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Army Chief Shinseki Says Goodbye After 38-year Career

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT MYER, Va.—“And so I say one last time, my name is Shinseki and I am a soldier — proud of it.”

With that trademark expression from an Army chief of staff who defined himself as a simple soldier, Gen. Eric K. Shinseki on June 11 bade farewell to a career that spanned five decades, from the jungles of Vietnam, where combat cost him part of a foot, to the halls of the Pentagon, where he fought bureaucratic wars until his final hours as chief of staff.

The White House has not nominated a Shinseki successor, but officials let it be known the day before his retirement ceremony that it would be Michigan native Peter Schoomaker, who retired from the Army in 2000. Never before has an Army chief of staff been chosen from the ranks of the retired.

In his parting remarks at Fort Myer's Summerall Field, Shinseki made no mention of his boss, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, with whom he had a sometimes tense relationship. Rumsfeld, who was traveling in Europe, did not send a high-level

representative from his office.

Shinseki alluded to the tensions, which some have attributed to a belief by Rumsfeld that Army leaders resisted a basic principle of democracy: that they must answer to civilian authority.

“We understand that leadership is not an exclusive function of the uniformed services,” Shinseki said to an audience that included members of Congress and military officers from countries across the

globe. “So when some suggest that we in the Army don’t understand the importance of civilian control of the military, well, that’s just not helpful — and it isn’t true.”

“The Army has always understood the primacy of civilian control,” he added. “In fact we are the ones who reinforce that principle with those other armies with whom we train all around the world. So to muddy the waters when important issues are at stake — issues of life and death — is a disservice to all those in and out of uniform who serve and lead so well.”

Shinseki, a native of Hawaii, is the only officer of Japanese descent to rise to the top post in the Army. His career almost came to a tragic early end. On his second tour of duty in Vietnam, as a cavalry troop commander in 1970, he was wounded in action and lost part of a foot.

He was so severely hurt that doctors tried to get him to leave the service, according to Les Brownlee, the acting Army secretary who officiated at Shinseki's retirement ceremony.

“His love of soldiers — soldiers who had carried him out of combat on their backs, twice — and his love of our Army was so deep that he persevered,” Brownlee said, with Shinseki in

JACL Commends General Shinseki on his Retirement

As General Eric K. Shinseki officially retired from his position as Chief of Staff of the Army June 11, the JACL congratulated the general on his retirement and thanked him for his leadership and dedication to the Army and the Asian Pacific American community.

In a letter to Shinseki congratulating him on his retirement, JACL National President Floyd Mori said, “The Japanese American community is very proud of and humbled by your achievements, and we thank you for your years of dedicated service. Congratulations on your retirement and best wishes for your future endeavors.”

The JACL national board, at

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Coble Agrees to Meet With JACL, Decision Follows Calif. Legislature's Vote Urging Him to Resign Post

By Associated Press and Pacific Citizen Staff

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., who has been widely criticized for his comments endorsing the World War II internment of Japanese Americans, has finally agreed to meet with representatives of the JACL.

At the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) congressional dinner June 12, Kristine Minami, JACL director for public affairs, spoke with Coble and requested a meeting to discuss his comments.

“Representative Coble conveyed that he believed that his remarks had been misinterpreted, to which I responded any misunderstanding only underscored the need for a face-to-face meeting,” said Minami. “Rep. Coble agreed and assured me that he would speak to his chief of staff about scheduling such a meeting.”

“I’m pleased that Rep. Coble has agreed to meet with us,” said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. “It’s long past due that we resolve this issue, which has been festering in the civil rights community for months. I’m hoping that we can walk away from this meeting with a resolution that’s satisfactory to us and our colleagues in the civil rights community.”

On June 2 the California Senate

joined the state Assembly in urging Coble to resign as chairman of a congressional subcommittee because of his comments rationalizing the WWII internment.

Coble, who heads the House Judiciary subcommittee on homeland security, said during a Feb. 4 radio show that the internment was for the JAs’ own protection.

“We were at war,” Coble said. “For many of these Japanese Americans, it wasn’t safe for them to be on the street.”

He also said that some JAs “probably were intent on doing harm to us, just as some of these Arab Americans are probably intent on doing harm to us.”

The California Assembly voted 70-0 last month to condemn the comments as “insulting, inflammatory (and) inaccurate.” Assemblyman George Nakano, who was interned at age 6, said Coble’s comments amount to rewriting history.

“I still remember guards’ rifles pointing inward to the camp — not to protect us but to keep us in,” said Nakano, D-Torrance.

The Senate approved the same resolution June 2 by a 31-0 vote.

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By RON KATSUYAMA
MDC P.C. Board Rep.

We should celebrate the accomplishments of the *Pacific Citizen* for reporting news in ways that other media are unable or unwilling to do. Without the P.C. many of us would be unaware of various inci-



dents of anti-Asian defamation or less knowledgeable about our civil rights, challenges to our Constitution inherent in the Patriot's Act, cultural preservation initiatives, or accomplishments of Asian Americans in fields of entertainment, business, health care, politics, science and education.

The P.C. continues to serve its readers, providing awareness of the positive strides and challenging

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MORI MEMO Increasing Membership

By FLOYD MORI
JACL Nat'l President

JACL has affected the lives of each of us. That is why we are members. We have seen the value of an organization like JACL for Japanese Americans and we have chosen to be a part of it.

JACL is an influential organization and we have joined with other Asian American associations to

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JLAS Take Their Case to the International Stage, File Petition With the Organization of American States

The fight for justice for Japanese Latin Americans kidnapped and forcibly interned in American camps during World War II has taken an international turn as three former JLA internees filed a petition with the Organization of American States' (OAS) Inter-American Commission on Human Rights June 10.

The Shibayama brothers — Art, Kenichi and Takeshi — filed the petition along with the Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project (JPOHP) seeking acknowledgment and equitable redress from the U.S. government for war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated against them during WWII.

After several failed attempts to have their case heard in U.S. courts, the JLA plaintiffs decided to change their strategy and go before the OAS commission, one of the world's oldest and most prominent human rights organizations.

“We’ve tried the U.S. courts and they didn’t even let us in the door,” said Grace Shimizu, JPOHP director. “So the merits of our case have never been heard.

Now we’re taking it to the international arena.”

The petitioners hope that by bringing their case before the 35-member OAS commission they can initiate investigations into the actions of the U.S. government and have the United States deemed liable for their WWII actions.

The Shibayama brothers also hope that by telling their story they can further educate fellow Americans about the injustices committed against JLAS during WWII.

In a little-known chapter of WWII history, the Shibayama brothers along with over 2,200 persons of Japanese ancestry from 13 Latin American countries were forcibly brought to American internment camps by the U.S. government to be used in hostage exchanges with Japan.

The Shibayamas had owned a thriving business and had led a comfortable life in Lima, Peru. When the family was forcibly moved to the Crystal City, Texas, camp they lost everything includ-

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problems still facing Asians and AAs such as hate incidents and hate crimes, and the existence of discrimination in access to employment, housing, education and health care.

The *P.C.* can continue as the single best source of information and discussion on these and other issues vital to the interests of Japanese Americans. It promotes dialogue between JAs across the country as well as across generations. With archival issues now preserved at the Japanese American National Museum, the *P.C.* has become a proud part of our history and heritage.

With a financial crisis at hand and only essential budget lines left, JACL faces extremely difficult decisions. Given a declining membership, we cannot conduct business as usual. However, we can implement more effective policies and procedures such as calendar-year memberships with concentrated end-of-year drives, early contact of lapsed members at the beginning of the year, addition of membership benefits (e.g., books, videos, CDs, works of art, etc.) and additional incentives for long-term/special category memberships.

JACL must find new, creative ways to implement programs essential to our mission or risk losing sustained involvement and support, especially among our recently recruited members. I believe that JACL can retain its reputation as an advocate for fair treatment and equal opportunities for all Americans and as a catalyst for positive social change through creative, proactive, and carefully selected initiatives. In collaboration with other groups whose members share common purposes, JACL can augment its influence, becoming a powerful force that belies the size of its membership.

I believe that certain changes to our organizational structure are also essential to the revitalization of JACL. While essentially a "grass-

roots" organization, there is room for improvement in effectively attracting and utilizing available expertise. Our national board can act in a timely manner to resurrect the National Education Committee (focusing on the dissemination and use of the Teachers Resource and Curriculum Guide to satisfy national standards for teaching social studies) and to organize national committees focusing on: (1) education and actions to combat hate crimes and (2) youth empowerment. None of these initiatives need be costly, but they can contribute immensely toward advancing JACL's mission.

Finally, we must be extremely wary of reducing the salaries or benefits of our *P.C.* and national JACL staff. Because their efforts are almost solely directed toward implementation of JACL's "Program for Action," such a reduction could dramatically change the nature of our organization.

Alternatively, let us call for the national board to develop and implement long-term strategies that create a diversified revenue base. Healthy organizations do not define their success solely in terms of membership. JACL must also nurture deferred giving programs, obtain corporate and foundation grants, and more actively seek direct contributions. Let us remind ourselves that the desperation we feel in the midst of our financial crisis today should result in the development of more effective recruitment and renewal procedures and more broad-based support that will help us avoid these problems in the future.

Let us also remind ourselves that during times of economic downturn, some organizations continue to thrive as their members and contributors limit the number of causes that they support but not the extent of participation or level of support given those that are most valued. I believe that the JACL and the *P.C.*, as valued institutions among JAs, will continue to receive the necessary support from its members as long as its activities continue to support its mission. ■

Mitsuye Endo

This letter is in response to Stanley Kanzaki's letter to the editor in the *Pacific Citizen* April 18-May 1 regarding Mitsuye Endo.

I also read with pleasure Bill Marutani's column "East Wind" (*P.C.* Mar. 7-20) titled "The Fourth Case." This was the Supreme Court case titled *Ex Parte Mitsuye Endo*.

I would like to assure Stanley Kanzaki and others that Mitsuye Endo is not forgotten and is not just another footnote in Nikkei history.

This past Feb. 16, at the De Paul University Student Center in Chicago, we remembered, recognized and honored Mitsuye "Endo" Tsutsumi.

A glass, free-standing plaque from the Chicago Japanese American community was presented to her in recognition of her courage and endurance on behalf of all Japanese Americans.

The event also included a panel discussion, "Civil Liberties in Times of Crisis." Moderated by Calvin Manshio, the discussion focused on civil liberties and the Constitution with three panelists: Kiyo Fujii, former internee; Anna Mustafa, an Arab American civil rights activist; and Fred Tsao, immigration and citizenship director of the Illinois Coalition for Immigration and Refugee Rights.

It was important to show our support for our Arab and Muslim American brothers and sisters so what happened in 1942 would not happen again.

It was a remarkable program and it was a real pleasure to meet Mitsuye "Endo" Tsutsumi and her family and to thank her personally for her actions.

Mitsuye is well and enjoying life with her family.

Sam Ozaki
Chicago

Bill Wetherall
Abiko, Japan

Zyappu and Aoime

There were two articles on "Jap" in the May 2-15 issue of *P.C.* As a writer and editor, I have always been cautious about the use of this and other words having the potential of offending some people. Yet I stop short of unconditional censorship, as no word is disparaging without an intent to disparage.

Some examples come to mind. Kenzo Takada opened his famous Jungle Jap Boutique in Paris in 1970. Soon there were outlets in New York and Tokyo. People in France and Japan didn't mind. Kenzo's hippy chic Jap label offended mainly Japanese Americans.

In the 1990s, a very interesting

fashion quarterly debuted in Tokyo. Its name was written in *katakana* that would be Romanized "Jappu" in the more common Hepburn system. The English title "Jap Magazine" also appeared on the spine, cover, and contents page. There were features called "Jap Interview" and "Jabber Jap." The photography and art work were street-smart, sassy, and totally unconventional.

