to be more aggressive. She doesn't mind going into

the rough if she's 100 yards ahead of everyone else."

After the ShopRite, Wie will play in the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic Aug. 14-17, the Safeway Classic Sept. 26-28 and the C.J. Nine Bridges Classic in her parents' native South Korea on Oct. 16-19.

Somewhere in there, she'll find time to begin ninth grade.

"I'd like to see Michelle have as normal a childhood as she possibly can," LPGA commissioner Ty Votaw said. "When she's ready to become a member of the LPGA tour, we'll welcome her with open arms."

Wie comes from a family that values education and she wants to attend Stanford (where her hero, a guy named Tiger Woods, once played). Of course, those plans could change over the next 4 1/2 years.

In the meantime, plenty of events are trying to get their hands on the future of women's golf.

B.J. Wie already has gotten calls from a couple of tournament directors wanting to extend an early invitation for 2004. Clearly, she already fits in.

"They treated me, like, just an LPGA player, not a 13-year-old," Wie said before flying back to Hawaii for that math test. "It was really nice being at the same level as them." ■

### Park Wins Michelob Light Open By a Stroke

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.—South Korea's **Grace Park** sank a 20-foot par putt on the first hole May 4 for an even-par 71 and a one-stroke victory at the inaugural Michelob Light Open.

Her first tee shot landed in the water. On the fourth hole, she shanked an iron shot into the gallery. Over 72 holes, she had three double bogeys.

None of that mattered after Park managed her dramatic one-stroke victory ahead of Cristie Kerr (71), Australia's Karrie Webb (67) and Mexico's Lorena Ochoa (69).

"Nobody said it was going to be easy," the 24-year-old Park said of her roller-coaster tournament. "It wasn't easy. But I pulled it off and I am very thankful."

Park's victory continues a personal streak, extending to her days of junior golf, of winning tournaments she leads heading into the final day.

Park said she tried not to think about that streak while she was on the course, but acknowledged it crept into her mind.

"Maybe I had little doubts here and there (on the front nine), but my caddie just kept saying to me, 'We can do it. We can do it.' And my streak still stands." ■

### Higuchi Inducted to World Golf Hall of Fame

Former Japanese golf star **Chako Higuchi** has been selected for the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Higuchi, the only Japanese player to win a major championship, was selected through the lifetime achievement category. She will be inducted Oct. 20 at the World Golf Village.

Higuchi won the 1977 LPGA Championship by three strokes, but most of her success was on the Japanese tour. She finished her career with 72 victories. ■

## THEATER

### EWP's Visionary Awards Recognizes Asian Pacific Artists

The James Irvine Foundation, actress **Nancy Kwan**, playwright **Cherylene Lee**, and volunteer **Ken Takemoto** were honored at the East West Players 37th Anniversary Visionary Awards April 28, which raised more than \$200,000 to support artistic and educational programs at the nation's premier Asian American theater.

Lee was presented the Made In America playwright award, Takemoto received the Rae Creevey Award for volunteer serv-

ice, and the Visionary Award was presented to Kwan. The James Irvine Foundation was presented a Visionary Award for its support of East West Players in developing the stories of a diverse America. The foundation surprised those in attendance by announcing a \$200,000 grant in support of East West Player's New Voices program.

More than 800 people attended the event co-hosted by actors Dustin Nguyen and Tamlyn Tomita. ■



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## From the Frying Pan

Bill Hosokawa

### 80 Days That Changed the World

In its issue of March 31, *Time* magazine observed its 80th anniversary by recalling "80 days that changed the world" — the "most significant days of the past eight decades" in the opinion of its editors.

Listed chronologically, the first was Adolph Hitler's grab of power in the foundinging Germany on Nov. 8, 1923. The last was Jan. 29, 2002, when President George W. Bush defined the Axis of Evil whose existence could not be tolerated by a peaceful world.

In between were such diverse events as Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic (May 21, 1927), Babe Ruth's 60th home run (Sept. 30, 1927), the launching of the New Deal (March 4, 1933) when a bold and determined President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced a war against the strangling grip of the Great Depression, Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech (Aug. 28, 1963), the "Giant leap for mankind" landing on the moon (July 20, 1969). And of course the attack on Pearl Harbor (Dec. 7, 1941) and the incineration of Hiroshima with a nuclear bomb (Aug. 6, 1945).

The Pearl Harbor episode is told vividly by a witness, Ronald Oba, author of the book "Men of Company F. 442nd Regimental Combat Team," who served in Italy and France with that valiant band of patriots. The nuclear bomb segment is authored by Lisa Takeuchi Cullen, not otherwise identified.

But left unmentioned were two other events as significant to the nation as to those who were most directly affected, the Americans of Japanese origins.

The first is the signing by President Roosevelt of Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942. It led

to the arbitrary imprisonment, without trial, of some 75,000 American citizens who were charged en masse only with being members of a particular race, and never mind the violation of legal protections that are the foundation of the nation.

The second was recognition on June 27, 1952, when Congress approved reform of immigration and naturalization regulations, that all the world's people are equals under our laws. One direct result was the granting of naturalization rights to immigrants from Japan who for a half century had helped to develop the U.S. West. The reform also led to the immigration of millions of ambitious, hard-working natives of Korea, Vietnam, China, Indonesia, India, the Philippines and elsewhere, whose contributions have enriched the American culture. More important, the reform put an end to the cynical proposition that skin color determines acceptability.

Choosing the "best" or "most important" of anything is a precarious undertaking. Among *Time's* 88 were a number likely to be controversial — the introduction of Mickey Mouse in 1928, the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935, Jackson Pollock's drip paintings in 1948, the arrival of Star Wars in 1977, O.J. Simpson's murder trial in 1995, the death of Princess Diana in 1997. These were sensations of the day, but not as significant as wars and scientific discoveries. Or in our case, the efforts to eliminate discrimination because of race. Still, what *Time* undertook is *Time's* business.

