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## IDC/PNW Host Bi-District, Take Part in Minidoka Pilgrimage

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

As members of the Intermountain and Pacific Northwest JACL districts gathered for their biennial bi-district conference in Twin Falls, Idaho, June 27-29, they joined more than a hundred former internees and their families for a pilgrimage to the World War II Minidoka Internment Camp.

It was the largest reunion of internees ever at the Minidoka site and for many it

was their first time back since their WWII incarceration.

"All of us put in concentration camps during World War II were ethnically cleansed," said Jeff Itami, who now lives in Salt Lake City. "We were put in camps, and none of us saw the inside of a courtroom."

The Minidoka Relocation Center housed 13,000 JAs during

WWII, many of them from the states of Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The internees joined the more than 110,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry who were placed in 10 internment camps throughout the West Coast.

There were once 600 barracks

Park Service is developing a management plan that could include an interpretive center telling the story of Minidoka and of the internees housed there.

During the Minidoka ceremony there was a tribute to the Nisei veterans who died fighting for their country during WWII and to the other internees, who also passed away while interned. The ceremony included a color guard and firing squad by local veterans from the Magic Valley.

The pilgrimage took place during the IDC/PNW bi-district conference that included

a full weekend of activities. Various workshops were held including taiko drumming, bonsai making and a media workshop. Former Minidoka internees Itami, Massie Tomita and Mary Hirata also shared stories about their WWII experiences. Noted artist Roger Shimomura presented slides of his paintings inspired by his grandmother's WWII diary entries.

The bi-district awards banquet included a silent auction to benefit JACL and the newly formed Friends of Minidoka, an inde-



(from left): V.P. of General Operations David Kawamoto, IDC Governor Micki Kawakami, JACL National President Floyd Mori and Sandy Bosteder.

located at Minidoka covering 33,000 acres but it is now mostly farmland. The Minidoka camp closed in October 1945 and what remains — the stone entrance gate and a flower garden grown by the internees — was named a national historic site in 1991.

Today, the center in Jerome County has been designated a national monument. The National

letter from a teacher in Moss Point, Miss., saying that she's had problems in her classroom with students using the term in referring to her. Intolerance and ignorance endure and the JACL is equipped to combat both.

During the last several weeks, the JACL has been engaged in intensive efforts to renew lapsed members. Like many of you, I've made several telephone calls to former members urging them to renew. The predictable response is "why should I join?" At one level it's easy to explain the personal benefits such as the *Pacific Citizen* newspaper, the health benefits, the credit union, the rental car discounts and the scholarships. But the JACL is more than that — a lot more.

In the end, the support for the JACL allows us to operate effective programs that address our civil rights mission, thereby bene-

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## FROM THE MIDWEST Why Join JACL?

By Bill Yoshino  
Midwest Regional Director

Why join the JACL? If the word "jap" is scrawled across a wall, the JACL will get rid of it. At its most basic, that's what the JACL does. Does this still happen? Last week I received a letter from a Nisei man who told me that he attended a luncheon where he met someone who used the term thinking it was an acceptable identifier. This week I received a



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## Rep. Coble Reneges on Agreement to Meet With JACL

After having agreed to meet with representatives of the JACL last month to discuss controversial remarks he made about the Japanese American internment, Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., is now refusing to meet with the organization.

"Having agreed last month to meet with the JACL and other civil rights groups to discuss his comments concerning the internment of the Japanese American community during World War II, we are extremely disappointed that Rep. Howard Coble has reneged and now refuses to schedule any meeting," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director.

At the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee congressional dinner June 12 Coble had indicated to Kristine Minami, JACL director for public affairs, that he would schedule a meeting with JACL to discuss his remarks about the World War II internment.

"Rep. Coble agreed and assured me that he would speak to his chief of staff about scheduling such a meeting," said Minami.

But now it seems that Coble has changed his mind.

"His continued refusal to discuss this matter with the JACL and other concerned members of the civil rights community only

demonstrates Rep. Coble's arrogant disregard of the Asian Pacific American community and his rejection of the concerns expressed by millions of Americans, holding himself above the principles of a representative democracy," said Tateishi.

"We will continue to call on the House Republican leadership, as well as the White House, to repudiate Rep. Coble's statement about the World War II internment and to explain to us how his insensitivity will serve the best interest of a subcommittee charged with determining fair treatment of those who fall under the broad net of this administration's anti-terrorist policies," he said.

Coble, who is currently the head of the House Judiciary subcommittee on homeland security, said during a Feb. 4 radio talk show that the WWII internment of JAs was for their own protection.

"We were at war," Coble said. "For many Japanese Americans, it wasn't safe for them to be on the street."

He also added 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."

On June 2 the California Senate joined the state's Assembly in condemning Coble for his controversial remarks and called on the longtime congressman to resign as chairman of the congressional subcommittee. ■



## FOX Criticized for Airing of 'Banzai,' Agrees to Cancel Charlie Chan Film Series

By CAROLINE AOYAGI  
Executive Editor

The people at FOX aren't doing much these days to please the Asian American community.

First it was the network's plan to air old Charlie Chan movies this summer, which many AAs consider offensive and archaic with its ethnic stereotypes and its "yellow face" white actors. Although FOX has since decided to cancel the "Charlie Chan Mystery Tour" after protests from the community, FOX has now released "Banzai," a game show spoof featuring a heavily accented Japanese narra-

tor and actors striking exaggerated martial arts poses which premiered July 13.

"The JACL is appalled that executives of Fox have decided to air the program 'Banzai,' which we find offensive and objectionable," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "The program caricatures Japanese in the worst possible way through buffoonery and tasteless stereotyping. In concert with MANAA (Media Action Network for Asian Americans), the JACL has lodged a protest with Fox and will press for the cancellation of the program."