In its third year, the magazine was renamed "Zyappu" in Latin script. This is the *Kunrei* Romanization of the *katakana* name, which gradually disappeared. Eventually, all Japanese text was printed in *Kunrei* as an expression of the magazine's evolving world view.

Shortly before the name change, the following definition began to appear on the contents page of every issue: zyappu [jap] n. — 1. a disparaging word for Japanese. 2. the name of a fashion magazine in Japan which was first published in 1994. 3. Japanese who have a free and independent spirit.

Whether "slant-eyed" is worse than "blue-eyed" may depend on who you are and where you live. I have lived in Japan most of my life. And I have been personally referred to, orally and in print, as *Aoime* (blue eyes) by people motivated to slap this common racist label for "Caucasian" on me. One problem is, my eyes are not blue. Another problem is, I do not welcome being racialized by anyone anywhere (one thing nice about living in Japan is there are no race boxes).

Some people in Japan use *Aoime* (among several other terms) with an intent to offend. Some don't. *Aoime* are good in some eyes, bad in others. So could there also be good Japs and bad Japs? Perhaps it's not what's in the word, but what's in the heart.

Re: Kaji's Commentary

Thank you to Jonathan Kaji for brainstorming and sparking an idea to save JACL. My father and I had a spirited discussion and he made a very important point that I'd like to share. According to the 1996 Parental Responsibility Act, the sponsor is responsible for the immigrating person for their lifetime. For example, if the immigrant becomes ill or hurt and can't work, the sponsor has to take care of him. Let's all keep thinking, talking and sharing ideas. There's got to be a way to save JACL.

Misao Kusuda
San Jose, Calif.



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Justice Department Refuses to Release Report on Wen Ho Lee Case

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.— Attorney General John Ashcroft on June 5 defended a Justice Department move to withhold a report on its handling of the case against nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee, telling lawmakers on Capitol Hill that the department is protecting national interests, not stonewalling.

"There are lots of times, especially in international intelligence security matters, when we don't release things because it's not in the national interest to do so," Ashcroft said when questioned about the report before the House Judiciary Committee.

But Rep. William Delahunt, D-Mass., said the department's withholding of the report and information about other cases indicates both "a government obsessed with secrecy" and "a culture of concealment."

A Washington-based watchdog group filed an appeal recently to a department finding that the entire report be withheld.

The Federation of American Scientists argued that the latest Lee review covers a longer time span than a previous Justice report and may contain new revelations about professional misconduct by Justice and FBI officials.

Lee, a former Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist, was indicted in December 1999 on 59 felony counts alleging he mishandled nuclear weapons information. He was held in solitary confinement for nine months before being

released in September 2000 under a negotiated plea deal as the federal case crumbled. He pleaded guilty to a single felony count and was sentenced to time served.

The federal judge apologized to Lee during a stinging rebuke of the government's handling of the case, which he said "embarrassed our entire nation and each of us who is a citizen of it."

The review of the Lee case by the Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility was to start with criticisms by the judge and encompass the handling of the case by the department and the FBI, Justice officials said when the study was ordered in September 2000.

Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo said the report has not been released because it is still undergoing a classification review. Depending on the results, it's possible the entire report will continue to be withheld for national security reasons, he said.

"It's also possible that portions of it will be available to the public," Corallo said.

But when Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists put in a February request for a copy, a Justice Department lawyer responded in a May 29 letter that she determined it "should be withheld in its entirety."

She cited security, privacy and law enforcement reasons, according to a copy of the letter provided by Aftergood.

Aftergood said he had not yet received a response to his appeal of that letter. ■

Sen. Inouye, War Hero and Political Leader, to be Honored at 2003 JACL National Gala Dinner

Sen. Daniel Inouye, the third most senior member of the U.S. Senate today and a Medal of Honor recipient, will be among a group of national Japanese American leaders honored by national JACL and the PSW district Sept. 13 at a national gala dinner in Los Angeles.

"An American Testimonial: A Salute to the Japanese American Leaders" will also recognize the Hon. Norman Mineta and Reps. Robert Matsui and Mike Honda, and there will be a special tribute to the late Rep. Patsy Mink.

"Senator Inouye is a true pillar in our community; his political accomplishments are numerous as well as his contributions to the Asian Pacific American community," said JACL Executive Director John Tateishi. "As a decorated World War II war hero and one of the most respected members of the U.S. Senate by both Democrats and Republicans alike, JACL continues to laud Senator Inouye for his dedication to public service and to ensure civil justice for all Asian Pacific Americans."

Inouye was born in Honolulu on Sept. 7, 1924, the eldest of four children. In March 1943 he enlisted in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. It was in Italy that Inouye's right arm was shattered while he was fighting off the Germans and saving the men of his platoon. For his heroism, Inouye received a Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, Purple

Heart and other medals. His DSC was upgraded to the Medal of Honor in June 2000.

Inouye is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and George Washington University Law School. When Hawaii became a state in 1959, Inouye was the state's first U.S. congressman. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1962 and is currently serving his seventh consecutive term.

Inouye has long been a leader on issues important to Asian Pacific Americans and has done much work on behalf of Native Hawaiians. He was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 that led to redress for Japanese Americans. Inouye has also worked diligently to obtain recognition for the Nisei and Filipino WWII vets and has fought for the rights of Native Americans.

Today, Inouye sits on the Appropriations Committee and is ranking member on the Subcommittee of Defense; the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; and the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine; is vice chairman on the Committee of Indian Affairs; and is a member of the Rules and

Administration Committee.

"Since he first entered national politics, Senator Inouye has been an effective leader, and this gala dinner that honors him and the other national Japanese American leaders is a must-attend event to pay our respects to community heroes like Senator Inouye," said Floyd Mori, JACL national president.

The JACL national gala dinner will be held at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. To encourage early reservations, a special early-bird rate for chapter members is being offered at \$1,250 per table of 10. Deadline for this special rate is Aug. 1. Non-member price, which will be the regular member price after Aug. 1, is \$150 per person. Non-members wishing to receive the special price can become a member of JACL, depending on chapter/location, for as little as \$55 annually.

Proceeds from the dinner this year will go to support the JACL's operations and programs. Corporations and businesses seeking sponsorship opportunities should contact national JACL at 415/921-5225.

The Wilshire Grand Hotel is offering rooms at \$85 per night. The Miyako Hotel in Little Tokyo is offering a rate of \$79 per night single and \$89 per night double. Contact the PSW district office at 213/626-4471 or at psw@jacl.org for more information on the dinner or hotel. ■



Groups Launch First AA Advocacy Office in Sac'to

Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA) and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALC) have announced the formation of a new civil rights project to advocate on behalf of Asian Americans across California. Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality (AACRE) is the first project of its kind to locate in the state capitol.

AACRE is a new voice for AAs in the state's capitol focusing on legislation and regulatory and fiscal policies. AACRE is in the process of building a statewide grassroots network of community organizations to support and guide its work.

"AACRE will be an important voice for the fastest-growing population in California," said Diane T. Chin, executive director of CAA, noting that AAs make up almost 12.5 percent of the state's population. "It will provide information and opportunities for Asian Americans to influence state policymaking."

"AACRE builds upon a history of collaborative advocacy between our organizations but also allows us new opportunities to work in coalition with other communities to strengthen our collective civil rights," said Stewart Kwok, APALC executive director.

Currently staffed by CAA's Legislative Advocate Vivek Malhotra, AACRE recently opened its Sacramento office and is focused on a range of issues affecting AAs, including language rights, increasing equal opportunity, voting rights and education, as well as broader issues of equity, fairness and justice. ■

Sen. Daschle Recommends Ishimaru for EEOC Vacancy

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle announced June 5 that he has recommended to President Bush the appointment of civil rights lawyer Stuart Ishimaru to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The EEOC enforces laws that prohibit discrimination in conditions of employment.

"Stuart Ishimaru is an experienced civil rights lawyer whose commitment to the promotion of basic human rights has been well documented over more than 20 years of service in the Department of Justice and on Capitol Hill," said Daschle. "His service on the EEOC will help assure that all Americans are afforded equal employment opportunity."

Ishimaru is currently a consultant on civil rights issues and works with a number of civil rights organizations, including the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and the Citizens Commission on Civil Rights. He is also a longtime member of the JACL.

Previously, Ishimaru served as deputy assistant attorney general in the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice as acting staff director at the Commission on Civil Rights, and as counsel to two congressional committees.

Ishimaru received his undergraduate degree in political science and economics from UC Berkeley and his law degree from George Washington University.

If accepted by the president, and confirmed by the Senate, Ishimaru will fill the Commission seat formerly held by Paul Igasaki and will become the only Asian

American on a major federal civil rights commission.


The JACL applauded Daschle's recommendation of Ishimaru for the vacant EEOC position and urged the White House to promptly move the candidacy forward.

"We applaud Democratic Leader Daschle's decision to recommend Stuart Ishimaru for the EEOC," said Floyd Mori, JACL national president. "Senator Daschle clearly understands the importance of having qualified people of diverse backgrounds bring their voices and experience to the federal civil rights commissions, and Mr. Ishimaru is an outstanding choice for the EEOC."


"Stuart Ishimaru's credentials are impeccable," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "He will bring years of experience and keen insight to the Commission. The Asian Pacific American community is fortunate to have public officials of such caliber as former commissioner Paul Igasaki and Stuart Ishimaru, and we thank them for their service and steadfast commitment to issues of concern to our community."

Ishimaru is the second name recommended during this administration by Daschle. Last year, after eight years of service on the EEOC, Igasaki's candidacy languished at the White House for months and failed to receive the administration's support.

The JACL urges its members to express their appreciation to Daschle (tom_daschle@daschle.senate.gov) and to urge the White House to act on Ishimaru's nomination by going to JACL's website (www.jacl.org). ■





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□ Marine Reservist Who Died in Hawaii is Buried

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, Mich.—A Marine reservist whose body was found on a beach in Hawaii near the base where he was stationed has been buried with military honors.

Sgt. David Xiong, 24, was laid to rest June 9 at Clinton Grove Cemetery in Macomb County. But family members continue to seek answers from the military and police in Hawaii about how the former Warren man died.

Xiong's body was found May 17 on a beach of Coconut Island in Kaneohe Bay. The medical examiner's report initially indicated that Xiong had been shot, but it later was determined that the wounds were caused by ocean animals after his death.

Although Xiong's hands were cuffed behind his back, investigators have not yet categorized his death.

He was seen at a store on the base May 13, but he didn't show up for work the following morning. Base officials searched his barracks and categorized him as taking unauthorized absence.

Officials with the Naval Investigative Service, the Marines and police in Hawaii are conducting a joint investigation. They declined to speculate about his death.

□ Law Helping Hmong Veterans Become Citizens Expires

MINNEAPOLIS—A special law, which more than 3,000 Hmong veterans in Minnesota used to become citizens, expired May 26.

The Hmong Veterans Naturalization Act of 2000 gave up to 45,000 Hmong veterans and their wives and widows the chance to take the U.S. citizenship test in their own language rather than in English. It also eased civics tests for applicants, though they must meet other typical citizenship requirements.

Nationwide, only 5,331 people became citizens under the law.

The law initially expired in November 2001, but Chong Bee Vang, executive director of the Lao Veterans of America branch in St. Paul and other veterans lobbied for more time so they could get the word out to the Hmong community.

With support from the late Sen. Paul Wellstone and Rep. Betty McCollum, D-Minn., an 18-month extension was given to veterans.

Widows of veterans can still apply for citizenship under this law until early November because they weren't included at the beginning of the 18 months.

□ Hate Crimes Against Arabs, Muslims Declined in 2002

FORT WORTH, Texas—Hate crimes against Arabs and Muslims in Texas dropped about 70 percent last year, compared to crime statistics from 2001, according to

recently released state figures.

However, crime rates were still four times higher than pre-Sept. 11 numbers, the Texas Department of Public Safety report shows.