For us, looking back is a useful exercise in trying to remember what happened and attempting to understand why and how it happened. ■



## Very Truly Yours

Harry K. Honda

### Ruth Okimoto's Research: 'To Piece Together the Story of Poston'

WE'VE looked at the lighter side, the Nickname Game, of the Poston III camp reunion in my last column. But not to be dismissed was Poston internee Ruth Y. Okimoto's research of the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) and Japanese Americans who occupied their desert land during World War II "to piece together the story of Poston."

And thanks to the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program, on hand at the reunion was her 32-page report, "Sharing a Desert Home," subtitled, "Life on the Colorado River Indian Reservation, Poston, Arizona 1942-1945," published by News from Native California, P.O. Box 9145, Berkeley, CA 94709, \$4.95.

The early pages describe the background of the Colorado River Indians, the presence of the U.S. Cavalry during the 1800s, and the Office of Indian Affairs managing the reservation (CRIR) established in March 1865.

By 1941, an irrigation system was being perfected for 7,000 acres (out of 242,711) of the reservation. Then Indian Affairs (OIA) Commissioner John Collier, in a confidential report before the Pearl Harbor attack, realized "the War Department needed 'isolated and sparsely-populated' land to build internment camps," and suggested the CRIR as a possible site. The reservation tribal council, however, opposed the use of their land as a relocation camp *on grounds they did not want to participate in inflicting the same type of injustice as they had suffered.* But the Army overruled them.

The OIA had considered the relocation center a means of developing farmland with military funds and a large labor pool — the evacuees.

[Italics from National Parks Service, "Confinement and Ethnicity."]

Poston came to be unlike other WRA-run camps, because the federal government promised "that the land would be returned substantially improved for future agricultural use."

The main chapter, "Sharing a Desert Home," gave me new insights.

When Poston was building the irrigation canal, the chief engineer reported it was slow moving because of the unwillingness of the Japanese to work on the structures. Approximately 700 internees were working on the project that summer of 1942. They were willing to work on the relocation center but not on structures that were of no immediate benefit, so that OIA had to hire white tractor operators to keep on schedule.

The Nisei workers rightfully felt that \$19 per month was inadequate for heavy construction work outside camp, as noted in Richard Nishimoto's "Inside an American Concentration Camp," University of Arizona Press, 1995.

WHILE WRA Director Dillon Myer believed in total assimilation of minorities into the American mainstream, OIA Commissioner Collier believed in the "rights of minority people (particularly American Indians) to preserve and develop their cultures." This difference culminated in OIA turning over administration of Poston to WRA on Dec. 31, 1943.

Dr. Okimoto adds that the 1941 goals of OIA to subjugate the desert were accomplished, including construction of the irrigation canal and bridges, a paved highway to Parker, leveling the desert and building gravel-surface roads for the farm, and the construction of 54 permanent adobe school buildings for the Indian Service.

Poston High School was constructed in 1943 with approximately 500,000 adobe bricks, 12x18x4 inches, made of straw and mud in

the three camps. An adobe gymnasium stood at Poston III. Two pictures show an internee pressing material into the brick mold, and the bricks drying in the hot sun.

While Nisei students at Camp I wrote stories about camp life, students at the Indian School were writing down thoughts about the war in their school paper, *Colorado River Star*, and about Italian and German prisoners of war living on their reservation. But one CRIT student praised the Japanese American farm near the school: "They have been raising vegetables — not by the basketful — but by the truckload, and fine ones, too."

On Sept. 1, 1945, the first Hopi Indian families, relocated from their reservation the other side of Arizona, were welcomed at Poston II. While evacuees, still in Poston, were packing to leave, one Hopi "colonist" (then 8 years old) remembered stopping at the "little white stand" (the Army guard-house) where armed soldiers were still on duty.

Until Poston was closed on Nov. 28, 1945, the Hopis and evacuees shared the same public facilities — the barracks, mess, showers, etc. Like the Nikkei, the Hopis were also traumatized by the public showers and latrines. "They found the idea of exposing their bodies so publicly to be extremely difficult," Okimoto recalled.

With the end of war, OIA (renamed Bureau of Indian Affairs) waited three years for Congress to pass legislation transferring title of the WRA barracks, schools and other improvements to CRIT. During the dismantling of barracks, negotiations were underway to provide returning American Indian GI veterans who needed housing. Barracks went on sale for \$50; some split and hauled off Poston for housing or for its lumber and nails.

Current efforts to reconstruct a block with these barracks and artifacts crafted by WWII Postonites is a monumental undertaking. Without a doubt, such a museum in real dimension will complement the monument (designed by semi-retired construction contractor Ted Kobata) and kiosk (designed by Ray Takata) raised by a Nisei-Sansei crew from Sacramento a decade ago: the monument in 1992, the kiosk in 1995. The Takehara Landscape Co. added the park setting with palm trees — indeed, an oasis for generations to come. ■

## Initial Funding for Eagledale Ferry Dock Study Secured

U.S. Senators Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., and Patty Murray, D-Wash., announced April 16 that \$25,000 in federal funding had been secured for a study of the Eagledale Ferry Dock site on Bainbridge Island. The dock served as a point of departure for the Japanese American community on their way to internment camps during World War II.

"These funds are a critical step toward commemorating the sacrifices and the strength of the

Japanese American community and to recognize an important chapter in the history of Bainbridge Island," said Cantwell.

"These federal dollars are the first step towards helping Washingtonians recognize and protect a part of our history that we must not forget," said Murray. "We can't undo the injustice suffered by Japanese Americans during World War II, but we can give them the recognition they deserve and a reminder to all that this should

never happen again."

In March, Cantwell, Murray, and Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, sent a letter to the National Park Service in support of the funding. Cantwell and Murray praised National Park Service Director Fran Mainella's decision to allocate \$25,000 to start the study. The study is expected to cost \$250,000.

Last year, Congress passed legislation sponsored by Cantwell, Murray, and Rep. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., authorizing the National Park Service to conduct a study to determine whether the Eagledale

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## COMMENTARY

## JACL's Future — Do Omoimasu Ka?

By JONATHAN KAJI

After having served as a chapter president as well as national secretary/treasurer for JACL, I am well aware of the steady erosion in membership. The causes are primarily twofold: the aging of the predominantly Nisei membership coupled with an organizational mission that has failed to successfully communicate a clear message to an identifiable audience.