Representative from the JACL and MANAA met with FOX executives July 10 to discuss their concerns and to try to persuade the network to stop airing "Banzai." The FOX executives said the first six episodes have already been sold so they cannot stop their airing but that they would be willing to work with JACL and MANAA in developing any future episodes.

"Although we are not happy with the fact that the first six programs will be aired with all of the negative imagery of Japanese intact, I believe that we can turn this negative situation into a positive one if we are able to provide input on future installments of this

program," said Ken Inouye, JACL, vice president of public affairs, who attended the recent meeting with FOX executives.

"Banzai," first aired in Britain, encourages viewers to bet on the outcome of a series of unpredictable stunts. For example, Michael Jackson impersonators are placed on an ice rink to see who can moonwalk the fastest. In another, a stick is thrown into a swimming pool and viewers must guess who retrieves it the fastest — Todd Bridges of "Diff'rent Strokes" or a dog.

Although organizations like the JACL and MANAA are obviously unhappy with the showing of "Banzai," what they have a problem with is the airing of offensive and negative stereotypes with little other representation of AAs elsewhere on television.

In an *L.A. Times* interview, MANAA president Guy Aoki, said, "Asians are kind of conditioned to cringe and go, 'OK, what are they going to do? They're going to make fun of us,'" he said, adding TV "rarely shows Asian Americans as regular people. ... There's nothing to balance it out."

On its website (www.manaa.org), MANAA encourages the

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fitting us all. Our strength as an organization derives from a healthy network of chapters situated throughout the country. In turn, the national network provides the foundation and credibility, which allows the national JACL to speak out and provide programming in critical areas. Chapters can do likewise in their local areas on issues that affect the Japanese American and Asian Pacific American communities.

JACL does more than speak out on issues; and we do more than react to defamation and hate incidents. Perhaps the most important thing we do is to provide a greater understanding about our community and our issues through education. Here are a few:

### JACL Anti-Hate Program

The purpose of the JACL Anti-Hate Program is to assist chapters and members in responding to incidents of defamation and hate crimes and to create a greater understanding about the values of tolerance and diversity. JACL has produced various educational materials through funds from Ford Motor Company and all are available free to chapters.

"Words can kill the spirit" — a brochure to combat the use of racial slurs directed against Asian Americans. This brochure is intended to point out that the use of slurs and other forms of defamation must not be tolerated.

"Anti-Asian Sentiment on Campus" — a brochure that focuses on the increase in anti-Asian sentiment on our college and university campuses. The brochure provides examples of actual incidents and steps to take if hate incidents occur.

"When Hate Hits You" — a hand-

book that provides a historical look at anti-Asian sentiment, along with recent examples of anti-Asian violence and a section on how you and your community can respond to hate incidents.

### Japanese American Curriculum Guide

The JACL first published its curriculum guide, "A Lesson in American History: The Japanese American Experience," over 10 years ago. The guides are used by teachers to teach units on JA history and the tragedy of the internment. The curriculum guides were revised in February 2002, and 2000 copies were reprinted through a grant from Lowe's. We estimate that over 5,000 copies of the guide have been distributed. Today, there are approximately 400 guides remaining in stock for purchase by chapters.

### Teacher Workshops

Through the years, the JACL Education Committee has conducted excellent teacher training workshop throughout the country as a way of encouraging teachers to include units on the JA experience in their classrooms. Early this year, the JACL received a grant from the National Conference on Community and Justice and the Texaco/Chevron Foundation to do three workshops in the Bay Area, Detroit and Houston, which will focus on the JA internment experience and the treatment of Arab Americans and Muslims following Sept. 11. Our story and the lessons it teaches continue to resonate, and it's our obligation to make sure that classrooms hear the message.

Issues of race touch us every day. The JACL needs to be there every day. And now we need you to help us shore up our membership base to make it possible. ■

## COMMENTARY

## We Are Going to Make It

By Grace Kimoto  
CCDC P.C. Editorial Board  
Member

So many thoughts have been buzzing in my head ever since I began to serve on the *Pacific Citizen* Editorial Board last year.

What a revelation that occurs when you are on the "inside."

I have enjoyed the P.C. for many years, as I'm sure others have; It is part of our Nisei life. I know I would really miss the information if the newspaper were ever discontinued. It is not only my connection to JACL and all its activities at all levels, but it also connects me to Japanese Americans all over the United States and even to my parent's country of Japan.

But oh, with such a great product I never dreamed that such a small staff with limited resources was getting the paper to us. Look on page 2 and let's thank these people who faithfully and with such resolute get our paper out to members and subscribers. THANK YOU, CAROLINE Aoyagi, BRIAN Tanaka, MARGOT Brunswick and EVA Lau-Ting.

I couldn't believe they were using their own cameras for pictures until we published their wish list and they got a few of the necessities. Even today, I asked Brian if he got the air conditioner fixed and being a frugal business manager, he said no. It would cost \$5000 to fix it and running an air conditioner brings up his electricity bill!! Whew! No wonder they ran their business within budget. And now knowing the constraints of the national JACL funds, and knowing national helps fund the P.C., it will be difficult for everyone. Oh, the perils of working for a nonprofit organization.

As you know, we ran a P.C. Spring Campaign and Caroline and all of the staff and board thank everyone for their donations. Late donations for the P.C. are always welcomed because their expenses and needs are always there. They do get advertising revenue but it is not a daily paper so the income is limited.

And now, what good is a great newspaper if our national JACL is hurting? The national staff is working on a shoestring budget, cutting back everywhere, and working to increase our member-



ship. And yet they manage to stay in the forefront of breaking news and continue to speak out against injustices.

It isn't their job to get new membership and new chapters. It's really our job. They are our leaders, but we are the workers. It's OUR organization and we know members are gained one person at a time. I find it fun to meet a new person and ask if they are JACL members. It's amazing how many professional Sansei and Yonsei or families are now ready to make contacts with the Japanese American community. And yes, thanks to the list of lapsed membership from headquarters, I can call and remind these people to renew their membership.