A record number of hate crimes against Arabs and Muslims were reported in 2001, due to Sept. 11 backlash, according to an analysis in the June 2 edition of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

Two hate crimes were reported by Arabs or Muslims from January 2001 through Sept. 10, 2001, according to the DPS report. After Sept. 11, 62 Arabs and 28 Muslims reported having been victims of hate crimes.

In 2002, 19 Arabs and 11 Muslims reported having been victims of hate crimes. Despite the drop in crime, Arab and Muslim leaders said the war in Iraq sparked another resurgence of intolerance.

Hate crimes in Texas after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks included the slaying of a convenience store clerk in Mesquite and the fire-bombing of a Denton mosque. Bullets shattered windows of the Islamic Center in Irving, and an arson attempt took place at a Muslim-owned gas station in Austin.

□ OHA Trustees Continue Akaka Bill Support

HONOLULU—Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs have voted to continue to support the so-called Akaka bill, even though approval of the Hawaiian recogni-

tion bill likely would mean an end to their organization.

An amended version of the federal recognition bill was approved by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs early May, clearing it for a Senate vote.

The bill states that a certified and recognized Native Hawaiian government entity would assume all assets held for Hawaii's indigenous people. This includes OHA's \$260 million, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' 200,000 acres of homestead land, and Kahoolawe Island.

If the bill isn't passed, OHA and Hawaiian Homes could be terminated, with their assets going to the rest of the people in the state and nation, said OHA Trustee Boyd Mossman, referring to the pending legal challenges to government-sponsored programs for Hawaiians.

Chairwoman Haunani Apoliona released a timeline that calls for the election of delegates who will meet to draft the governing documents of the Hawaiian nation. Ratification of the proposed constitution for the Hawaiian nation is scheduled for next March through May. It could be somewhat similar to the governing bodies of Indian tribes on the mainland.

□ Michigan Hospital to be Renamed After Inouye, Hart, Dole

HONOLULU—A former Army hospital in Michigan was renamed May 31 in honor of three current and former U.S.

senators, including Hawaii Sen. Daniel Inouye.

The 100-year-old building originally known as the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Battle Creek, Mich., will be known in the future as the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center.

The renaming is part of the "Century of Service" centennial celebration of the building, which also was called the Percy Jones Army Hospital.

Inouye, former Sen. Bob Dole and the late Sen. Phil Hart were all wounded Army officers who were treated at Percy Jones hospital following World War II.

"I am humbled and honored to have this particular facility, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, named after me and my two distinguished colleagues," Inouye said in a statement. "I will always be indebted to the doctors, therapists and nurses at Percy Jones who provided me with excellent treatment and care."

Sen. Carl Levine, D-Mich., led the effort to have the center renamed after the three men.

The facility was converted from the Battle Creek Sanitarium to the hospital in 1942. The hospital treated more than 78,000 military personnel who were wounded during World War II.

As a result of a \$25 million renovation project that was completed in 1996, the building was stripped of its hospital rooms and surgical bays. It now is a workplace mainly used by the Defense Logistics Agency, where about 1,500 government employees and 300 contractors work. ■

APAs in the News Awards, Appointments, Announcements

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) recently announced the appointment of **Chiling Tong** as the new associate director of legislation, education, and intergovernmental affairs. Tong will now oversee MBDA's Congressional outreach, intergovernmental affairs, international trade, advocacy and outreach to the federal, state and local governments. Prior to her appointment with MBDA, Tong served as the deputy assistant secretary for Asia and the Pacific for the International Trade Administration, in the Department of Commerce. Previously, she was director of California's Office of Trade and Investment in Taipei, Taiwan, and served as assistant secretary for international trade in the California Trade and Commerce Agency. She was also appointed by President George Bush as a commissioner of the White House Initiative for Asian Pacific Islander Americans.

Steve Okamoto was inducted into Foster City's "Sports Wall of Fame" at Sea Cloud Park June 14. The monument has names of the individuals who have been instrumental in the success of Foster City youth sports. The three organizations that nominate inductees are the Little League, Youth Baseball and AYSO. Okamoto is currently the director of estate and asset services of the American Cancer Society.

Judge Dana Sabraw was

recently nominated by President Bush for the position of U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of California in San Diego. If confirmed, he will become the first Asian American federal judge in this district. Sabraw is a long-time active member of the San Diego Asian Pacific Islander American community and is a member of the San Diego JACL chapter. He was recently the keynote speaker at the San Diego JACL's scholarship banquet and is a frequent panelist and speaker at APIA community legal forums.

Xiang Lanxin, professor of politics at the Institut universitaire de hautes études internationales in Geneva, Switzerland, has been named the new Henry Alfred Kissinger Scholar in Foreign Policy and International Relations at the Library of Congress. Xiang is the third scholar to occupy the Kissinger chair since the position was created in 2000 through the generosity of friends of the former secretary of state to honor him and emphasize the importance of foreign affairs. The Kissinger chair program offers outstanding thinkers and practitioners a unique opportunity to pursue advanced research in the largest and most international collection of library materials in the world. As the occupant of the Kissinger chair, Xiang will spend 10 months at the John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress. He has chosen "The Idea of Democracy and Sino-U.S. Relations" as his area of research.

Ruth Kitayama Terao and **Dorothy Kittaka** have been selected as participants in the Fulbright Memorial Fund (FMF) Teacher Program from a national

pool of over 2,500 applicants. The program allows distinguished primary and secondary teachers in the United States to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between the two nations. The program is sponsored by the Government of Japan and was launched to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. government Fulbright Program, which has enabled more than 6,000 Japanese citizens to study in the United States on Fulbright fellowships for graduate education and research. The 600 participants selected for the program will visit Japan in separate groups of 200 either in June, October, or November.

Hwa-Wei Lee was recently appointed chief of the Asian Division of the Library of Congress. Lee graduated from National Taiwan Normal University and earned master's degrees in education and library science and a doctorate in education and library science from the University of Pittsburgh. He has more than 40 years of experience in academic libraries including the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Colorado State University and Ohio University, where he held the position of dean of libraries for more than 21 years until his retirement in 1999. He served as dean emeritus at Ohio University until his recent appointment to the Library of Congress. The Library of Congress is a central repository for all types of Asian publications that are not broadly available at other locations in the United States. ■

Census Study Shows Severe Poverty Among NYC's AA Children

An analysis of new census data reveals severe levels of poverty among Asian American children living in New York City, the Asian American Federation of New York said June 10.

The public policy leadership organization announced its findings as AAs — the fastest-growing population group in New York City — are struggling to recoup Sept. 11th-related economic losses and as proposed city budget cuts threaten vital services for poor AA children.

Nearly one in four AA children in New York City lives in poverty, the federation's federally designated Census Information Center (www.aafny.org/cic/) concluded from recently released Census 2000 poverty and income information.

The federation found that 24 percent of AA children, or 46,698 youngsters, fell below the poverty threshold of \$17,063 in annual income for a family of four. This poverty incidence significantly surpasses that for non-Hispanic white children in the city (16 percent), all U.S. children (17 percent), and AA children nationwide (14 percent).

What's more, the federation's analysis charted much higher AA child poverty levels for certain ethnic groups and for certain boroughs and neighborhoods than overall figures might indicate.

"We are very concerned about the significant poverty rates among Asian American children in New York City — particularly in light of population and economic trends," said Cao K. O., executive director of the federation. "The rapid growth of the city's Asian American communi-

ty magnifies the implications of our findings. In addition, as New York's Asian American families continue to recover from the September 11th aftermath, proposed city budget cuts endanger social services, health and education programs that have begun to help poor children break out of poverty cycles."

Providing perspective, O said, "New York City agencies historically have underserved Asian American children, due in part to a shortage of culturally and linguistically relevant services, as well as limited outreach efforts targeting Asian American communities. Contrary to the 'Model Minority' myth that all Asian Americans are self-sufficient high achievers, New York City's predominantly immigrant Asian American population needs programs to help children and parents overcome cultural and language barriers, to support employment, and to care for latchkey children."

O noted that a few city programs have started offering AA children and families opportunities to improve their circumstances. However, he said pending funding reductions would erode these gains.

"In these tough economic times, New Yorkers need to work together to protect our city's vulnerable children," O said. The federation is calling on policymakers to consider the effects of curtailing programs and to spare programs that are working. We're also encouraging community leaders, as well as private funders, to help find new ways to meet Asian American children's needs." ■



APIA Leaders Announce Start of APIA Public Safety Campaign

Leaders representing over 20 Asian Pacific Islander American community organizations announced June 5 the start of the APIA Public Safety Campaign in the city of Los Angeles, a long-term effort to advocate on public safety issues affecting the APIA community.

In a meeting with Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton May 28 the coalition expressed the importance of making public safety issues affecting the APIA community a high priority in the LAPD. The meeting was organized by LAPD Police Commissioner Rose Ochi.

During the two-hour meeting the coalition raised five public safety issues affecting the APIA community: language accessibility of the LAPD, leadership and recruitment of LAPD officers, community-based policing, hate crimes, and the proposed LAPD headquarters and jail facility in Little Tokyo.

Chief Bratton expressed openness to the various suggestions raised by the APIA leaders, noting that he is considering the creation of a special hate crimes unit within the LAPD. The chief also noted that he comes

from Boston, the first city in the United States to create such a unit.

The coalition noted that the recent LAPD audit to determine the department's performance in responding to calls and requests for assistance from non-English speakers resulted in 18 inadequate responses out of 28 calls. Chief Bratton said he was concerned about the LAPD's language access issues and is committed to improving the LAPD's service to non-English speakers.

"I think we all left with a better understanding of our common goal: improved public safety for the Asian Pacific Islander Community," said Ochi.

The APIA community represents 11 percent of the population of the City of Los Angeles.

Led by the Asian Pacific Islander Police Advisory Council, the official APIA advisory council to the Police Commission, the coalition includes: the JACL, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Korean American Coalition, Organization of Chinese Americans, Little Tokyo Service Center, and the South Asian Bar Association. ■

Over 700 Attend Gila River Reunion

By TED TAJIMA

The 2003 Gila River reunion held June 6-7 at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas drew 760 people.

This was the fourth reunion to be held since 1995. Because this reunion was rumored to be the last, some attendees thought the rumor might have accounted for the large turnout.

This year's reunion committee was headed by Hayao Shishino of Cerritos, Calif., and the keynote speaker was Cherry Tsutsumida, former executive director of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation (NJAMF).

The reunion was dedicated to the 1,100 men and women who left Gila River's two camps — Butte and Canal — to serve in the Armed Forces during World War II.

A plaque was presented to the family of the late Staff Sgt. Kazuo Otani, who died in action in Italy and was recently awarded the Medal of

Honor posthumously. The presentation was made by 442nd Regimental Combat Team veterans Jimmy Makino of San Gabriel Valley, Calif., and Hiro Takusagawa of Gardena, Calif.

Otani's nephew, Norman Otani of Fresno, Calif., accepted the plaque on behalf of the Otani family. He in turn presented a framed copy of the Medal of Honor citation to the Gila River reunion committee.

The Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84 of the Gila River Indian community participated in the color guard presentation. Among the color guards were Masaji Inoshita and Joe Allman, two Arizona JACL officers and Gila River reunion committee members.

Keynote speaker Tsutsumida, who was not yet a teenager when Gila River closed, said her family was one of the last to leave the camp. As they were exiting, Tsutsumida said someone handed her a Yale lock to place on the camp gate in 1945. She

said she wondered why the camp gate should even be locked.

In 1997, Tsutsumida became the executive director of the NJAMF and led the campaign to raise more than \$12 million for the construction of a monument in Washington, D.C. She said it was the thousands of "ordinary people who sacrificed from their daily living expenses" that made the building of the monument possible.

Tsutsumida is currently involved with the planning of a cherry blossom festival to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Commodore Matthew Perry's landing in Japan and the establishment of diplomatic ties between the United States and Japan.