I believe that, having accomplished the passage of the redress legislation, the JACL has succeeded in achieving its organizational goal of becoming "Better Americans in a Greater America," or, in other words, fully assimilating into mainstream American society. Perhaps, the demise of our Japantowns and Little Tokyos, high rates of ethnic outmarriage, and the loss of ethnic identity are evidence of our almost absolute assimilation.

If this is indeed the case, then one might assume that most Nikkei are happy with their current situation and find membership in an ethnic civil rights organization of little benefit. In fact, the JACL has

gradually ceded its civil rights role to other Asian civil rights organizations, supported by larger memberships and budgets.

However, I am convinced that the organization is overlooking an obvious "market" in search of a civil rights and legal services infrastructure that would be mutually beneficial to both new members and the JACL.

While I served as the director of the State of California Office of Trade and Investment in Tokyo, Japan, I met hundreds of Japanese of varying ages and backgrounds who expressed an interest in immigrating to the United States.

The greatest hurdle to these potential Shin Issei or new immigrants is establishing the proper sponsorship that would provide the legal basis for visa approval by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and entry into the United States.

There is a percentage of the more than 127 million Japanese populace that desires to immigrate to the United States. Each person has a unique reason for desiring to immigrate, similar to our Issei ancestors. Some would like to be educated in the United States; others seek greater freedom to express their individuality, whether in the arts, through business entrepreneurship, academic research or other creative outlets.

Last year, the South Bay chapter submitted a constitutional amendment for consideration by the national council. The motion called for the removal of the citizenship requirement for membership in the JACL. Unfortunately, the chapter which offered to carry the amendment failed to meet the filing deadline for the national council.

At one time in JACL's history, particularly in the years leading up to the Second World War, the leadership sought to distance itself from Imperial Japan and all things Japanese and demonstrate JACL's loyalty to the United States. However, those days are now long-gone.

Additionally, the former Axis enemy, Japan, is now the second largest economy in the world and a resolute friend of the United States. The U.S.-Japan bilateral relationship has been touted as the most strategic and important alliance in the world today.

Back in the 1980s, Sansei JACL members who participated in educational missions to Japan sponsored by the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan were criticized by many in JACL for fear of being labeled as "apologists" for the Japanese government. That was a period of "Japan Inc." and a time of trade friction between the United States and Japan.

However, times have changed. Given the 12-year-long economic malaise of the Japanese economy, there are few in the United States who view Japan as "Number One."

Now, the American media rarely carry any stories about Japan and have found a new Asian rival for the United States, a role now filled by the People's Republic of China.

I suggest that the JACL needs to go back to its historical roots and mission, that of encouraging American citizenship to interested Japanese nationals. JACL's historic role in spearheading passage of the Walter-McCarran Act opened the door not only for Japanese naturalization and immigration, but also for subsequent waves of Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Thai and Filipino immigrants.

Today, other Asian groups have eclipsed the Japanese American community in American population, and have gained greater political clout on the national political stage. At the same time, Japanese immigration to the United States has been minuscule in comparison.

Adopting a new organizational mission will be challenging to many members who do not have Japanese language skills, let alone socialize with Japanese nationals. Yet, in many of the major metropolitan areas in the United States reside groups of Japanese nationals, either here on short-term work assignments or attending universities and colleges. Is there a JACL connection with these Japanese communities?

I believe that JACL does possess the organizational infrastructure to make the shift towards citizenship and recruitment, provided that information is conveyed in the

Japanese language both here and in Japan and by bilingual members and staff.

In some ways, I find such a change refreshing, after seeing how many Issei parents were marginalized as a result of WWII, having lost not only their lands and possessions but also their authority in the JA community due to a lack of English fluency and American citizenship.

What would be the effect on U.S.-Japan relations if, say, one million Japanese nationals immigrated to the United States in the next 10 years? Certainly, the JA community would gain both in political might and representation. Additionally, this wave of immigrants would bring their considerable wealth, education, and skills and help to reinvigorate our diminishing population, in much the same way as the Koreatowns and Little Saigons of the present day.

We have seen instances where friction has resulted between the native English speakers and the new immigrants; however, this is a common experience that will place a premium on communication, building trust and respect, and finding common ground.

JACL can play a significant role in this process and regain its pre-eminent status within the civil rights community, but only by opening the doors of membership.

This is the challenge to the JACL — to aggressively grow the membership via expansion rather than downsize, cut costs and "hope" there might be individuals willing to join an organization viewed by many as having become a mere conduit for group health insurance benefits.

There is a creative way to leverage our national and international contacts by revitalizing the membership with an influx of new Japanese members. The only other alternative as I see it will be to "close the door and turn off the lights." ■

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# JACL COMMUNITY Calendar

## National

**Fri.-Sun., June 20-22**—JACL Youth/Student Council's National Youth Conference; Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.; workshops, forum on multicultural issues, mentorship luncheon, Vision Award banquet, much more. Info: Maya Yamazaki: youthchair@jaccl.org; or Joshua Mizutani Spry: youthrep@jaccl.org.

**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@jaccl.org; www.jaclpsw.org.

**2004: Tues.-Sat., Aug. 10-14**—JACL 75th Anniversary Convention: Waikiki, Hawaii. Hosts, Honolulu chapter.

## East Coast

### NEW YORK CITY

**Through May 31**—Exhibit, "Gateway to Gold Mountain: The Angel Island Immigration Experience"; Ellis Island Immigration Museum; accompanied by two art installations by Flo Oy Wong: "Made in USA: Angel Island Shh." and "My Mother's Baggage: Paper Sister/Paper Aunt/Paper Wife."

**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); KUSCO, 1952 Gallows Rd., Vienna; featuring professional trainers from LEAP. Free and open to the public. RSVP, info: 202/296-6401; davidskim@kacdc.org.

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

### PHILADELPHIA

**Wed., June 4**—Philadelphia Phillies vs. Seattle Mariners; 7:05 p.m.; Vet Stadium. Good 300 level seats avail-

able until May 19 from Phila. JACL, c/o Teresa Maebori: 215/848-5544. WASHINGTON, D.C.