Another idea I have been voicing since I was on the national board is that we have lost contact with the many, many scholarship (chapters, districts, and national) recipients. There must now be thousands of successful persons who are appreciative of the support they received years ago. It would be fun to see a master JACL list compiled by the chapters, districts and national. Are they our JACL members today? Are they our parents members? So we must not only give to the JACL mid-year campaign, each member must invite one new member to be part of JACL. It'll be all worth it and fun to meet new people.

A special THANK YOU and please know you are appreciated national JACL staffers: John Tateishi, Clyde Izumi, Lucy Kishiue, Kristine Minami, and district directors. And thank you to our elected people, especially president Floyd Mori. And thank you to the many, many volunteers. Hang in there. We are going to make it! ■

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## Consumer Advocates and APA Community Show Support for AB 309, a New Consumer Protection Bill

AB 309, a new consumer protection bill that would expand safeguards for limited English-speaking Californians when businesses negotiate contracts with them in languages other than English, is garnering support from consumer advocates, politicians and members of the Asian Pacific American community.

Also known as the "Increasing Consumer Protections for New Californians," bill AB 309 would require businesses in certain trades that negotiate contracts in languages other than English to provide the customer with a translated contract. The law currently requires translation of contracts negotiated primarily in Spanish but AB 309 would extend the protections to Chinese, Tagalog, Korean and Vietnamese.

"All I wanted was a new van," said Hua Bai, a Chinese American immigrant who was the victim of a bait and switch scheme. "I don't speak English well so I was happy to be helped by a Chinese-speaking salesperson at Toyota Wondries," he said. "I negotiated a lease, and signed the contract in English. I found out later from a friend that I had signed a purchase agreement with lots of hidden terms. AB 309

would require businesses to be honest when dealing with immigrant consumers like me."

The Asian Business Association (ABA) has also come out in support of AB 309. "We think it is important to build trust between businesses and consumers," said Lily Tsau, president of ABA in Los Angeles, one of many business associations lending support to the bill. "AB 309 promotes fair business practices that will set the standard for businesses targeting the large and growing immigrant market."

Assemblymember Judy Chu, D-Monterey Park, whose district includes heavily immigrant areas, is supportive of the bill. "This bill is overwhelmingly supported by the Asian American community and will ensure that Asian American consumers will not be fleeced by unscrupulous businesses."

"Our consumer protection statutes must safeguard the interests not just of some consumers, but all consumers," said Attorney General Bill Lockyer. "AB 309 advances that principle. If it is enacted, more Californians who speak or read little or no English will enjoy greater protection against bad actors waiting to prey on them." ■

## Congressman Mike Honda to be Honored at Nat'l JACL Gala Dinner

With his election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2000, Mike Honda continues a lifelong commitment to public service and he will be among those honored by the JACL at a national gala dinner Sept. 13 in Los Angeles.

The national JACL and the PSW district will host "An American Testimonial: A Salute to the Japanese American National Leaders" at the Wilshire Grand Hotel and the honorees will also include Hon. Norman Mineta, U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, U.S. Rep. Robert Matsui, and a special tribute to the late U.S. Rep. Patsy Mink.

"Congressman Honda has been a staunch supporter of API issues since the beginning of his political career, a much-needed voice for our communities," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "He is fearless in standing up for justice, evident by his confrontation of Congressman Howard Coble for his derogatory remarks about Japanese Americans. This fearlessness is what has made him a key figure for API and minority rights."

In 1965, as President John F. Kennedy sent out a call for volunteer service, Honda interrupted his college studies and volunteered with the Peace Corps in El Salvador where he built schools and health clinics. Today, more than 38 years later, he continues to serve with the same dedication.

Honda represents the 15th Congressional District of

California and serves on the House Committees on Science and Transportation & Infrastructure. As a representative of Silicon Valley, he has taken a leading role in keeping Congress informed on technology issues by forming a bipartisan Wireless Task Force. Additionally, Honda is the regional whip for Northern California, Hawaii, American Samoa and Guam and is the vice chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, a group dedicated to social justice, tolerance and civil rights through legislative action.

Born in California, Honda spent his early childhood with his family at the Amache, Colo., concentration camp during World War II. His family moved to San Jose in 1953. He attended San Jose State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish and biological sciences and a master's degree in education.

For several years he taught science and then served as a principal in various schools in San Jose. He launched his political career in 1981 as a member of the San Jose Unified School Board, followed by his election to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, then to state assemblymember.



During his career Honda was instrumental in the fight for redress and reparations for Japanese Americans. He also spoke out on the House floor condemning an article written by conservative columnist Ann Coulter, who issued a scathing attack on Transportation Secretary Mineta blaming his office for the attacks of Sept. 11 and criticizing him for refusing to implement racial profiling in America's airports.

Chapter members can reserve seats early at a special discount rate of \$1,250 per table of 10 until Aug. 1. The non-member price is \$1,500 per table or \$150 for individual seats, which will be the regular member price after Aug. 1. Non-members wishing to receive the special rate can become a member of JACL, depending on chapter/location, for as little as \$55 annually. Contact the PSW district office at 213/626-4471 or e-mail: psw@jacl.org for more information on the dinner.

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

The Wilshire Grand Hotel, in downtown Los Angeles, is offering rooms at \$85 per night. Reservations can be made by calling 888/773-2888. The Miyako Hotel in Little Tokyo is offering a rate of \$79 per night single and \$89 per night double. ■

## Davis Encourages Teaching of Southeast Asian History

Calif. Gov. Grey Davis July 10 signed legislation that encourages 7th through 12th-grade educators to teach students about the contributory roles the Southeast Asian community played in the Vietnam conflict and the "Secret War" in Laos. The governor signed the legislation in a ceremony attended by more than 100 members of California's Hmong community.