Other reunion events were a golf tournament and a buffet gathering on Saturday. The directory of reunion registrants showed representation from 23 states, the farthest being Florida, Massachusetts and Hawaii. ■

'Minidoka Remembered' Set for Seattle Aug. 1-3

A reunion of former Minidokans, families and friends is set for the weekend of Aug. 1-3 in Seattle. Minidoka was located in southern Idaho and most of its 10,000 internees were from Bainbridge Island, Portland and the Seattle area.

Noted artist Roger Shimomura will be the keynote speaker at a banquet on Sat., Aug. 2, at the Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport. The weekend's events will also feature award-winning author Ken Mochizuki, an exhibit of the paintings of the late Kenjiro Nomura and the photography of Emily Momohara.

Shimomura is a Seattle native and was interned in Minidoka with his family. Mochizuki is the author of "Baseball Saved Us," set in an internment camp. Nomura painted scenes of life in Minidoka while he was

interned there. Momohara's present-day photographs of Minidoka convey the stark conditions endured by internees.

Other speakers include University of Washington professor Tetsuden Kashima, David Yamaguchi, and Brooks Andrews, son of the late Rev. Emery Andrews.

"Minidoka Remembered" will also feature exhibits by the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community and Bainbridge Island Nikkei Exclusion Memorial Committee, Densho, Friends of Minidoka, JACL — Pride and Shame, Japanese American National Museum, U.S. National Park Service, Nisei Veterans Committee, Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, "This Was Minidoka" (book offering), and the Wing Luke Museum.

During the reunion, the National Park Service will hold public workshops to discuss draft proposals for the development of the Minidoka Internment National Monument. Seventy-three acres of the original camp were designated a National Park unit in 2001, officially recognizing the site as nationally significant in American history. The historic site will be preserved and carefully developed over the next 20 years.

The workshops are set for 3 - 5 p.m., Fri., Aug. 1, and 10 a.m. - noon, Sat., Aug. 2.

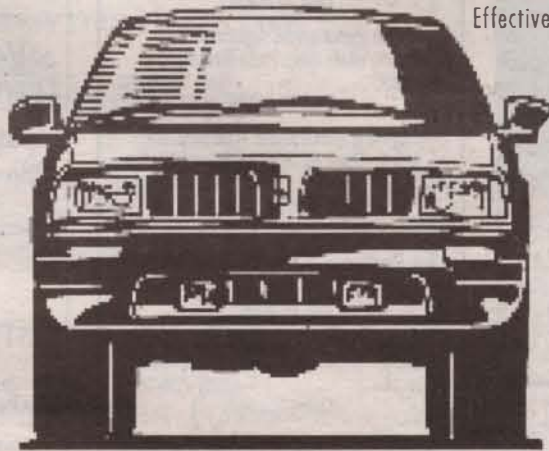
To register for "Minidoka Remembered," or for more information about accommodations and events, contact Gloria Shigeno, 425/649-0100, or via e-mail at: gloriashigeno@hotmail.com. ■



(L-r): Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell, Los Angeles Police Dept.; Robin Toma, Asian Pacific Islander American Police Advisory Counsel; Chief William Bratton, LAPD; Commissioner Rose Ochi, Los Angeles Police Commission; Johnny Lai, co-chair, APIA Police Advisory Counsel.

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JACL Corner

South Bay Chapter

The South Bay JACL announced the six recipients of the 2003 Kiichi Egashira Memorial Scholarship at a luncheon on May 31 at El Retiro Park in Torrance, Calif.

Lori Hashi, South Torrance High, daughter of Katsuo and Rumiko Hashi of Torrance, will attend UC Irvine and study to become a veterinarian; Juli K. Matsumoto, daughter of John and Tamae Matsumoto of Torrance, is a

Scholarship is awarded to students of Japanese ancestry residing in the South Bay who plan on pursuing a degree in any scientific field of study. Ichio Egashira of Homeland, Calif., established the scholarship in 1987 in memory of his brother Kiichi, who was an engineer at TRW.

The one-time Joseph Hiraoka Memorial Scholarship of \$2,500 was established by his widow to be awarded to a student of Japanese

San Diego Chapter

The San Diego chapter held its annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon recently at Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant.

Nicholas Whitenack of Rancho Bernardo High received the top award of \$1,000. He will matriculate at UCLA and major in biomedical engineering. Matthew Teeter of Horizon High received \$750 and plans to attend Harvey Mudd College. Maki Kitano of Bonita Vista High was awarded \$500; he will attend UC San Diego and major in mathematics or science.

Recipients of \$350 scholarships were: Ryan Farrar, Poway High; Tracey Katayama, Vista High; Tracie Kobayashi, Morse High; Joseph Allen Ramirez, Hilltop High; Erica Swift, Montgomery High; Rodric Townsel, Eastlake; Rebecca Valadez, Mar Vista High; Yui Watanabe, Eastlake High; and Jeffery Yamauchi, Valhalla High.

David Kawamoto of the San Diego chapter, who presently serves as JACL national vice president, general operations, provided the keynote address in which he informed the guests of JACL's many past and present accomplishments. He also provided a brief background on Mike Masaoka, whose Japanese American Creed was included in the event's program.

The chapter's scholarship committee coordinated the ceremony as well as selecting the winners. The committee included Carol Kawamoto, chair, Dr. Yuri Kaneda, Judge Gale Kaneshiro, Jeanne Kashima and James Yamate.

San Mateo JACL Community Center Renamed

The San Mateo JACL Community Center has been renamed the San Mateo Japanese American Community Center, the community center advisory board announced.

The San Mateo Japanese Gardeners Association recently voted to disband their organization because of declining membership.

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(L-r) Front row: David Kawamoto, national JACL v.p. of general operations, Nicholas Whitenack, Maki Kitano, Matthew Teeter, Carol Kawamoto, scholarship chair.

Back row: Tracie Kobayashi, Tracey Katayama, Rebeca Valadez, Rodric Townsel, Ryan Farrar, Jeffery Yamauchi, Joseph Allen Ramirez, Erica Swift, Yui Watanabe.

As a result, the members chose to present the property, which includes a meeting hall and the present San Mateo Japanese American Community Center building, to the community center.

The community center will continue to operate as it has in the past. Sats Hane, community center advisory board, will now select a committee to oversee the reorganization of the community center and report its findings and recommendations to the board. The Legal Aid

Society of San Mateo County is providing assistance to the community center with the acquisition of the SMGA property.

"The gift that the San Mateo Gardeners Association made to the community center has overwhelmed all of us. We accept this generous gift from SMGA and [will] be ever mindful that his gift was given to us so that we can continue to serve the Japanese American community as we have in the past," said Hane. ■

New Mixed-Race Group Halvsie Formed in Northwest

Halvsie, a new, independent, Northwest-based cultural association, is inviting all persons of half-Japanese descent to join the group for discussion, networking, and empowerment. Currently Halvsie is hosting a website at <http://www.halvsie.com/> as well as planning future events in various locations around the United States and Canada.

Halvsie is a new ad-hoc collection of mixed-race Japanese who are interested in meeting one another, exchanging experiences, interests and ideas in order to introduce a discussion of their unique place in-between Japanese, Nikkei and Western culture.

Numerous terms are used to describe mixed-race Japanese: Hapa, mixed-bloods, doubles, half

and half, to which the group would like to add "halvsie." Unique bicultural signifiers include the California Roll, SPAM musubi, the Hawaiian Islands, the JET program, and Japanglish. Halvsie is inviting all interested parties to contact them or at least visit their website.

Famous Halvsies include the Today Show's Ann Curry, Olympian Apolo Ohno, author Ruth Ozeki and hockey player Paul Kariya. For a full list visit the Halvsie website.

Halvsie discussions are open to all ages and the website is an organizational tool used to gauge interest in producing a more robust website and scheduling monthly or bimonthly events.

For more information contact the group at info@halvsie.com or call 503/222-2324. ■



Pictured here with California Assemblymember George Nakano, (l-r): Shoji Ueki, Tiffany Kimoto (Joseph Hiraoka Memorial Scholarship recipient), Candice Moriyama, Assemblymember Nakano, Juli K. Matsumoto, Kristine Nakama, Ashley Matsumura, and scholarship chair and South Bay JACL board member Ray Shibata.

biology major at Pepperdine University; Ashley Matsumura, daughter of Florence Suzuki of Palos Verdes, will study occupational therapy at Boston University; Candice Moriyama, daughter of Grant and Juli Moriyama of Hermosa Beach, will pursue a biology degree at Brigham Young University; Kristine Nakama, daughter of Steve and April Nakama of Torrance, will attend El Camino College; and Shoji Derek Ueki, son of Masaki and Sumi Ueki of Torrance, is majoring in mechanical engineering and business at the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition, the South Bay chapter administered the Joseph Hiraoka Memorial Scholarship to Tiffany Kimoto, daughter of Paul and Peggy Kimoto of Torrance, who will attend UC Santa Barbara.

Featured speaker at the luncheon was El Camino College math professor and Boeing Space Systems consultant David Nakatani.

The Kiichi Egashira Memorial

ancestry who had not only high grades, but also showed promise and a good heart — symbolic to the manner in which Joseph Hiraoka lived.

Santa Maria Valley Chapter

The Santa Maria Valley chapter held their 7th Annual Scholarship Luncheon on June 14 at the Central City Broiler Restaurant in Santa Maria.

The three scholarship recipients of \$500 each were: Brandon Carroll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Carroll of Santa Maria; Akiko Miyake-Stoner, daughter of Rev. Bob and Dr. Nobuko Miyake-Stoner of Lakewood, Colo.; and Esther Tanouye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshiaki Tanouye of Arroyo Grande, Calif.

Keynote speaker at the luncheon was Tak Oishi, administrator of the Keiro Retirement Home in Los Angeles, who spoke on the various services and programs offered for senior citizens.

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OLYMPIC SWIMMING

Two-time U.S. Olympic Gold Swimmer Retraces Roots to Vietnam

TU SON, Vietnam—For years, Olympic swimmer **Catherine Mai Lan Fox** put a desire to compete ahead of the dream to explore her Vietnamese roots.

When she dived gracefully into a weathered concrete pool in this town north of Hanoi, she realized she had combined both ambitions.

Fox, 25, has hungered to visit her mother's native land since she was a child, but a rigorous training regimen always prevented her — until now.

The two-time U.S. Olympic gold medallist is spending three weeks traveling Vietnam from north to south with her father and cousin. She will end up in southern Can Tho province to visit relatives she's never met and the place where her parents married more than 30 years ago.

"This trip has been on my mind for the past 15 years," she said. "It's something I've been looking forward to for a long time."

But Fox didn't leave her swim cap at home in San Francisco. Instead, she's sharing techniques with young Vietnamese swimmers and instilling in them a confidence that they also can be champions.

A line of dripping youngsters walked beside Fox as she glided swiftly through the water in the pool at the University of Sports and Physical Culture No. 1 in Tu Son. She demonstrated floating drills and coached them on how to get the most speed and distance out of each stroke.

"Mai Lan is not very big and not as tall as other foreign swimmers, but she has proved that she can win anything," said Vu Thi Men, a former women's national champi-

on in Vietnam who coaches youth and national teams. "The swimmers here can learn from her and also learn that they can earn good results even being as short as she is."

Fox, who was part of the winning 400-meter freestyle and medley relays in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, admitted to feeling a little insecure because it has been months since her last time in the water. But the young swimmers hoping to make the cut for this year's Southeast Asian Games in Vietnam watched every move as if she were training for a major meet.

"If you're allowed, you can take part in the Vietnamese national team," joked Dinh Viet Hung from the Committee of Physical Culture and Sports. "We consider you as Vietnamese, and we do hope that one day (you) will receive the gold medal with the Vietnamese flag."

Fox said that echoed the same welcome she received from nearly everyone in Vietnam, a place that has always defined a major part of who she is.

"The people are wonderful, the humor is wonderful," she said. "They're not shy at all, so I kinda see where I get that from to a certain extent."