**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. Info: Sam Shimoguchi, 310/822-6688; Paul Ono, 310/532-2495; Victor Muraoka 818/831-2178.

## Midwest

### DETROIT

**Sat., May 24**—Pan-Asian cultural event, "Splendor of the East"; 6 p.m.; Ford Center for Performing Arts; sponsored by the Council of Asian Pacific Americans with the Organization of Chinese Americans. Info: Marie Weng, 248/475-0976.

### TWIN CITIES

**Mon., May 19**—Japanese American Veterans of Minnesota Memorial Service; 10 a.m.; Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Info: Sam Honda, 651/429-3410.

## Mountain Plains

### ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

**Sun., June 22**—New Mexico JACL Annual Picnic; 11:30-4:30 p.m.; Holiday Park (Comanche between Juan Tabo & Tramway NE); games, prizes, fun. Info: Esther Churchwell, 505/883-5320 evenings, 505/346-7832 ext. 3113 days.

## 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, or Kip Watanuki, 897-0180

### 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. Info: Micki Kawakami, 208/234-1654.**

## Northern California

### BAY AREA

**Sun., June 1**—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.' Info: Tom Oshidari, 408/257-5609 evenings, 650/623-1314 days; toshidari@dittech.com.

### PETALUMA

**Sat., June 7**—Northern California Heritage Festival; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Petaluma Community Center at Lucchesi Park, 320 N. McDowell Blvd.; a multicultural extravaganza of traditional food, music performance and crafts; Tickets, info: 707/763-9556, www.petalumavalleyrotary.org.

### SACRAMENTO

**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.

**Wed., May 28**—Documentary, "Searching for Asian America"; 9:30-11 p.m.; KVIE Channel 6.

**Fri., May 30**—Documentaries, "Forced Out: Internment and the Enduring Damage to California Cities and Towns" at 8 p.m., "Forsaken Fields: California Japanese American Farmers and Growers during World War II" at 8:30 p.m., "Honor Bound" at 9 p.m., "One Step at a Time" at 10:30 p.m.; KVIE Channel 6.

**Thurs., June 5**—ABAS Law Foundation Inaugural Wine Tasting and Auction: 6-8:30 p.m.; Pavilions Shopping Plaza Courtyard, Fair Oaks Blvd. between Munroe and Howe. Tickets discounted before June 2. Info: Jerlyn Paik, 916/568-1222.

**Through June 15**—Exhibit, "The Whole World's Watching," on the peace and social justice movements of the 1960s and 1970s; Golden State Museum, 1020 "O" St. Info: 916/653-5864;

**Fri.-Sun., Oct. 17-19**—Placer County Nikkei Reunion; Sacramento Hilton Arden West Hotel, 2200 Harvard St.; Nikkei who attended Placer County schools before or after WWII, or who attended schools in internment camps during the war, or who moved before graduating from high school are welcome; Friday golf tournament, Saturday hospitality, cocktail hour, banquet, dance, Sunday breakfast, plus tours, optional activities. **Register for Reunion by Aug. 1; for golf tournament by Sept. 1.** Info: http://www.placernikkeireunion.com; or Akio Seo, 916/443-7746; Tomio Masaki, 916/456-2595; Grace (Sunada) Miyamoto, 916/421-2788.

### SAN FRANCISCO

**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.

**Mon., May 26**—Community Memorial Day; Japanese Cemetery in Colma, Info: 415/771-3440

**Sat., May 31**—Angel Island Immigration Station Restoration Community Workshop; 1-3:30 p.m.; Crissy Field Center, Bldg. 603 in the Presidio; multimedia presentation and discussion forum. Free, but RSVP: Margaret

Whelly, 415/561-2160; directions: www.crissyfield.org

### SAN MATEO

**Sun., May 25**—Sunday Movie Matinee, "Shall We Dance?"; 1:30 p.m.; JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St.; Japanese with English subtitles. Info: 650/343-2793.

### SANTA CRUZ

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

### STANFORD

**Thurs., May 22**—"Hapa Issues Basics for Non-Hapas"; 12 noon-1 p.m.; Stanford University Asian American Activities Center Couchroom; lunch will be provided. Info: 650/723-2199.

**Sat., May 24**—Hate Crimes Workshop; 2 p.m.; Stanford University Cypress Lounge; sponsored by AASA, OCA, AllState. Info: 650/723-2199.

**Sat., May 31**—Stanford API Heritage Film Festival; 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Stanford University Cubberley Auditorium; light brunch provided before the screenings. Info: 650/723-2199.

## Central California

### FRESNO

**Sun., Sept. 21**—Shinzen Run and Walk; 6 a.m. registration; Woodward Park; to benefit the Nikkei Service Center, the Shinzen Friendship Garden and the Fresno JACL Scholarship Endowment Fund. Info: Bobbi Hanada, Fresno JACL, 559/434-1662.

## Southern California

### HUNTINGTON BEACH

**Sun., May 18**—Play, "The Teahouse of the August Moon"; 7 p.m.; Huntington Beach Library Theatre, 7111 Talbert St.; classic 1952 comedy (one performance only). Reservations: 714/846-3691.

### LONG BEACH

**Thurs., May 29**—Go for Broke Educational Foundation Panel Discussion; 6-7:30 p.m.; Long Beach Public Library, 101 Pacific Ave., parking at Broadway and Chestnut; focusing on the veterans of the 100th, 442nd and MIS. Info: 310/328-0907; www.GoForBroke.org.

### LOS ANGELES

**Mon., May 19**—Japan America Society's 94th Annual Dinner & Gala Celebration: "Celebrating National Pastimes Across the Pacific"; 6:30 p.m. cocktails in the Dodger Stadium Dugout Club, 7:30 p.m. dinner on Dodger Stadium field; honoring Tommy Lasorda and Yukiatsu Akizawa. RSVP, info: 213/627-6217 ext 205; japanamrcl@hotmail.com.