"Our nation owes a great debt to Southeast Asians who fought with us in the Vietnam War and in the war in Laos," said Davis. "Unfortunately, the role of Hmong rebels during the Vietnam War is too often overlooked. Today, we're making sure history doesn't forget the many Southeast Asians who helped America during the war."

AB 78 by Assemblymember Sarah Reyes, D-Fresno, allows social science teachers to include within the social science curriculum the stories and the role of the Southeast Asian population in assisting the U.S. troops.

The role of the Hmong, Laotian and Vietnamese communities that helped protect U.S. soldiers' lives in both the Vietnam conflict and the Secret War in Laos is not often taught in the current California curriculum. This bill will aid in urging teachers to include stories of these communities' military roles and to acknowledge the thousands of Southeast Asians who helped save American lives.

There are approximately 150,000 Hmong students in California's Central Valley. Davis said the bill will help motivate and encourage academic achievement in the community. ■

## Metropolitan Housing Market Study Shows APIs Face Housing Discrimination

An 11-city study released July 1 by the Department of Housing and Urban Development shows that one out of every five Asians and Pacific Islanders attempting to buy or rent a home are discriminated against, a rate similar to that of African Americans and Hispanics.

"Discrimination in Metropolitan Housing Markets: Phase 2 — Asians and Pacific Islanders," a study conducted in Anaheim/Santa Ana, Calif., Chicago, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, Oakland, Calif., San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Calif., and Washington, D.C., demonstrates that APIs face discrimination. These metropolitan areas account for 77 percent of all APIs living in the United States.

The study, which was based on 889 paired tests, is the first time HUD has measured the extent of housing discrimination against APIs. Two previous HUD studies, conducted in 1977 and 1989, examined housing discrimination faced by African Americans and Hispanics. In 2002, HUD released "Discrimination in Metropolitan Housing Markets: Phase I," a report showing that the level of discrimination against African Americans and Hispanics declined since 1989 but still remains a serious problem.

"In addition to using the research findings to document our nation's progress in reducing housing discrimination, we also will use the data to better target


HUD's education and enforcement resources," said Carolyn Peoples, HUD's assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity. "We need to ensure that every segment of our population has equal access to the housing of their choice."

Conducted by the Urban Institute for HUD, the study is the most ambitious effort to date to measure the extent of housing discrimination in the United States against persons because of their race or ethnicity.

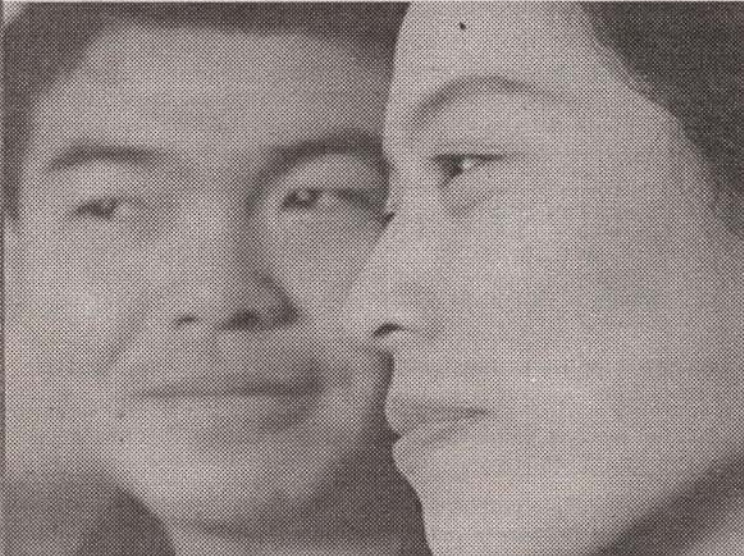
The study uses a technique called "paired testing" to measure the level of housing discrimination. In a paired test, two people — a minority and a white non-Hispanic — pose as otherwise identical homeseekers, with comparable housing needs and levels of income, assets and debt. Both testers respond to an advertisement by visiting the same real estate or rental agent within a short time of one another and independently record their experiences. Analysts then compare those experiences to determine which tester received adverse treatment on different treatment variables.

Future studies will provide statewide estimates of discrimination against Native Americans and metropolitan estimates of discrimination against persons with disabilities.

Copies of the report can be downloaded from [www.HUDUSER.org](http://www.HUDUSER.org) as well as ordered online or by calling 800/HUD-USER. ■



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## □ Group Wants Michigan Voters to Decide Affirmative Action Issue

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—A group that championed a successful ballot initiative dismantling most affirmative action programs in California is launching an effort to get a similar proposal before Michigan voters.

The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative proposal would forbid considering race in public education, hiring and contracting. The group's announcement at the University of Michigan was met with boos July 8 from supporters of affirmative action, who turned out by the dozens.

Ward Connerly, chairman of the American Civil Rights Coalition, told the crowd that his campaign is to target unfair racial preferences, not end affirmative action.

In June, the Supreme Court upheld the affirmative action policy at the University of Michigan Law School, saying universities can take race into consideration in admissions. But the high court struck down Michigan's undergraduate admissions policy as too rigid.

Connerly was instrumental in getting a majority of board members at the University of California, where he is a regent, to ban the use of race in the school's admissions policy. He also headed Proposition 209, the measure that banned race or gender from being a factor in state hiring or school admission.

## □ Woman at Center of FBI China Case Says She is a 'Loyal American'

LOS ANGELES—A woman accused of being a double agent for China and taking classified

documents from her FBI lover says she is a loyal American and will be acquitted.

On June 8, flanked by lawyers and holding her husband's hand, Katrina Leung made her first public comment since her April arrest.

"I love America. I have been and I am a very proud and loyal American," said Leung, who was born in China and recruited to work for the FBI 20 years ago.

"America is my home and I cherish it. I know we will answer the charges and my name will be cleared."