Her father, Tom Fox, met To Kim Hoa while he was working as a reporter for the *New York Times* during the Vietnam War. He spoke fluent Vietnamese after spending two years previously working for a volunteer group. Hoa was a social worker helping injured children when the two fell in love. They were married in a combined traditional Vietnamese and Catholic wedding.

"In December 1972, she was pregnant and it was getting difficult to find the right medical centers, Tom Fox said. "We decided to come home."

The couple had three children in Detroit before moving to Kansas City, Kan., where they discovered their youngest child's affinity for swimming.

"We tried to teach the children to swim early. You know, you dunk them in the water and you pop them up and dunk them and pop them up, but Catherine never wanted just to be dunked, she wanted us to let her go," Tom Fox recalled. "We thought that in a previous life she might have been a dolphin or something."

Catherine Fox began training when she was 13, and after committing to work for a slot on the Olympic team, there was no time between school and the 30 hours of practice each week to consider a trip to Vietnam.

OLYMPICS IOC Board Backs Olympic Status for Pacific Island Group

MADRID, Spain—**Kiribati**, an island group in the Pacific, is set to become part of the Olympic movement.

The IOC executive board on May 17 endorsed Kiribati's bid for official recognition as a national Olympic committee.

Formal approval is expected at the IOC session in Prague, Czech Republic, in July. Kiribati will become the 200th nation or territory recognized by the IOC. ■

Her whole family, including her older brother and sister, all got a chance to explore their heritage. But she was forced to stay at home.

"I said, 'Someday, after you finish your swimming, I'll bring you to Vietnam,'" Tom Fox said, adding that an arthritic knee kept Hoa from joining them. "This trip is to introduce her to Vietnam, and it's sort of that promise I made back then."

Catherine Fox missed the 2000 Sydney Olympics by a fraction of a second. Although she was disappointed, she said it was time to dis-

cover new interests that swimming had prevented her from exploring.

The Stanford graduate is working as a massage therapist and taking hand-balancing and contortion classes at the San Francisco School of Circus Arts, but she's not sure what the future holds. She may even return to Vietnam one day to help the communist country train the next gold medallist.

"I'm just trying to continue to learn," she said. "I would love to come back, though, and continue to work in Vietnam and learn from them as well." ■

BASEBALL

Kim Selected in Fourth Round of Draft

James Madison University senior first baseman **Eddie Kim** was selected in the fourth round of the 2003 First-Year Player Draft conducted by Major League Baseball. He was selected by the Oakland Athletics as the 122nd overall pick.

Kim, the Player of the Year in the Colonial Athletic Association in 2002 and 2003, finished his high school career with the school-record .409 batting average and tied the school's record for home runs with 36. This season he led the CAA with 67 RBIs, was second in runs scored (57), had a .481 on-base percentage, and was third in slugging percentage (.740).

This season Kim was a repeat third-team Louisville Slugger All-America selection by *Collegiate Baseball*. He was also a second-team All-America selection by the American Baseball Coaches Association in 2002 and this

spring he was named the Player of the Year in the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

Kim is the son of Jin and Dong Ho Kim and majored in kinesiology with a concentration in sport management at James Madison University. ■

Bonds Record 73rd Home Run Ball to be Auctioned on TV

Barry Bonds historic 73rd home run ball is set to be auctioned off live on ET Sports Center June 25. Currently the ball is being held in a court-ordered form of trust by Patrick Hayashi and Alex Popov who both claimed to be the rightful owners of the much-prized ball.

Representatives at the sports auction house Leland's are guessing the ball will sell for upwards of \$3 million. ■

BASKETBALL

Yao Returning to China for Exhibition

NEW YORK—**Yao Ming** will return to China with the Houston Rockets for exhibition games in October 2004.

The Rockets will play the Sacramento Kings in games in Shanghai and Beijing, the first ever played by the NBA in China. They will feature Yao, who was the first overall choice in the draft last year.

The NBA also announced its overseas schedule for 2003,

including games in Saitama, Japan, on Oct. 30 and Nov. 1 between Seattle and the Los Angeles Clippers to open the regular season.

Overseas exhibitions include Dallas and Utah in Mexico City on Oct. 5; Miami and Philadelphia in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Oct. 7; San Antonio and Memphis in Paris on Oct. 8; and Memphis vs. FC Barcelona in Barcelona on Oct. 10. ■

GOLF

Teen Phenom Wie Rallies to Clinch Berth in U.S. Women's Open Bid

HEATHROW, Fla.—Credit impatience of youth for one of golf's newest phenoms landing a berth in the U.S. Women's Open.

Thirteen-year-old **Michelle Wie** birdied the first hole of a playoff at a sectional qualifying event on June 9, giving her one of the last bids to the upcoming major tournament.

She struggled early at the Country Club of Heathrow, north of Orlando, with three straight bogeys in her first six holes, but rallied with an even-par final round to reach the playoffs.

"As she teed up, she said, 'Let's make birdie so we can get out of here,'" said her father and caddie,

B.J. Wie, a University of Hawaii professor. "So, she made a birdie."

The U.S. Women's Open will be played at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club in North Plains, Ore., on July 3-6.

"I had a feeling I was going to (qualify) because I make everything on my third try," Wie said. "I got to the Open on my third try, I got to the U.S. Juniors on my third try, I got to the U.S. Amateur on my third try."

This will be the second major for Wie. At the Kraft Nabisco championship in March, she shot a 6-under 66 to get in the final group before finishing ninth. ■

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Anti-Americanism in Europe? Minorities Are a Greater Concern There

UNDERSTANDABLY, anti-Americanism smoldering in Europe grabs greater attention in the U.S. media because of our historic background and Caucasian majority. Most of us, except for the Nisei who fought in Europe and their families, are too far away geographically from Europe to look that way. But a special report in *The Economist* (May 10) on Europe's minorities piqued my interest to look there — because of the "minorities" angle, a staple in the Japanese American newspaper diet.

While European societies are facing the issue of how to keep out new foreigners, the venerable London newspaper concludes that the policy of nations (the Netherlands, France, Germany, Britain, Denmark, Norway, Spain and Italy) should dwell on "how to integrate the minorities they already have." (California came to mind.)

The tolerant Dutch lived by the notion of a "mosaic" society, not a "melting pot." For centuries, their scheme of integration was: "We are Catholics and Protestants; we each have our own churches, schools, even sports clubs. We live in mutual respect. We're all Dutch." After 9/11, a Dutch magazine poll asked Muslims about their view of the attack. "A bad thing," said 61 percent. That shocked the native Dutch: "What kind of community is it where the other 39 percent do not automatically condemn the murder of 3,000 innocents?" The conclu-

sion was: They're "not like us."

In Britain, the race relations board has grappled with the question about the Jews since it was formed in 1966 and in most cases, the answer was: "Teach the natives (the Brits) to be less prejudiced."

Most of Britain's 300,000 Jews are descended from east European immigrants of the 1880-1910 era. When they arrived, they were concentrated in poor east London, spoke foreign tongues, had their own religion and habits and were often disliked by the native Brits. Officialdom hardly lifted a finger to turn them into Britons. That was left to the efforts of sympathetic, or worried, Jews already in place. Yet, by now Britain's Jews (except the Hasidim) are "assimilated as British, as any descendants of the Angles or Normans. They did it; why not leave other [minorities] alone today to do the same?"

The Danes are very conscious of their immigrants. Their approach — "When in Rome do as the Romans do" — is spreading fast. They elected a liberal (free market) government in 2001, began a new ministry for immigrants and integration, which began to fiercely shut its doors but also push integration. The emphasis: "Work is the key to integration." Welfare benefits for newly arrived were cut for their first seven years, but they now draw them while working part time. To help the process, newcomers must take up compulsory courses in civics and language. "Fail to comply and your

stingy benefits will become even stingier," the Danes warn. Extra money for integration is going into job counseling for immigrants and to educate foreign women brought in for marriage. Naturalization requires nine years' legal residency plus other requirements.

Norway, following the Denmark line of compulsory induction, has less anti-immigration feelings but a new rule won by its most anti-immigrant and popular party bars asylum-seekers from bringing in family members unless they can support themselves.

Germany, for years, welcomed its "guest workers" from Turkey as workers but did not try to integrate them. As newcomers, they naturally tended to and cheerfully were left to their own ways, socializing, shopping and praying together. They read their own newspaper in German-print editions and watched

their own satellite TV programs. An immigration law passed last year aimed at integration with publicly financed courses in the German language, history and civics. But the Constitutional Court struck it down. It may yet be revived, according to *The Economist*.

The French notion of integration is strictly that of the "melting pot" with heat supplied by "republican values" or secularism. Since 9/11 and arising alarm about Muslim terrorists, especially from Algeria, talk focuses on the need for newcomers to accept French values but with little said about how to achieve it. Authorities have long been eager to see Islam "naturalized" with imams trained in France rather than being sent and paid for from abroad. A secular state by the constitution, France cannot finance religion. But it was generous in regularizing the status of illegal immigrants in 1997. Of the 140,000 who applied, 80,000 were accepted.

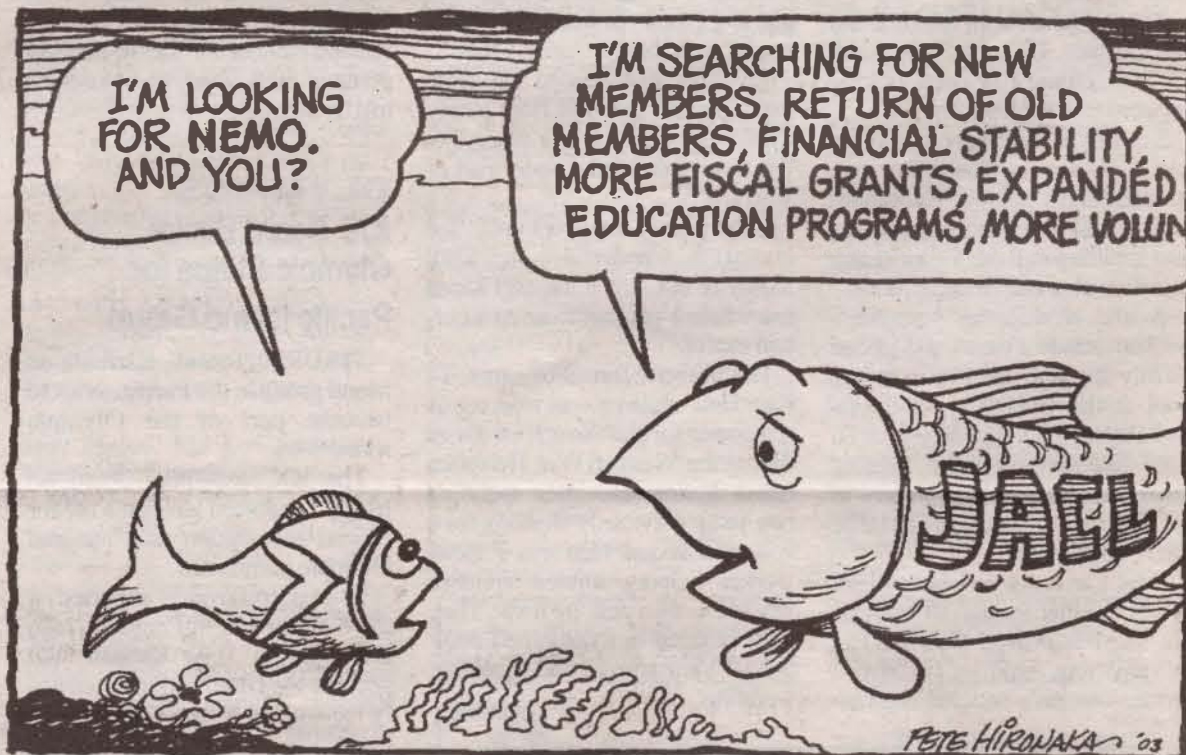
Spain and Italy, centuries ago, were actually ruled by Muslims (the Moors from North Africa and the Ottomans from Turkey, respectively). And they are surprisingly relaxed about their immigrant descendants, *The Economist* explains. Spaniards hear more about

the Moroccans drowned trying to swim across the straits of Gibraltar than about the thousands laboring in Andalusia's flower fields.