**Thurs., May 22**—Lessons Learned: From the Japanese American Internment to Today; 6:00-8:30 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; includes screening of "Of Civil Rights and Wrongs—The Fred Korematsu Story." RSVP: Mayling Kao, 213/386-3114; mayling@litt-assoc.com.

**Thurs., Sat. & Sun., May 22, 24 & 25**—Pianist Mitsuko Uchida performs with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra in its final program at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion before it

moves to the Disney Concert Hall. Tickets: Ticketmaster or 323/850-2000; www.laphil.com.

**Sat., May 24**—UCLA Asian American Studies Center's first annual conference on "Myth or Model: Health in Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities"; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; UCLA James West Alumni Center (next to Pauley Pavilion; park in Lot 6). Conference is free and open to the public; free lunch to first 100 to pre-register: 310/825-2974.

**Sat., May 24**—Joint Memorial Day Service by Japanese American Korean War and Vietnam War Veterans and the Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance; 11 a.m.; National Japanese American Memorial Court at the JACCC, 2445 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Info: Robert Wada, 714/992-5461; Victor Muraoka, 818/368-4113; Paul Ono, 310/532-2495 (concerning Korean War and Vietnam War KIAs); or Bob Hayamizu, 323/292-3165 (concerning WWII KIAs).

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

### RIVERSIDE

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

### SAN DIEGO

**Thurs., June 5**—Panel Discussion, "Assimilation and Ethnic Identity in America"; 7 p.m.; War Memorial Bldg., 3325 Zoo Drive; co-sponsored by San Diego JACL and the San Diego Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. Info: Dhikawamoto@aol.com.

### 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.

## Arizona - Nevada

### LAS VEGAS

**Sun., May 25**—Las Vegas JACL Scholarship Luncheon; 1 p.m.; Buffet @ Asia Rainbow & Sahara. RSVP: Dr. Eleanor Chow, 656-0218.

**Fri.-Sun., June 6-8**—Gila Reunion; Plaza Hotel; the event will pay tribute to all the veterans who entered the service from Gila in WWII, with a special salute to the 22 KIAs by the honor guard from the Pima Indian Post in Phoenix; busses from Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, will leave from Fourth & Boyd on June 6 at 8 a.m. Info: Hy Shishino, 562/926-8159; hshishino@hotmail.com. ■

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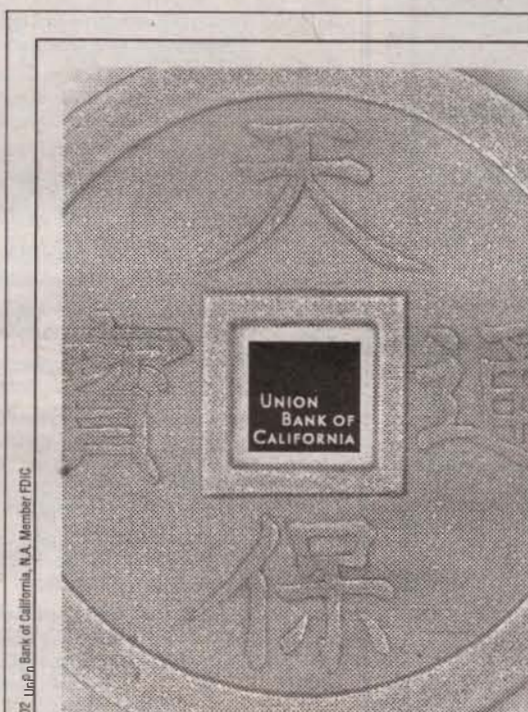
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# Obituaries

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**Asano, Shuji, 76**, Los Angeles, April 29; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Hideko; son Gary Wayne (Vickie); 1 gc.; brother Hiroshi; sisters Yuki Uyeno, Seiko Nakayama; sisters-in-law Setsuko Asano, Setsuko Minabe.

**Gyotoku, June H., 77**, San Francisco, April 28; Florin-born; survived by husband Frank; daughters Sandy (Lee) Wilkinson, Sarah; 3 gc.; brothers Roy (May) Matsuzaki, George; sisters Grace Mayeda, Peggy Soda, Amy (Dick) Uyeda.

**Hanashiro, Seichi, 87**, Pasadena, April 12; Baldwin Park-born; survived by wife Mariko; son Michael; daughter Teri (Bill) Watanabe, Marjorie Gowdy; 6 gc., 4 ggc.; brothers Seikyu, Seijo (Tsuneko), Seishin (Matsie); sisters Shizu Shima, Humi Hiraki, Yoshi (Ben) Honda; sister-in-law Helen Hanashiro.

**Hashimoto, Eiji, 93**, Seaside, April 8; Nachikatsuura cho, Wakayama ken-born; survived by wife Mitsuye; son Eigoro; daughter Fumiko (Joe Kiyoshi) Kawasaki; 3 gc., 5 ggc.; sisters-in-law Kisae Fujiki, Emiko (Akio) Matsushita, Chisato Tanaka of Japan; brother-in-law Tsutomu (Wako) Matsushita.

**Hayashi, Yukiko, 68**, Torrance, April 16; survived by husband Elwood Maxwell; daughters Eileen (Lynne) Cabus, Ellen (Keith) Komatsu, Carol (Louie) Cervantes, Frankie (Kurtis) Kobayashi; 6 gc.

**Hayashida, Takako**, Commerce City, Colo, April 3 service; survived by husband Henry; son Rodney (Pat); 2 gc.; sister Toshiko Uyeyama of Japan; brothers Ted (Esther) and Frank Goishi, both of California.

**Hori, Toshimi, 70**, Altadena, March 30; survived by wife Kiyo; sons Glen, Brad; sisters Masako Fujii, Mitzi (Vincent) Okamoto, Alice "Tsutako" Kahookele.

**Hoshi, Gerald, 48**, Oakland, April 8; survived by mother Emiko Hoshi of San Diego; brother Emory (Marianne) Hoshi; sister Charlotte (Roger Bertoldi) Hoshi; predeceased by father Paul H.