The government alleges that Leung, a wealthy San Marino socialite, carried on an affair with her FBI handler and took documents from his briefcase for copying to send to China. She is free on \$2 million bail pending a scheduled Nov. 18 trial.

Leung, 49, spoke outside a courtroom where U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper indicated she may drop three charges that Leung unlawfully retained documents relating to national defense.

If the counts are dismissed, Leung would face only two charges of illegal copying of documents. She is not charged with espionage even though the government contends she was a double agent.

If convicted of all counts, Leung faces up to 50 years in prison.

## □ Japanese Man Wins Third Straight Hot Dog Eating Competition

NEW YORK—For an unprecedented third straight year, rail-thin Takeru "Tsunami" Kobayashi out-gorged the competition July 4 in the Nathan's Famous hot dog eating contest, downing 44-1/2 dogs and dominating adversaries three times his

size.

Kobayashi, the Michael Jordan of wiener wolfing, twitched and twisted to finish his franks at the rate of one every 16 seconds in a 12-minute display of gastronomic supremacy at the annual Fourth of July extravaganza.

Once again, the American competitive eaters were left to fight for second place as a Japanese champion was crowned for the sixth time in the last seven years. Runner-up Ed "Cookie" Jarvis, 6-foot-6 and 420 pounds, trailed the champion by 14 hot dogs.

The 145-pound Kobayashi, of Nagano, Japan, employed his trademark "Solomon method" — snapping the dogs in half before swallowing them — to destroy both the other 19 contestants.

He once again raised the mustard-yellow championship belt above his head in victory, flashing thumbs-up to a crowd of more than 3,000 fans outside the original Nathan's in Coney Island. The contest was first held in 1916.

## □ Few Minority Staffers in Minnesota Capitol Hill Offices

WASHINGTON—Few minority staffers are employed by members of Minnesota's congressional delegation, a trend that mirrors employment patterns across Capitol Hill.

Six of Minnesota's eight House members currently employ no blacks or Hispanics as permanent staffers, including Democratic Rep. Betty McCollum, whose St. Paul district has a combined black and Hispanic population of 12 percent.

Overall, blacks and Hispanics account for just 3.5 percent of top aides, according to a recent National Journal study of 314 Capitol Hill staffers. The two minority groups make up 26 percent of the U.S. population.

In contrast with federal employment in Washington, which is

highly regulated and made up of a highly diverse civil service (30 percent minority), members of Congress set their own hiring guidelines, free from federal affirmative action policies.

The result, with few exceptions, is an overwhelmingly white work force made up of politically connected recent college graduates.

In Minnesota's delegation, there are 12 black or Hispanic staffers and eight of Asian descent, out of a total of 212 staffers.

Altogether, the rate for black and Hispanic hires is 5.6 percent for the Minnesota delegation, not far below the proportion of blacks and Hispanics in the state, which was 6.4 percent in the 2000 census. There are no American Indians on any of the Minnesota Senate or congressional staffs.

## □ Fourth Suspect Charged in Hate Crime Attack of Pizza Delivery Man

NEW BEDFORD, Mass.—A fourth suspect has pleaded innocent to robbing a pizza delivery man, then brutally beating him because they mistakenly thought he was Muslim.

Christopher Hansen, 17, of New Bedford was ordered held on \$100,000 bail after his arraignment July 2 in New Bedford District Court. He's the last of four suspects wanted in connection with the June 22 attack.

Meanwhile, about 150 people rallied against hate crimes on the steps of City Hall July 2.

Police said four men intended to rob Saurabh Bhalerao, 24, a Hindu from India and a graduate student at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth. But when the men mistook him for a Muslim, the beating escalated, police said. The men hog-tied Bhalerao, burned him with cigarettes, gagged him and stabbed him, all while Bhalerao tried to

explain he wasn't Muslim, police said.

Passers-by later found Bhalerao in the middle of the street.

Bhalerao, who has been confined to his North Dartmouth home since being released from the hospital, thanked supporters in a statement and said he came to UMass-Dartmouth seeking education and opportunity.

"I'm appalled and outraged that something like this could happen in such a civilized society," he said.

## □ \$64 Million Approved for Native Hawaiian Program

HONOLULU—The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee has approved a measure calling for \$64.8 million to be spent on native Hawaiian programs in fiscal 2004.

The figure represents an increase of \$10.2 million over the current fiscal year, Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, said.

"The measure ensures the viability of programs, particularly in the fields of education and health, that have significantly contributed to the well-being of Hawaii's native people" Inouye, a senior member of the committee, said in a news release issued June 27 by his Washington office.

Most of the money — \$36 million — would go for Native Hawaiian education, with \$1 million earmarked for the repair and renovation of public schools with high percentages of native Hawaiians.

The funds for Native Hawaiian initiatives are part of a \$128.5 million package of projects for Hawaii. The package is contained in a \$136.7 billion appropriations bill for the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and related agencies. It now goes to the full Senate.

The Hawaii projects include \$40.6 million in impact aid to help cover the cost of public school education for dependents of members of the armed forces and federal government employees. ■

## Rep. Wu Calls for Equal Employment Opportunity Practices at Los Alamos Lab

Congressman David Wu, D-Ore., July 10 called on the Department of Energy to consider equal employment opportunity practices as a factor when awarding the contract to manage the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Wu made the request in a letter to Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham to coincide with a House Science Committee hearing examining the implications of contracting out the management of DOE weapons labs to private entities.

"We believe that improved EEO practices would strengthen all DOE labs and help attract the best talent," said Wu in his letter.

In April, Abraham announced that he would put the contract to manage the Los Alamos National Laboratory, one of the nation's three nuclear weapons labs, up for competitive bid. Wu requested that the equal employment opportunity practices of a potential contractor be considered when awarding the Los Alamos contract, and reemphasized the importance of promoting strong equal employment opportunity practices throughout the DOE's National Laboratory system.