Italian governments often acted to legalize illegal immigrants in the 1990s — over 200,000. The Berlusconi government, openly anti-immigrant, received almost 700,000 applications last summer. How many will succeed is unclear. The home minister has aimed to isolate the extremists and met with Italy's moderate Muslims. But the problem lies not in alien values, but that with Balkan immigrants, Muslim or Mafia values and being allowed to work itself out.

The European Union countries already let each other's citizens vote in local elections. Now the argument is for "civic citizenship," providing long-term residents from outside with equal voting rights, to more valuable ones with equal access to education and jobs. *The Economist* sees the need for active integration policies. "It cannot sit around and wait . . . That has been tried. It has not brought disaster — but it could."

This problem piece might be a globalization of "minorities." But that "g" word scares me more, impact-wise, than the "m" word. ■



By the Board

Ryan Chin, V.P. Membership

A JACL (Credit) Union

Working together, the National JACL Credit Union has teamed up with national JACL to provide membership with another new benefit. This time the collaboration is to offer JACL members the ability to process payments via credit card. The JACL Credit Union has provided national headquarters with a merchant account along with the credit card equipment to process credit card transactions.

Membership today, pay later

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Options

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to events. More options make it that much easier for people to pay.

Sign me up!

At national headquarters, we have already updated our membership envelopes and renewal forms to allow for the entering of credit card information. Therefore, renewals sent out from national JACL now offer the option of paying by credit card. Furthermore, in the coming weeks, membership forms will be updated on national JACL's website to include space for people to enter their credit card information, then mail in. This is an intermediate step as we remodel our website to allow for credit card processing to be done online.

For chapters who are centralized and publish their own membership forms, you may consider adding credit card details to your applications. The information required for credit card sales includes: type of card (M/C, Visa, other), credit card number, expiration date, telephone number of owner, and signature.

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MORI MEMO

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benefit people who sometimes need an advocate. In the aftermath of 9/11, it has become evident that JACL is still needed and will most likely always be needed in our society.

But it takes membership numbers for JACL to have clout as we try to bring about change and get our points across. The more members JACL has, the better our chances for

success. Because JACL was begun primarily by the Nisei population and was supported mostly by the Nisei for many years, our membership has declined as many of our older Nisei members have passed on. Unfortunately, we have not maintained or increased our membership by getting enough of the family members of our Nisei to join JACL.

The best way for us to begin to rectify the current financial problems of JACL is by increasing membership. It is imperative that we get

new members to join JACL and that we retain the members we already have.

A couple of years ago I mentioned in the *Pacific Citizen* that Ruth Hasegawa of Albuquerque had recommended that we increase membership by every member getting a new member for JACL. Although some people have done well in recruiting new members, we obviously failed to meet the goal of doubling our membership. It is time for us to once again try to recruit friends and family members to JACL.

Unfortunately, JACL membership numbers have continued to decrease instead of increase. It is now extremely critical that committed JACL members try to recruit new members. Our numbers have declined as our membership has aged and it is imperative that we attract younger members who can carry the banner of JACL into the future.

Congratulations to those chapters that have experienced an increase in membership over the past year. According to national JACL figures as of the end of May 2003, chapters having an increase of 4 percent or more are: Carson, Imperial Valley, Lake Washington, Alaska, French Camp, Gilroy, Japan, Mount Olympus, Omaha, Twin Cities and Cincinnati.

The numbers are somewhat misleading because of the discrepancy in the size of chapters. Our largest chapters in JACL are from the NCWNP district: San Francisco with 970 active members, San Mateo with 819 active, Sacramento with 622, San Jose with 512, and

Berkeley with 401; from the PSW district: West Los Angeles with 612 and San Diego with 499; from the PNW district: Seattle with 510; from MDC: Chicago with 599. In addition, there are a number of chapters that have an active membership of over 300. We thank these chapters for being stalwart in maintaining good membership numbers.

Although our financial problems within JACL were largely brought on because of the decline in the stock market and the decreased value of JACL investment funds over the past years, our problems could be greatly alleviated by increasing our membership. National JACL has been embarking on membership drives and is encouraging chapter members to get involved by helping recruit new members.

Each of us has associates who could benefit from JACL membership and who could in turn benefit JACL by their involvement. I would like to once again encourage JACL members everywhere to recruit new members. It should be especially easy for all of us to get some members of our family to join JACL.

I hope you are not too tired of hearing me, Executive Director John Tateishi, and other national board members continually stressing the need to increase JACL membership. It is too important an issue for us to let down on the recruitment effort. Thanks for your support of JACL. Please help JACL by getting more involved in the effort to increase membership. ■

COBLE

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Sen. John Vasconcellos, D-Santa Clara, urged his colleagues to vote for the measure "on behalf of what we stand for as Americans."

Until recently Coble had refused comment, except to say that he regrets JAs took offense at his words.

The JACL praised the Senate's decision to join the Assembly in condemning Coble.

"The JACL expresses its deepest gratitude to the California state senators for demonstrating the courage of their convictions in refusing to allow further injustice and insult to be inflicted by those who would rewrite history to suggest the internment was in any way justifiable," said Floyd Mori, JACL president. "The people of California understand the wrong of the internment and the wrong of Rep. Coble's remarks."

"Failure of political leadership led to the internment, and one of the lessons we learned is that we must hold our government accountable," said Tateishi. "Yet, despite our continued requests for the House Leadership to repudiate Rep. Coble's comments, we have only received silent dismissal. We will continue to push for a response."

Copies of the California resolution will now be forwarded to every member of Congress, the White House and the North Carolina legislature. ■


Bittersweet Graduation for Laotian Boy

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PAUL—Graduation day was bittersweet for Tchisou Tho, who got his diploma but will soon lose his family to deportation.

Nine members of Tho's family, who emigrated from Laos to the United States via France in the 1970s, will be deported after living illegally in America for almost 13 years.

Tho was nearly deported, too, but publicity about his case helped delay the deportations until after his graduation from Como Park High School. After the deportations, only Tchisou and his older sister will remain in the United States. ■



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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@jacj.org; or Joshua Mizutani Spry: youthrep@jacj.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.

Tues., July 15—Telecast, "Of Civil Wrongs & Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story"; 10 p.m. on PBS channels (check local listings).

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@jacj.org; http://www.jacjpsw.org. **2004: Tues.-Sat., Aug. 10-14**—JACL 75th Anniversary Convention: Waikiki, Hawaii; Honolulu chapter hosts say, "Come early and enjoy an extra day."

East Coast

Thurs.-Sun., July 17-20—JACL Tri-District Conference; see Omaha, Neb. **WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Sat., June 28—Washington DC JACL Chapter Picnic; 12:30 p.m.; Wheaton Regional Park, Shelter D, Shorefield Rd., Wheaton, Md.; barbecue, potluck, raffle, carousel, miniature train. Info: Craig Uchida, 301/438-3132.

Sun.-Tues., Sept. 21-23—JAVA 10th Anniversary Celebration, in conjunction with the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation and the Smithsonian Institution program, "Honoring the Legacy, Preserving the Future"; Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave. N.W.; Sunday luncheon, joint panel on the JA interment and military history; wreath-laying at the JA Memorial, Nissei baseball film, Stradivarius concert, more. Registration, info: NJAMF, 202/530-0015.

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

Thurs.-Sun., July 17-20—JACL Tri-District Conference; see Omaha, Neb. **CINCINNATI**

Sun., Aug. 17—Cincinnati JACL's Annual Potluck Dinner; (1:30 p.m. board meeting), 4 p.m. social hour, silent auction, 5 p.m. dinner, 6 p.m. entertainment; Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist church, 3799 Hyde Park Ave.

TWIN CITIES

Sun., June 29—Twin Cities JACL Super Senior Luncheon. Info: Sam Honda, 651/429-3410.

Sun., July 13—Twin Cities JACL's Summer Picnic; Rosland Park, Edina.

Mountain Plains

DENVER

Sat.-Sun., June 28-29—31st Annual Cherry Blossom Festival; 1947 Lawrence, downtown Denver; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (to 9 p.m. Saturday); food bazaar, cultural performances, martial arts, hands-on activities, artist vendors including Hisashi Otsuka, singing contest in Japanese and English, etc. Info: www.tsdbt.org/cherryblossom.html;

303/666-5104 or 303/295-1844.

HEART MOUNTAIN, Wyo.

Sat.-Mon., July 5-7—Dedication of the Heart Mountain WWII Military Honor Roll; dedication, 3 p.m. on Saturday; hike up Heart Mountain on Sunday. Info: Pat Wolfe, 307/754-2689; pwolfe@wavecom.net; or John Collins, 307/754-2272. Tour to Yellowstone on Monday coordinated by Bacon Sakatani, 626/338-8310.

Monthly—Tours of Heart Mountain camp site; offered by the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation. Info: Pat Wolfe, 307/754-2689 or e-mail pwolfe@wavecom.net.

OMAHA, Neb.

Thurs.-Sun., July 17-20—JACL Tri-District Conference (Eastern, Midwest, Mountain-Plains), "Unity: Keeping the Flame Alive"; Sheraton Omaha Hotel. Info: Jacqui Vidourek, 513/861-4860.

Intermountain

SALT LAKE CITY

Fri., July 11—The band Hiroshima performs at the Salt Lake City Jazz Festival; 8-10 p.m.; Washington Square, 400 S. State St.

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

TWIN FALLS, Idaho

Fri.-Sun., June 27-29—JACL Bi-District Conference (IDC-PNW); welcome mixer, "Hint of Hawaii" (pre-function for 2004 convention); recognition/speakers: artist Roger Shimomura, political aide Dan Shimomura and Terrell Nagata, JACL Credit Union; workshops; bone marrow registry drive; golf in the canyon, bus to Jackpot, Nev. (golf there also), Minidoka pilgrimage, fishing for rainbow trout. Info: Micki Kawakami, 208/234-1654.

Pacific Northwest

Fri.-Sun., June 27-29—JACL IDC-PNW Bi-District Conference; details at Twin Falls, Idaho.

OLYMPIA, Wash.

Sat., Aug. 9—Olympia Obon Odori; 6-9 p.m.; Capitol Lake at Water St.; hosted by Olympia JACL and Olympia-Yashiro Sister City Association. Info: Susan Ozaki Walsh, 360/455-5029, or Bob Nakamura, 360/556-3132; e-mail: sgtnilehibob@att.net.

SEATTLE

Fri.-Sun., June 27-29—Minidoka Pilgrimage. Info: <www.friendsofminidoka.org> or Emily Momohara: EHMomohara@aol.com; phone 206/409-7931.

Mon., July 7—Nikkei Concerns 23rd Annual South China Dinner; 4-9 p.m.; Perry Ko's South China Restaurant, 2714 Beacon Ave. South; to benefit Seattle Keiro, Nikkei Manor, Kokoro Kai, Nikkei Horizons, KIDcare. Tickets: 206/726-6523.

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 1-3—Minidoka Reunion; DoubleTree Hotel, Seattle Airport; all former Minidokans, their families and interested persons are invited; mixer, exhibits, panel discussions, banquet dinner with a short program; Sunday picnic. Reserve directly with the Hotel and mention the Minidoka 2003 Reunion for special rate: 800/222-8733. Info: Minidoka Reunion 2003 Committee, c/o Ronald and Gloria Shigeno, 4442-140th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98006; phone 425/649-0100, 6-9 p.m. PST; e-mail gloriashigeno@hotmail.com.

WOODINVILLE, Wash.

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

Northern California

BAY AREA

Sun., July 13—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.