**Hoshizaki, Michael Nobuo, 55**, West Los Angeles April 29; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Peggy Akimi; mother Kimiye; brother Howard (Sumi); sisters Janet (Bob) Matsuda, Ann Kiku (Tom) Young, Emi (Tad) Hirai, Evelyn Fumi (Bob) Wong.

**Ichikawa, June Haruko, 81**, Mountain View, April 11; Jerome, Ark., and Amache, Colo., internee; survived by husband Toshiaki Tom; daughter Nancy (Rod) Ishikawa-Sayles of Maui, Hawaii; son Dr. Wayne of Campbell; 2 gc.; brothers Shigeyuki (Marjie) Jofuku of Selma, Tsugishige (Junko) Jofuku of Fresno, Kazushige (Jane) Jofuku of Watsonville, and Tomio (Katherine) Jofuku of Santa Clara; predeceased by brothers Mitsushige and Yukitoshi Jofuku.

**Iwai, Harue "Hallie," 83**, Lomita, April 10; Moneta-born; survived by son Chris; daughters JoAnn Iwai, Noreen Iwai-Ito; 2 gc.; son-in-law Brian Ito; sisters Fuziko Ishikawa, Kiyoko Uyeno.

**Iwasaki, Toshi, 93**, Torrance, April 12; Seattle-born; survived by son Robert; brother Ishi (Rose) Sano; sister Helen Shimahara.

**Jordan, Yuriko Tsuji, 65**, San Francisco, April 21; Oakland-born; survived by husband Donald; son Jay Kobayashi; daughters Debbie

Kobayashi, Susan (Lloyd) Tera-gawa, Naomi (Richard) Bustos; 5 gc.

**Kato, Kazuo, 81**, Monterey Park, April 12; Fresno-born; survived by wife Cherry Yoshiko; daughter Janet Miyo Kato (Richard) White; son Bruce Hisatomi (Patty) of Alaska; 2 gc., 1 ggc.; brother Fred Toshitatsu Yoshiwa.

**Kawaguchi, Tokiyo, 83**, San Francisco, April 7; Nagasaki-born.

**Kawamoto, Joe Tadashi, 82**, Los Angeles, April 17; Mesa, Ariz.-born; survived by wife Haruye; brothers Bunso of Japan, James; sisters Kazuko Kay (George) Nishikubo, Tsugiko (Mitsuyuki) Shimamura; sister-in-law Fusako Kawamoto.

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**Kawano, Donald M.,** Northglenn, Colo., April 11 service; survived by daughters Sharon, Donna; sons Tom, Steven Gary, Glenn; 7 gc., 8 ggc.; brother Fred; sisters Faye, Jo; predeceased by wife Frances.

**Kuboyama, Setsuo, 72**, Milpitas, April 7; Wahiawa City, Hawaii-born, longtime Sunnyvale resident; survived by wife Doris; son Kelly (Susan) of Fremont; daughters Sharon (James) Zolezzi and Karin, both of Hawaii; brothers Kazuya, Hiroshi, Yoshito, and sisters Jane (Mike) Fukuda, Doris Kuwada, all of Hawaii.

**Kimi, Ota, 102**, San Mateo, April 22; Japan-born; survived by children Toyo and Hiroshi Ota; 6 gc., 5 ggc.; predeceased by husband Kanji, son Kurt.

**Kishi, Michael Masakiyo, 79**, West Los Angeles, April 21; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Rose Y.; sons Kraig (San Mi), Jon; daughters Tina (Danny) Leach of Las Vegas, Lisa (Peter) Hansen; 4 gc., 1 ggc.; sister Jerry Tadokoro of Fountain Valley; sisters-in-law Elsie (Dr. H. Paul) Kageyama and Pierette Kumagai, both of Tucson, Ariz.; brother-in-law John (Hede) Kumagai.

**Lutz, Walter Edmund, 88**, Los Angeles, April 10; Cleveland-born; WWII U.S. Army and post-war Japan Occupation veteran; world-renowned collector of bamboo art and objects, many of which have been exhibited in major cities; survived by wife Mona Miwako of Los Angeles; daughter Adelle Lutz of New York City; 3 gc.; brother Edmund and sister Esther Halter of Ohio.

**Matsushita, George, 81**, Buena Park, April 19; survived by wife Dorothy Kinuye; sons Douglas (Misa), Jerry (June); daughter Denise (David) Hiraoka; 6 gc.; sisters Mitsuye (Frank) Manaka, Mutsuyo (Jim) Sugano; brother-in-law George Iwahashi.

**Mishima, Ryo, 80**, Berkeley April 12; survived by sons Tom (Ellie), Jon (Gayle); daughter Paula (Keith) Umemoto; 7 gc.; predeceased by wife Miyeko.

**Nagai, Roy, 77**, Denver, April 14; Santa Rosa-born; Amache internee; U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Susy Inai; daughter Jolie Noguchi; sons Kyle (Cindy), Keith; brother George of Denver.

**Nakashima, Mitsuko (Miko), 78**, Torrance, April 1; survived by husband Sho; sons Martin (Le), Richard; 2 gc.; brothers John

(Chizuko) and James (Sumiye) Yakura; sister Keiko (Paul) Sumida; predeceased by sister Sumiko (Goro) Kimura.

**Nawa, James Hidenao, 86**, Bellflower, April 20; Norwalk-born; survived by wife Rose T.; daughter Eileen Nawa; brother Joseph Jiro (Lillian); sister Mary Tayenaka.

**Nobuta, Toyo, 79**, Littleton, Colo., April 10 service; survived by son Lenard; daughter Arlene Jo.; sister Taeko Tagawa; predeceased by wife Yoneko.

**Oda, Mitsuko, 87**, Los Angeles, April 16; Hiroshima ken-born; survived by husband Yutaka; sister Tomomi Sanemitsu.

**Omatsu, Tsutomu Bob, 76**, Torrance, April 8; Torrance-born; survived by wife Sylvia; sons Daniel, Ronald, Joey (Nancy), Phillip (Mika); daughter Melinda Mastsui (Shane); 3 gc.; sister Marion (Lou) Miyamoto; brother Jack (Diane); sister-in-law Yuri (Sunao).