In May of last year, Wu released a report prepared by the General Accounting Office which documented racial and gender disparities in employment practices at the DOE weapons labs. This report was inspired by the handling of the Wen Ho Lee case and increasingly

common anecdotes from minority employees at the National Laboratories that work conditions were hostile and unfair.

In April, The House of Representatives passed an amendment by Wu to the energy bill (HR 6) which requires the DOE to report to Congress about minority employment practices at all DOE National Laboratories. ■

## APAs in the News Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Professor Mitchell Chang has been promoted to associate professor with tenure at UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies. An active member of the Asian American Center's Faculty Advisory Committee and book review editor of its *Amerasia Journal*, Chang is one of the nation's leading experts on issues dealing with diversity in higher education. His writings have appeared in the most influential scholarly and policy journals in the field of higher educational research and have had a substantial impact on the national debate and legal deliberations dealing with affirmative action. Chang has also received a number of awards including: Outstanding Outcomes Assessment Research Award by the American College Personnel Association and a National Academy of Education/Spencer Fellowship. ■

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# JACL Corner

## San Fernando Valley Chapter

The San Fernando Valley JACL and JACC jointly awarded its annual scholarships to five outstanding valley seniors June 8 at the Nikkei Village Dining Hall in Pacoima.

Tyler William Kaga Harris, U.S. Grant High, son of Michael and

and major in biological science.

Featured speaker Bill Watanabe of the Little Tokyo Service Center urged the students to do what they love, and spoke about the benefits of volunteering.

Nancy Gohata served as mistress of ceremonies, and Tak Yamamoto, chapter president, pre-

Watsonville's Monte Vista Christian High School.

Jake assisted with the children's events at the chapters' community picnic, is a volunteer helper at the Kokoro no Gakko Japanese cultural school program, and is a first-degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. He will attend Cabrillo College and later transfer to a four-year university, majoring in liberal arts and culinary arts.

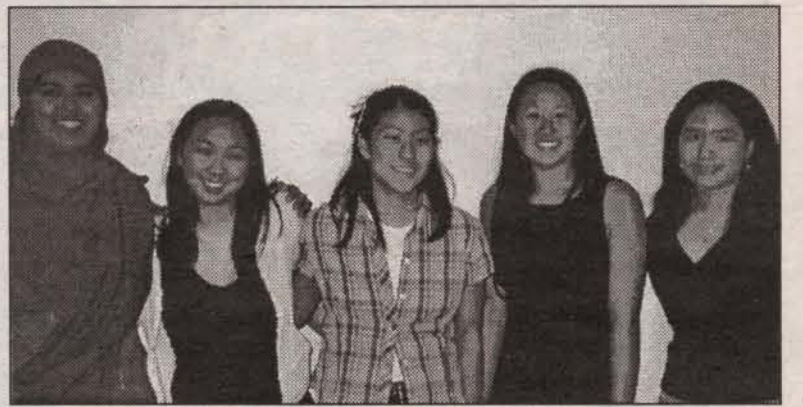
Jake's paternal grandparents were interned in Poston II. In his essay on Executive Order 9066, which was required of all the scholarship candidates, he said the Day of Remembrance is important because it encourages the older generations to tell their stories, so that the civil liberties of all Americans, no matter their ethnicity, are protected.

The late Kee Kitayama, a grower and shipper of roses, was 1987 chapter president and worked locally for the success of redress efforts. Kitayama and his family were among the first Japanese Americans from Bainbridge Island, Wash., to be interned.

## Sequoia Chapter

The Sequoia chapter presented three high school scholarships, four community college scholarships, and the Harry & Elsie Yoshida Memorial Award at its annual scholarship reception on recently.

Melanie Yasuko Gee, Pioneer High School, Jennifer Ann Lehnhardt, Mountain View High, and Elyse Maru, Homestead High, each received \$1,000 scholarships; Keyna Chow and Maria Ahmad of De Anza College and Miriam



Sequoia JACL scholarship recipients (l-r): Maria Ahmad, Melanie Yasuko Gee, Elyse Maru, Jennifer Ann Lehnhardt and Keyna Chow; (Bhavi Patel not pictured).

Kojnok and Bhavi Patel of Foothill College each received \$500.

Melanie Yasuko Gee was also given the \$500 Harry & Elsie Yoshida Memorial Award for commitment to community service.

For more information about the Sequoia chapter's scholarship program, contact Mike Kaku, 408/985-2747, e-mail: mikejaci@yahoo.com.

## Riverside Chapter

The Riverside chapter recognized the area's 2003 graduates at an awards luncheon at the First Christian Church recently.

Gabriel Hiroshi Murillo, graduate of La Sierra High in Riverside, was awarded \$500 from the Dr. Hideo Inaba Memorial Scholarship and Johnny Chen Yang, Martin Luther King High in Riverside, received \$500 from the S. Madokoro Memorial Scholarship.

Brett Thomas Hiroto, Riverside Poly High, received \$400; Christina Diane Fields, Martin Luther King High in Riverside, \$300; Edmond Isao Hewitt, Redlands East Valley High in San

Bernardino County, \$300; Tyler Jay Takahashi, Cathedral City High in Palm Springs, \$300; Erica Sumiko McNichols, Valley View High in Moreno Valley, \$200; and Kiyomi J. Yamamoto, Martin Luther High in Riverside, \$300.

An additional benefit accorded to the students is a year's membership in the JACL.

In introducing the graduates, Michiko Yoshimura, chapter president, scholarship chair and retired teacher, stressed the need for well-rounded students whose interests go beyond academics into athletics, arts, or service to others. All the scholars selected had involvements in a variety of extracurricular activities.

Since its inception more than 30 years ago, the Riverside chapter has given annual scholarships to college-bound high school students of Japanese ethnicity. Dr. Hideo Inaba was a dentist with a long-standing practice in Riverside, and S. Madokoro was a Riverside farmer and citrus grower.