DANVILLE

Sun., June 29—Diablo Valley JACL Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon; 1:30 p.m.; Tony Roma's Restaurant; guest speaker Julie Wong, past scholarship recipient and now director of communication for Los Angeles Mayor Jim Hahn. Info: Joanne Wong, 925/938-

4813.

EAST BAY

Wed., July 9—East Bay Nikkei Singles' Scholarship Awards Dinner; Solano Bar and Grill, Albany. Info: Eleanor Toi, 510/656-5440.

LODI

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

MONTEREY

Sun., June 22—Community Picnic; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Laguna Grande Park, Seaside; games and races, jump house and slide; raffle drawing; Monterey Peninsula JACL, co-sponsor.

OAKLAND

Sat., Aug. 2—Contra Costa JACL's "Day With the Oakland A's"; 1:05 p.m.; Network Associates Coliseum: A's vs Yankees, with Hideki Matsui. **RSVP ASAP:** Esther Takeuchi, 510/223-2258.

SACRAMENTO

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

SAN FRANCISCO

Fri.-Sat., June 27-28—Asian American Theater Company presents "Unbound" by Chay Yew; 8 p.m.; Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St.; concerning the women of the internment camps and starring Tamlyn Tomita. Tickets: 415/543-5738.

SAN JOSE

Tues., July 1—Exhibit Opening, "1942: Luggage From Home To Camp" by Flo Oy Wong; Japanese American Museum of San Jose, 535 N. Fifth St.. Info: 408/294-3138; www.jamsj.org. Exhibit runs through June 30, 2004.

Through September 2004—Exhibit, "Beyond Manzanar"; San Jose Museum of Art, 110 S. Market St.; 3-D interactive technology casts viewer in the role of an internee inside the camp. Free. Info: 408/294-2787, www.SanJoseMuseumofArt.org

SAN MATEO

Sun., June 22—Sunday Movie Matinee, "Rashomon"; 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.jcfc.org.

SANTA ROSA

Sun., June 29—Community Picnic; 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Finley Community Center gazebo arena, Stony Point Rd. & College Ave.; fun, games, dessert contest, jump house, hot dogs and hamburgers, soda and condiments, potluck table; hosted by Sonoma County JACL.

STOCKTON

Sat., June 21—Asian Pacific American Night with the Stockton Ports; 5 p.m.; entertainment, information booths, baseball food; fireworks. Tickets: Edwin Endow, 209/477-6905 evenings and weekends.

Sat., June 28—Concert by Shasta Taiko and the On Ensemble; Stockton Buddhist Temple Social Hall, 2820 Shimizu Dr. Tickets, info: 209/632-7942.

UNION CITY

Sat.-Sun., July 12-13—Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church 41st Annual Bazaar; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, -8 p.m. Sunday; games, food, crafts, baked goods, bingo, entertainment, raffle, more; 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd. Info: 510/471-2581; www.geocities.com/sacbenet.

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

Fri., June 20—Award-winning film "Charlotte Sometimes," opening at Laemmle Theaters in Los Angeles (777-FILM), Pasadena (626/844-6500) and Fallbrook (818/340-8710).

COSTA MESA

Thurs., June 26—Japan-America Friendship Reception; 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Jujean Kang's Asian Bistro, South Coast Plaza, 3333 Bristol St. **RSVP by June 24:** 213/627-6217 ext 202.

GLENDALE

Through Aug. 3—Exhibit, "The Art of Setsu: Portraits and Panoramas"; Forest Lawn Museum, 1712 S. Glendale Ave.; Setsu's work explores the Japanese American culture; meet the artist at 1 p.m. on June 21. Info: 800/204-3131; www.forestlawn.com.

LONG BEACH

Sat.-Sun., June 28-29—Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center's Annual Summer Carnival and Cultural Festival; 5-10 p.m.; 1766 Seabright Ave.; food, games, exhibits, crafts, taiko, ondo, judo, Hawaiian dancers on Saturday, raffle. Info: Agnes Hikida, 714/236-0335.

LOS ANGELES

Sat., June 21—Reading and Book Signing, "Invisible Gardens" by novelist Julie Shigekuni; 1:30 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-1414.

Thurs., June 26—Japanese American Cultural and Community Center's 23rd Anniversary and Pacific Pioneer Awards Dinner; George and Sakaye Aratani/Japan America Theatre; honoring the *Rafu Shimpo*, Southern California Flower Market, Union Bank of California and Chaya Restaurant Family. RSVP, info: JACCC, 213/628-2725; ac@jaccc.org.

Through June 27—Exhibit, "The Enemy Aliens: Hidden Stories of World War II"; Powell Library Bldg., UCLA; documenting how the U.S. government treated Japanese, German and Italian American immigrants during WWII. Info: 310/825-2974.

Sat.-Sun., July 12-13—Zenshuji Soto Temple Obon Carnival; 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; 123 S. Hewitt St., Little Tokyo; food, flower and doll displays, taiko, karate, Japanese and Okinawa dance, Zendeiko, Bon-Odori, steel drum band, games, contests, more. Info: 213/624-8658.

Sun., July 13—Third Annual Community Law Day; 1-3 p.m.; Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr.; topics: privacy, identity theft, consumer fraud, internet security, durable powers of attorney; light refreshments; sponsored by the Venice Culver JACL. RSVP by July 7 (requested but not required): Diana Nishiura, 310/838-9862, or Florence Ochi, 323/291-1450.

Sat., July 19—Japanese American Community Day at Dodger Stadium;

1:10 p.m.; Dodgers vs. St. Louis Cardinals; see Hideo Nomo, Kazuhisa Ishii, So Taguchi. Group discounts. Info: Asian Operations Dept., 323/224-4271, or Group Sales, 323/224-4121.

Through Sept. 14—Exhibit, "Sights Unseen: The Photographic Constructions of Masumi Hayashi"; Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414.

Sat., Oct. 11—10th National JACL Singles Conference; Hacienda Hotel, LAX; all-day conference and dinner dance, for singles to explore, experience, enjoy; hosted by Greater L.A. Singles and Orange County Sansei Singles. Info: asiansinglesconf.org; Miyako1@earthlink.net; 310/559-4024.

RIVERSIDE

Sun., June 29—Riverside JACL Community Potluck Picnic; 11 a.m.; Sylvan Park, Redlands; bingo, volleyball, games, races, raffle.

SAN DIEGO

Sat., June 21—9th Annual Kids' Culture Day; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; San Diego Buddhist Temple; sponsored by the San Diego JACL. Registration \$15. Info: 619/230-0314.

Sun., June 29—San Diego JACL's Annual Community Picnic; 11 a.m.-dusk; East Crown Point Shores, Mission Bay. Info: 619/230-0314.

WEST COVINA

Sat., July 5—West Covina Buddhist Temple Obon Festival; 1-9 p.m.; 1203 W. Puente Ave.; food, games prizes, kendo, karate, judo, classical and obon dance, taiko, flower arranging, kimekomi dolls, arts, crafts. Info: 626/913-0622 or 626/960-2566; www.livingdharma.org.

WHITTIER

Mon.-Fri. through June 30—Exhibit of the works of Yoshio Nakamura; Whittier City Hall Lobby, 13230 Penn St. Info: 562/464-3360. ■

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

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

Correction

Readers seeking information about the Minidoka Reunion taking place in Seattle Aug. 1-3 should e-mail gloriashigeno@hotmail.com or call Gloria Shigeno at 415/649-0100 between 6 and 9 p.m. PST.

For information about the Minidoka Pilgrimage (June 27-29) contact Emily Momohara at EHMomohara@aol.com, phone 206/409-7931.

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Aoki, Alice Kazuko, 86, Stockton, June 9; Stockton-born; survived by sons Marvin Hiroshi; Lawrence Setsuo (June) of Modesto; daughter Marie Hisashi (Mary Ann Takeko) Aoki; 7 gc., 9 ggc.; brother Tokijiro (Tae) Takeda.

Arimoto, Hisao, 89, Monterey Park, June 6; Hiroshima ken-born; survived by sons Bob (Ann), Ted Tetsu (Aileen); daughters Kumiko McGeoy, Mieko (Tim) Kling; 7 gc., 2 ggc.

Fukuda, James Y., 96, Cypress, May 7; Fallon, Nev.-born; Poston, Ariz., internee; survived by sons James Hamai (Dorothy), Kei Fukuda (Tomoko), Kiyoshi Fukuda (Sandii); 6 gc., 3 ggc.

Gohata, Haruye, 90, Los Angeles; May 27; Los Angeles-born; survived by sister Masae Matsumoto.

Guilhem, Frances Fusako, of Monterey Park, passed away in Enid Okla., May 6; survived by husband Philippe; sister Alice Ogawa of Santa Monica.

Hayashida, Florence M., 93, Los Angeles, June 7; Simi Valley-born; survived by husband Frank; sister Minnie Kuramoto.

Kamoto, Fukiko, 81, West Los Angeles, May 23; Wilmington-born; survived by son Gary (Barbara); daughter Kim (Asao) Masumiya; 5 gc.; sisters Yukie Gotanda, Hiroe (Don) Kaya, Iseo Terasawa, Sumiko Terasawa.

Koga, Albert M., Chicago, May 27 service; survived by siblings Sumio of California, Kazuhiko, Yuzuru, Michio, Emiko, Kineko Takeda, Mitsuko Ichikawa, Akiko Kobayashi of Japan.; sister-in-law Marion K. Ishii; predeceased by wife H. Mary.

Kondo, Isao Ken, 67, San Jose, June 1; Salinas-born; U.S. Army military intelligence veteran; the first Asian American to join the Palo Alto police force; survived by wife Mindy; children Eric, Kurt, Kim, Laura; daughter-in-law

Robyn; son-in-law Steve Carrieri; 4 gc.; brothers Mits, Mas (Helen); sisters Marie (Eiichi) Sakauye, Mari Kajita, Mike (Eddie) Ikemura, Fumii Ujita, Sally (Richard) Okano; predeceased by brother Joe, parents Misao and Manjiro.

Masuoka, Hiro, Chicago, June 28 service; survived by wife Sachiko; daughter Yumi; son Robert.

Mayeda, Takao Donald, 80, San Jose, May 22; Stockton-born; survived by wife Hideko; son Yasuji (Junko); daughters Yoko (Mitsuru) Miyamoto, Reiko Mayeda; 2 gc.; brothers Masami (Fumi), Tsuneo (Sumi); sister in

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Japan, Fumiko Watanabe.

Miura, Kiyoshi, 81, Pearl City, Hawaii, May 18; Ewa, Hawaii-born; WWII U.S. Army 442nd RCT veteran; survived by brother Damon.

Morimoto, Yoneko, 87, Los Angeles, June 1; Riverside-born; survived by son Allen; daughters Carol (Joe) Nakamura, Lillian (Glenn) Osajima, Jane (John) Murakami; 4 gc.; brother Roy (Jean) Ito; sister Hideko Kikuchi; sister-in-law Ginger Ito; predeceased by husband Bob.

Murayama, Mary Hanako, 87, Santa Clara, May 2; Monrovia-born; Heart Mountain, Wyo., internee; survived by sons Douglas, John; daughters Linda Bekes, Carol Murayama, Ruth Murayama; 3 gc., 2 ggc.

Nagao, Rev. Norito, 83, Kurtistown, Hawaii, June 4; Mountain View, Hawaii-born; retired minister of various Homba Hongwanji missions in Hawaii; WWII U.S. Army M.I.S veteran; survived by wife Mieko; sons

Andrew, Owen, Glenn; daughters Arlene Valleau, Linda Mitsunaga; 6 gc.; brothers Clifford, Robert; sisters Yoshie Kimura, Kikue Nishioka, Michiko Hori.

Nakatani, Henry, 91, San Francisco, May 29; survived by sisters Chiyoko Hashimoto, Shizuko Takano.