**Otsuki, Sanae M., 74**, San Francisco, April 17; Tokyo-born; survived by husband Isamu; sons George, Patrick (Shirley), Stanley (Junko); 4 gc.

**Ouye, Seigo, 85**, Oakland, April 14; Washington State-born; survived by wife Hatsue; daughters Dorinne (Ken) Paris Tsuchiya, Tami (John) Hammerton; son Russell (Janice Leong); 5 gc.

**Sado, Masami "Mas," 87**, Renton, Wash., April 2; WWI U.S. Army Intelligence veteran; survived by wife Masaye; daughters Patricia Sado, Carol (Robert) Numata; 4 gc.

**Sakai, Yutaka "Y," 82**, Watsonville, April 16; Watsonville-born; survived by wife Kazuko; sons Wilfred "Willie" of Poway, Perry Sakai of Watsonville; 2 gc.; sisters Chieko Masuoka of Sacramento, Miyako Kitani of Fremont; brother Kay of Watsonville; predeceased by sister Fumiye Sumida and brothers Tomy, Seigo and Isao.

**Sakamoto, Haruki, 86**, Yorba Linda, April 21; La Puente-born; survived by wife Shizu; daughters Joanne Tagami, Ann (Stan) Imanagita; 3 gc.; 8 sisters and two brothers in Japan.

**Sasaki, Kary, 73**, Montebello, April 6; San Juan Bautista-born; survived by husband Henry; sons Jon (Teresa); Carl (Elaine); 3 gc.; brother Setsuo (Teiko) Horita; sisters Toshiko (Thomas) Okutsu, Gene Hashimoto, Shizuko (Albert) Ito, Yayoi (Frank) Gotori, Miyuki (Kunio) Miyazawa.

**Satoh, Tomoko, 70**, Arlington Heights, Ill., March 27; Japan-born; survived by husband Rev. Kei Satoh; children Nobuyoshi, Atsushi Steve (Carolyn) and Hiromichi (Barbara); 6 gc.

**Shimamura, Mutsuo C., 75**, Garden Grove, April 14; Los Angeles-born; survived by sons Lester (Desiree) Kunihiro, Karl

Shimamura; sisters Barbara (George) Kubo, Helen Shima.

**Suzuki, Alice K., 91**, New York City, April 2; Los Angeles-born; survived by sisters Florence of Columbus, Ohio, Edna Rikki of New York City.

**Tanaka, Masao Tom, 84**, Glendora, April 18; Stockton-born; survived by son Donald M. (Karen); 3 gc.; sisters-in-law Toshiko Tanaka, Emiko Miyamoto.

**Tao, Akira Bill, 79**, Watsonville, April 14; Watsonville-born; survived by wife Mitsuyo; sons Glen (Debra), Paul (Kim), Alan (Alice); 4 gc.; brother Howard Haruto (Janice); sisters-in-law Tomoko and Shizuko Tao.

**Tateishi, Kay Kanemitsu, 88**, Denver, March 26; formerly employed by the Associated Press in Japan; survived by wife Fusako; son Michio (Ikuyo) of Tokyo; sisters Shizue Oye of Los Angeles, Mutsu Ogata of Pittsgrrove, N.J., Rose Tanouye of Denver, Janet (Frank) Norimoto of Miami.

**Toda, Dr. Katashi "Kay," 80**, Seattle, April 9; U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Kiyo; sons Richard K. and Larry M. of Seattle, Wesley of Montesano, Wash., John of Bellevue, Wash.; 8 gc., 3 ggc.; sisters Takiko Hashimoto and Meriko Irata of Seattle.

**Uchimura, Masayoshi, DPM, 87**, Seattle, March 19; WWII U.S. Army 442nd RCT veteran; survived by wife Margaret; sisters Lily Inouye of Honolulu, Esther Nakao of La Canada, Grace; brothers George, Minoru (Marianne).

**Waki, Miyuki Jean, 86**, Culver City, April 16; Sherman-born; survived by daughter Shirley (Ronald) Inada; 1 gc.; brothers Shigemi Shig (Donna), Masaki Jim (Mary), and Masaru Bob (Irene) Nakagiri; sisters Yaeko Mae Ishioka, Masaye Betty (Hiroshi) Kato, Misato Margie Morikawa, Minako Jane Shintani, Sueko June (Jimmy) Akioka; sisters-in-law Hisaye and Florence Nakagiri; predeceased by husband Kiyoshi.

**Woo, Kevin Dale, 35**, Torrance, March 20; survived by parents Jeanne (Jim) Yanai and Robert (Swee) Woo; brothers Darrell (Barbara), Terrence; grandparent Yaeko Matsuda.

**Yamada, Gordon Tamio, 79**, Arlington, Va., April 24; Hollywood-born; Manzanar internee; formerly of Hawaii and Dayton, Ohio; U.S. Army (MIS) veteran of WWII and the Japan Occupation; survived by wife Kiyo; daughters Kathryn (Thomas) Mukai; Janet Sofo (Robert) Mukai; Gayle Yamada (David) Hosley, Debbie Yamada (Lee) Watson; 8 gc.; sisters Lily, Daisy, June, Cherry.

**Yamahata, Jocelyn N.**, Simi Valley, April 2; survived by son Eric; mother Lorraine Kaneshiro;

father Bill Kaneshiro.

**Yamamoto, James Genji, 80**, Morrison, Colo., April 7; Tacoma, Wash.-born; WWII U.S. Army (MIS) veteran; survived by wife Lillian; son Steven; daughter Linda, Cindy; 2 gc.

**Yasuda, William Kenjiro, 72**, Monterey Park, April 20; Mesa, Ariz.-born; survived by wife Kazuko; sons Kevin (Lorena), Scott (Vivien); daughter Elaine (Vincent) Lee; 8 gc.; brothers Henry (Helen), Bill (Kazuko), James (Margaret); sisters Sayoko (Minoru) Nishida, Betty (Ken) Murata.

**Yoshida Akira George**, Los Angeles, May 10 service; survived by wife Toshiko; daughter Patricia Yoshida Orr of Corte Madera; 2 gc.; sister Sumi Ogawa and brother Hiroshige of Japan.