For more information on the chapter's scholarship program, contact Yoshimura at 909/784-7057. ■



San Fernando Valley JACL and JACC scholarship recipients (l-r): Tyler Harris, Megan Okui, Jiro Wayama, Yuka Otaka, Ryan Takasugi.

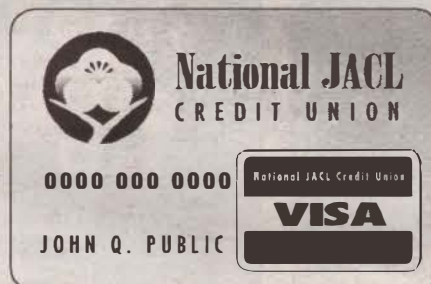
Marilyn Harris, plans to attend UC Berkeley; Megan Kuniko Okui of Cleveland High, daughter of Tadao and Lois Okui, may attend Pasadena City College or Cal State Northridge and major in kinesiology/athletic training; Yuka C. Otaka, Granada Hills High, daughter of Yuki and Riko Otaka, will attend UC Davis or UC Santa Barbara; Ryan Naoki Takasugi, North Hollywood Highly Gifted Magnet High (with a perfect SAT score of 1600), son of Ron and Natalie Takasugi, will attend Yale University; Jiro Wayama, James Monroe Law/Government Magnet High, son of Sadatoshi and Junko Wayama, will attend UCLA

sented the awards and scholarships. Members of the selection committee were Nancy Gohata, Kay Inaba, Doreen Kawamoto, Pat Kubota, Hal Suetsugu and Sumi Yamaguchi, scholarship chair.

## Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship Winner

The Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL awarded this year's \$1,000 Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship to Jake Aoki, son of Lester and Michelle Aoki of Watsonville. Mas Hashimoto, scholarship chair, presented the award during the special awards and honors ceremony at

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David Sakura (left) and Tatsuo Nakata.



Ken Yamane (left) teaches the art of bonsai.



(back row, from left): George Koyama, Harvey Watanabe, Homer Yasui, Masa Tsukamoto and Floyd Mori. (front row, from left): Midori Koyama, Edith Watanabe, Miki Yasui, Midori Tsukamoto and Sanoye Okamura.



Members of the Honor Guard stand at attention at the Minidoka pilgrimage.



(back row, from left): Arlene Oki, Elsie Taniguchi, Tom Ikeda. (seated): Tatsuo Nakata, Floyd Mori and Steve Kono.



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(from left): Jeff Watanabe, Silvana Watanabe, Floyd Mori and Larry Grant.



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# In Sports

## HOCKEY

### Avalanche Sign Kariya, Selanne to One-year Deals

DENVER—Separately, **Paul Kariya** and Teemu Selanne would make any NHL general manager take notice. As a package, they were irresistible.

The former Anaheim teammates took major pay cuts July 3 in agreeing to one-year contracts with the Colorado Avalanche.

The unrestricted free agents became business partners on the open market, joining the Avalanche in a package deal with the intent of winning a Stanley Cup.

"When we both became free agents, we made a hockey decision," Kariya said at a news conference. "We both said, 'Forget about the money, where's the place we want to play?' And Colorado jumped out at both of us immediately. So we made things work monetarily."

Kariya, who played with the Mighty Ducks last season, agreed to a \$1.2 million contract. He earned \$10 million last season with Anaheim, but the Ducks declined to make him a qualifying offer.

Selanne, who declined his option at \$6.5 million with the San Jose, agreed to a \$5.8 million contract

with Colorado. Selanne was traded by Anaheim in March 2001.

Kariya, who confirmed his \$1.2 million deal, said it places him under the league average, which will allow him to become an unrestricted free agent again after next season. That price also helped Selanne and Kariya fit into the Avalanche's salary structure.

"There is so much talent here, Kariya said. "To play with guys like Joe Sakic and Peter Forsberg and Rob Blake and Adam Foote and guys like that, it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

The two paired up briefly at last season's All-Star game, the first in five years with an East against West format instead of North American players against the World.

"It was automatic that we wanted to play together somewhere," Selanne said. "The first choice was Colorado right away. We were hoping the chance was available. This organization has a history of winning the Stanley Cup. That's why this is so thrilling."

Avalanche general manager Pierre Lacroix said he was shocked when agent Don Baizley called to

propose the package signing.

Over the last 36 hours, these two athletes expressed their strong desire to come to Denver and play for the Avalanche," Lacroix said. "Obviously, we were stunned."

"We were able to do all of this without changing any of the (salary) structure that we have for the coming season."

Baizley also is the agent for Forsberg and Sakic.

The retirement of goalie Patrick Roy and his \$8.5 million salary gave the Avalanche room to sign the two free agents.

Kariya, a left wing, had six goals and six assists in 21 games this postseason, helping lead the Mighty Ducks to the NHL finals, where they lost to New Jersey in seven games.

The seven-time All-Star had played his entire career in Anaheim, where he was the team captain.

Kariya played in all 82 games for the second consecutive year, and had 25 goals and 56 points. He holds a string of team records, including most career goals (300) and assists (369). ■

## BASEBALL

### Matsui Voted to All-Star Team as a Rookie

NEW YORK—Hideki Matsui's 10th All-Star appearance might be his most memorable.

Matsui, a nine-time All-Star in Japan, was voted onto the AL team in his rookie season as a major leaguer with the New York Yankees.

"All I can say is that it's a great honor to be chosen. It certainly is different than the others because it's a different country," he said July 6 through an interpreter. "It will be a lasting memory."

After a slow start, Matsui has been one of the best players in the league over the past month. Matsui was the AL's top rookie in June, batting .394 with 29 RBIs.

He leads major league rookies with 64 RBIs, and has nine homers and a .311 batting average.

"It just so happened that when I started to play well, the voting was going on. It was all just lucky timing," he said.