Ohara, Masutomo, 87, Los Angeles, May 24; Oxnard-born; survived by wife Veronica Kasue; sons Harry (Rebecca), Dick (Kary); daughters Nancy Okamura, Lily (Gene) Van Vleet; gc., ggc.

Okawa, Lloyd, 78, Salt Lake City, May 31; San Francisco-born; Heart Mountain, Wyo., internee; survived by wife Martha, daughter Karen, son Alan, daughter-in-law Allison and 1 gc., all of Salt Lake City; brother Ben (Tomi) of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; sister Ruth (Don) Kanemasu of Sacramento; sister-in-law Kiyo of Bountiful, Utah; predeceased by brothers Paul and Ted.

Okuda, Glen Hiroshi, 59, Gardena, May 31; Wyoming-born; survived by mother Alice Okuda; daughter Carly (Robert) Abrams; 2 gc.; sister Aimee Arakawa.

Shigaura, Fred Hajima, 77, Gardena, May 14; Norwalk-born; survived by wife Kiyoko; son Ron Hitoshi; daughter June Yuko (David) Makiyama; 2 gc.; brothers Minoru (Mabel), Toru, Paul Kiyoshi (Sumiko) Endow; sisters Terry Teruko Shimatsu of San Diego; Chieko Ota, Nobuko (Mac) Taniguchi of Arizona; brothers-in-law Hiroshi Igarashi, Koichi (Hideko) and Kenji (Yoshiko) Kaido of Japan; sister-in-law Yukiko (Toshio) Otake of Japan.

Shiraishi, Tadashi, 73, South San Francisco, May 31; survived by wife Yemi; sons James (Rae), Richard (Sharon), Alvin (Audrey); 4 gc.

Sugita, Tadao "Ted," 90, Carson, May 31; Montebello-born; survived by wife Chiyoko; sons Hajime (F. Christine), Edward (Hisako); daughter Jeanne (Michael) Yamanaka; 5 gc.; brothers Atsumi (Matsu), John (Harriet); sisters Matsuye Yamamoto,

OBITUARY

Hawaiian Bread Maker Robert Taira Dies at 79

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORRANCE, Calif.—Robert Taira, who developed King's Hawaiian Sweet Bread, which is now distributed throughout the United States, has died. He was 70.

He died of cancer May 29 at Torrance Memorial hospital.

Taira grew up in Hawaii and developed his idea after World War II, believing that the Japanese would have a larger demand for Western-style products.

He opened a bakery in Tokyo soon after, and went to schools in Hilo, Hawaii, and Chicago to learn how to bake. Taira also set up a storefront bakery in Hilo fea-

turing a bread that he remembered from his childhood, which the Portuguese called *pao doce*. He baked the bread a certain way and decided to market it in a round shape to distinguish it from other breads.

After he moved his operation to Honolulu, Taira named the bread King's Hawaiian Sweet Bread. He expanded his operation to Torrance in 1977, and closed the Hawaiian bakery about 10 years ago.

He later opened two restaurants.

Taira is survived by his wife, Tsuneko; sons Mark, Curtis and Vaughn; daughters Laurene Ho and Stella Miyamura; and 11 grandchildren. ■

Miyoko Murata, Hideko (Jimmy) Niirō; sisters-in-law Faye and Masako Sugita.

Suski, Louise, 98, Cerritos, June 5; San Francisco-born; first English section editor at the *Rafu Shimpo* (1926-77); interned at Heart Mountain, Wyo., during WWII, she worked on the staff of the *Heart Mountain Sentinel*; survived by sister Clara Yoshimura of Fillmore; brothers Joe Suski of Cerritos, Elmer (Alice) Suski of Idaho.

Takenaga, Kiyoko, 78, Anaheim, June 10 service; survived by husband Roy, Ph.D; sons John, Robert, Tim; daughters Nancy (Ken) Keen, Jeanie (Frank) Takaki; brothers Eiichi (Hime) Tsuchida, O.D., and Shinji "Bill" (Kimi) Tsuchida.

Takeuchi, Tetsuo, 74, Long Beach, May 28; Terminal Island-born; Korean War veteran; survived by daughter Debra Ann Takeuchi; brother Sadao; sister Shigeko Iimori.

Tanaka, Frank Yoshiteru, 82, Seal Beach, May 30; Gilroy-born; survived by wife Takeko Tuck; daughters Sherry (Gordon) Namamura, Wendie (Bill) Graf, Janis Tanaka; 2 gc.; brother Walter (Kasumi); sisters Helen Wakayama, Lola (Hideo) Abe, Lucy Montana.

Tauchi, Hide, 62, Torrance, May 29; Tottori, Japan-born; survived by wife Yooja; son Tony;

DEATH NOTICE

TONY TOMIO ARITA

Tony Tomio Arita, 79, of Los Osos passed away June 10. He previously lived with his wife in the Coachella Valley for over 50 years. Tony was born on December 22, 1923 in the San Fernando Valley. He came to the Coachella Valley in 1950 where he farmed and later became a Gardener. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, who will be remembered for his sense of humor, as a man who loved his family, and who always offered a helping hand to anyone who needed it. He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Miyako, and his older brothers, Tom and Harry. Tony is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kay; brother Ted Arita; daughters, Jacki Randall and husband Bruce; Audrey Arita; Nancy Sheets and husband Greg; and grandchildren Bradley Sheets and Kalyn Tripodi. A celebration of his life will be held on Monday, June 16, 2003 at 12pm in Riverside, California.

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DEATH NOTICE

THOMAS MAS OKABE

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Thomas Mas Okabe, 84, Los Angeles-born Nisei resident passed away suddenly on April 23 in Las Vegas. He is survived by his wife, Sally Okabe; sons, Martin (Joyce), Thomas (Denise), Richard and John Okabe; daughter, Patti Okabe; granddaughters, Michelle and Fujiyo Okabe; sisters, Catherine (Vincent) Uyeda and Fumi (Henry) Shiosaka; sister-in-law, Helen Okabe; and many nephews and nieces. Funeral mass was held May 1 at the Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center in Los Angeles.

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SHINSEKI

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dress uniform at his side, looking across Fort Myer's green parade field toward Arlington National Cemetery.

Shinseki spent 11 months recuperating in a hospital in Hawaii, and it would be another decade before he returned to the field. In the intervening years he earned a master's degree in English at Duke University, taught English for two years at West Point, attended the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and was a staff officer in the Pentagon.

He went on to hold a variety of commands with Army units in Germany during the 1980s, and in 1994 he became commanding general of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. In 1997 he took command of U.S. Army Europe and headed the NATO peacekeeping force in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

George Joulwan, a retired four-star Army general who was the NATO supreme allied commander in Europe from 1993-97, said in an interview that Shinseki was an exemplary leader and should get some of the credit for the combat effectiveness the Army showed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"A lot of that has to do with Shinseki and those who preceded him," Joulwan said.

Shinseki has not talked publicly about his future, but associates say they strongly doubt he will, as some have speculated, run for Congress.

When he became Army chief of staff on June 22, 1999, Shinseki identified a major problem — heavy forces that were too heavy and immobile, and light forces that

were too light and vulnerable. He spent the next four years pushing an Army "transformation" — coining a term that became the watchword of the Bush administration's Pentagon once Rumsfeld took office in 2001.

Rumsfeld seemed unconvinced by Shinseki's approach, and he killed one of the Army's prized projects, the Crusader artillery system. Shinseki also ran afoul of Rumsfeld by telling Congress he thought it would take several hundred thousand soldiers to keep the peace in postwar Iraq.

In April, Rumsfeld fired Army Secretary Thomas White, who had sided with Shinseki on the Crusader and Iraq. ■

JACL

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its most recent meeting May 31, passed a resolution expressing JACL's appreciation to Shinseki for his courage and commitment and commending him for his years of service.

The resolution reads in part: "... the National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League, on behalf of its membership in 112 chapters across the country and in Japan, commends General Eric K. Shinseki for his extraordinary service to the United States; and

"... that the National Board of the Japanese American Citizens League extends its deepest appreciation and thanks to General Shinseki for his invaluable leadership as Chief of Staff of the Army of the United States, for his four decades of distinguished military service and for providing an exemplary role model of courage, dedication, leadership and excellence to the Asian Pacific American community and all Americans." ■

JLAS

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ing their home, business, and car. Art was 13 at the time and his brothers Kenichi and Takeshi were 7 and 5 years old respectively.

With their passports and other documentation taken away from them the JLA prisoners were placed in camps throughout the United States, some for up to six years.

Over 800 JLAS were eventually exchanged for Americans during the war, including the Shibayamas' grandparents, whom the family never saw again. After the war the U.S. government labeled the JLAS "illegal aliens" and about 1,000 JLAS were deported to Japan, a country that many of them were unfamiliar with.

But more than 300 JLAS decided to remain in the United States and fight deportation, including Art Shibayama's parents and five siblings after Peru refused to accept the returning Japanese internees.

"The American government itself brought us here by force, took our documents, and put us into internment camps. So, how could we be 'illegal aliens?'" said Art Shibayama.

More than fifty years after the internment of tens of thousands of Japanese Americans, the U.S. government issued an apology and redress payments of \$20,000. Only a handful of JLAS qualified under the 1988 Civil Liberties Act, deeming most of the JLAS ineligible for the apology and redress because they were "illegal aliens" at the time of their internment, including the Shibayama brothers.

Although four lawsuits have been filed against the U.S. government on behalf of the JLA plaintiffs, only one, *Mochizuki v. USA*, was ever settled providing an apology and a \$5,000 redress payment,

one-fourth of the redress provided for the JA internees. The *Mochizuki* case allowed the JLA plaintiffs to opt out of the settlement and in the end 17 internees, including Art Shibayama, rejected the settlement and chose to continue litigation.

Karen Parker, lead counsel for the Shibayama brothers, believes what the U.S. government did to the JLAS during WWII is a crime against humanity.

"Kidnapping civilians from countries with which we were not at war was a grave breach of humanitarian law, or a war crime, at the time it occurred," said Parker. "One of the problems with war

crimes ... is that no country wants to actually say they did it, and no country ever wants to pay. The U.S. always points the finger at other countries for human rights violations, but then does everything possible to avoid dealing with its own."

The JLA plaintiffs are hopeful that by filing a petition with the OAS commission they will be able to receive an apology from the U.S. government, equitable redress compensation, expungement of the "illegal alien" classification from government records, and full disclosure of the facts, including the fate of disappeared individuals. ■

Senate Passes Legislation Expediting the Citizenship Process for Immigrant Soldiers

The U.S. Senate passed legislation June 4 that will expedite the citizenship process for members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are legal permanent residents.

"Legal immigrants serving in our armed forces display tremendous bravery and patriotism for this country. We need to recognize the sacrifice that these men and women are making in serving the nation by offering them naturalization without delay," Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said.

Today, more than 37,000 legal permanent residents serve in the U.S. military, comprising nearly 5 percent of all enlisted personnel on active duty. Over 8,000 of these immigrant service members come from a duty station in California, more than from any other state.

"As a first-generation American on my mother's side, I grew up among people who had recently arrived on our shores, and I saw the deep affection and appreciation they had for this country. Today's immi-

grant service members deserve our affection and appreciation — and they deserve to become citizens of the United States," Boxer said.

The legislation that passed the Senate (Amendment No. 847), which is similar to the Nelson-Boxer bill introduced earlier this year, will do the following:

Reduce the required period of service for citizenship from three years to two years; waive naturalization fees; allow naturalization interviews and oath ceremonies to be performed abroad at U.S. embassies, consulates and overseas military installations; grant legal permanent residents who are members of the Ready Reserves similar naturalization benefits by allowing expedited naturalization in times of war or hostile military operations; and allow non-citizen spouses, unmarried children and parents of those serving in the U.S. military who are killed as a result of such service to retain the ability to apply for lawful permanent residence. ■

\$25,000,000 in total assets
4,600 members worldwide
\$3,200,000 in capital

60
years of serving generations

Sometimes the smallest things are the most important.