**Yoshida, Edward, 74**, Watsonville; April 29; San Luis Obispo-born; Tule Lake internee; Korean War veteran; children Gary (Ivette) and Kelley Yoshida of Watsonville; brothers Charles (Rose) Thomas (Teruko), Byron (Suzanne); Paul (Aileen); sisters Inez (Jack) Hashimoto, Rose (Sets) Hisatomi, Margaret (Masato) Takahashi, Sandra (Michio) Suekawa, Marjorie (Darrel) Fiske, Betsy (Yutaka) Kochiyama; predeceased by wife Kazue, parents Tomoichi and Kikuno and brother Masao.

**Yoshihara, Darrell Takeo, 54**, Los Angeles, April 15; survived by wife Christine; sons Scott (Miwa), Ty; daughter Melissa Yoshihara of Tampa, Fla.; parents Jim and Frances Tanouye; brothers Norm (Patti), Harvey (Jeanie), Glenn (Alison).

**Yoshimura, John Paul, 68**, Arlington, Va., April 17; Los Angeles-born, formerly of Chicago; Manzanar internee; retired major; U.S. Army; Korean War, Vietnam War and Defense Intelligence Agency veteran; survived by father James of Chicago; 7 brothers; 3 sisters.

**Yoshinori, Taguchi, 53**, Burlingame, Wash., April 6; Nagano ken-born; survived by wife Chuan; son George; daughter Lisa; parents Noboru and Kimiko and brother Masahiko, all in Japan. ■

## DEATH NOTICE

### PAUL KUNI KATO

SKOKIE, Ill. — Los Angeles-born Paul Kuni Kato, 82, passed away peacefully April 13. Loved dearly by wife Hideko, and children Donna (Vernon Ezell) Kato, Alan (Gwen), Tina (Harry) Rohde and mark (Cathy). Loving grandfather of Mitchell, Eric, Aaron, Jacob, Sam and Hannah. Fond brother of Lillian (Paul) Iida. He left a legacy of love and treasured memories.

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# Shelf Life

## FICTION

### The Breaking Jewel

By Mokoto Oda

Translated by Donald Keene

Columbia University Press

116 pp., \$16.50 paperback, \$49.50 hardback

The novel is set on a tiny island in the South Pacific during the final days of World War II, when the tide turned against Japan. The story centers around Squad Leader Nakamura and his subordinate, Cpl. Kon, a Korean native who enlisted into the Japanese army. Oda's story shows that despite Japanese protests against Western imperialism, the Japanese were actively prejudiced against their Korean and Okinawan enlistees. As American forces fight to overtake the small Japanese garrison, the Japanese soldiers struggle with conflicting feelings about the pointlessness of war, loyalty, and the meaning of *gyokusai* — literally the breaking jewel or the pulverization of the gem — a term that refers to an act of mass suicide committed as a last defense of the homeland. The novel questions whether *gyokusai* is truly an act of patriotism or one of futile self-defeat.

### Dragon Bones

By Lisa See

Random House

\$24.95 hardback

"Dragon Bones" is the second in the murder mystery series, starring the character Liu Hulan, who was introduced in Lisa See's first novel, "Flower Net." In this latest novel, Hulan, an agent for China's Ministry of Public Security, and her American husband, attorney David Stark, return to China to investigate the murder and archaeological theft at the Three Gorges Dam project. The Three Gorges Dam, when completed, will be China's most powerful dam and the biggest project the country has undertaken since the building of the Great Wall. But the reservoir formed by the dam will inundate over 2,000 archaeological sites and displace 2 million people. As Hulan searches for the murderer, a parallel search begins for a missing artifact that can prove to the world that the Chinese civilization dates back 5,000 years. Everyone — from the Chinese government, to a religious cult, to an unscrupulous American art collector — wants this relic and will kill to get it.

### The Laws of Evening

By Mary Yukari Waters

Scribner

192 pp., \$21 hardback

Mary Yukari Waters' debut collection of stories are set in Japan

before, during and right after World War II, and they chronicle characters whose daily lives and traditions are forever changed. Waters never writes about the war itself but about its effects upon the survivors, the widows and children who face not just loss of family but also the loss of a way of life. Many of the stories are hauntingly sad, but they also offer redemption in the resilience of these characters.

Waters was born in Japan to a Japanese mother and an Irish American father. The first story she wrote was published in the literary magazine *Japanophile*. She has since won an O. Henry, a Pushcart and an NEA grant, as well as fellowships at Yaddo and MacDowell. She is included in Best American Short Stories 2002 and 2003.

## NONFICTION

### Japanese Cabinetry: The Art & Craft of Tansu

By David Jackson & Dane Owen

Gibbs Smith Publisher

256 pp., 300 color photos, \$75 hardback

The art of creating tansu — wooden boxes and chests — originated largely during Japan's Edo period (1603-1868). This is the first comprehensive volume to come out in more than 20 years. It includes examples from all regions of Japan and is the only book on tansu to provide an interior design chapter documenting the use of such cabinetry in western homes.

Japanese cabinetry is one of the

least recorded aspects of Japan's woodworking history, and this volume provides a historical context utilizing Edo period prints and Meiji-era hand-colored photos. The book presents examples of merchant, household and personal cabinetry never seen before and illustrates essential details of the craft. It can be a reference for the craftsman and historian; a great resource for designers, architects and collectors; and a guide for prospective buyers or anyone who would like to add a touch of Japanese design to their home.

**Encyclopedia of Japanese Descendants in the Americas: An Illustrated History of Nikkei**  
Edited by Akemi Kikumura Yano  
AltaMira Press, \$49.95

The encyclopedia is published in cooperation with the Japanese American National Museum and

## Meet the Author

Random House and Vroman's Bookstore will hold a book party for Lisa See's new novel, "Dragon Bones," on June 3, from 7-9 p.m. Vroman's is located at 695 E. Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena, Calif. For info: 626/449-5320 or [www.LisaSee.com](http://www.LisaSee.com).

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