Matsui will team up in the AL starting outfield on July 15 with countryman **Ichiro Suzuki**.

"I met Mr. Matsui when I was 17 and in high school. I don't think either of us could have imagined being on the same field at the All-Star game," said Suzuki of the Seattle Mariners. "It's very significant and meaningful."

The Japanese stars have played together before in exhibitions against touring major leaguers in Japan, but this time will be even more special.

"I look forward to playing with him here," Matsui said. "For the fans, it's going to be great."

Matsui will be joined by at least two Yankees teammates. Catcher Jorge Posada and second baseman Alfonso Soriano were also voted in. First baseman Jason Giambi is one of five finalists in Internet balloting for the 32nd spot on the team.

"I think it's great, especially in Matsui's case," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "For Matsui to get people's attention that quickly is a credit to him."

The Yankees expected to have a few more players going, but pitchers Roger Clemens, Mike Mussina, David Wells and Mariano Rivera were all passed over.

"No pitcher made the All-Star team? Wow!" fellow pitcher Andy Pettitte said. "I thought for sure Moose or Boomer had a chance. Heck, maybe even Roger."

Despite Clemens' 8-6 record with a 3.75 ERA, the Yankees thought the six-time Cy Young Award winner deserved to go to Chicago as a career achievement. Clemens, who has said he plans to retire after the season, won his 300th game last month and also recorded his 4,000th strikeout.

"I would have liked to see it," said captain Derek Jeter, an All-Star the past five seasons. "I don't know who made the decision. If it was my decision, he'd be there." ■

## BASKETBALL

### China's Basketball Association Says Xue Not Ready for NBA

BEIJING—China's basketball association welcomed **Xue Yuyang's** selection in the NBA draft but said he isn't ready for the big time and won't be allowed to play in the United States next season, reports said June 28.

The official Chinese Basketball Association's response underscored the problems Chinese players face in overcoming bureaucratic hurdles to follow the

Houston Rocket's Yao Ming and Wang Zhizhi of last season's LA Clippers into the NBA.

Xue, a 7-foot (2.1 meter) forward/center, was picked June 26 by the Dallas Mavericks as the 57th and second-to-last pick of the draft and traded to the Denver Nuggets.

In a statement appearing in Chinese newspapers, the CBA said Xue wasn't ready for the

NBA and his participation in the draft had violated regulations.

"Xue Yuyang's selection shows China's own-trained athletes have received international recognition and is a good thing," the statement said.

But it added Xue needed to "train with the national team, play in international competitions, build up experience, improve his skills and strengthen himself physically for the grueling competition of the NBA."

"When conditions are ripe, the Chinese Basketball Association will support him to go play in the NBA," it said.

The statement said Xue's agents had violated notification rules in entering him in the draft, but didn't say if anyone would be punished.

Both Wang and Yao were involved in lengthy negotiations with the CBA to obtain permission to play in the United States. Wang has since been excluded from the national squad for refusing to come home and train with the team during the NBA off season as demanded by the CBA, which also demands cuts of the players' salaries and other conditions.

CBA officials were unavailable for comment June 28. ■

## GOLF

### Aree Song Tops Among Teens

NORTH PLAINS, Ore.—**Aree Song**, the highest-scoring of the teenagers at the U.S. Women's Open, had a rocky final round. She started at 2 under, and got as high as 3 over before finishing at 1 over.

But she kept her patience throughout, got to play with Annika Sorenstam and got invited back for next year.

Song wrapped up her day on the leaderboard with a birdie on the final hole for a 1-over 285.

She was the low amateur, and only two strokes off leaders Hilary Lunke, Angela Stanford and Kelly Robbins.

"That was fun," Song said.

Song, 17, just graduated from high school in Bradenton, Fla., with her twin sister Naree, who also played at Pumpkin Ridge but didn't make the cut. Both will be freshmen at Florida in the fall.

Formerly known by the last name Wongluekiet, the Thai twins were among 14 teenagers who

qualified for the Open.

Seven of them made the cut, headlined by long-driving 13-year-old **Michelle Wie**, who was dogged by controversy.

Wie, who became the youngest player to win a USGA title for adults at the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links three weeks ago, finished well off pace at 298, but birdied her final hole to the roar of her large gallery.

Her father and caddie, B.J. Wie, had claimed that LPGA Tour pro Danielle Ammaccapane pushed his daughter during the first round, then berated her in the scoring tent for a breach of etiquette.

B.J. Wie corrected his statements on July 5, saying no physical contact was made.

Michelle Wie was then caddied by her hitting coach, Gary Gilchrist, for the final round July 6.

**Irene Cho**, 18, who will begin her sophomore season at Southern California in the fall, left the 18th hole in tears, finishing with a 23-over 308.

**Jane Park**, 16, of Oak Valley, Calif., finished with a 12-over 296, as did 19-year-old Elizabeth Janangelo, who is headed to Duke this fall as a freshman.

**Christina Kim**, who at 19 is a rookie on the LPGA Tour, finished with a 10-over 294.

Two years ago, then-12-year-old Morgan Pressel became the youngest qualifier in U.S. Women's Open history and attracted large crowds at Pine Needles. She was back this year at 15, winding up with a 20-over 304.

The youngest girl to play in this year's Open, 13-year old Sydney Burlison, did not make the cut. Burlison was born nine days after Wie. ■

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### 'A Jail Next to a Buddhist Temple?'

THAT'S THE tantalizing question the City of Los Angeles and Little Tokyo leaders have batted about for a year now. It finally made press in April. Meanwhile, the Little Tokyo Community Council (LTCC) of business, church, civic (JACL), artist's and Japanese cultural groups — over 50 strong — convened a workshop at Maryknoll Hall one Saturday (June 28) to stipulate in writing what the community's desires are.

After voters in the city passed a \$534 million bond issue to improve fire and animal facilities in November 2000 and Proposition "Q" in March 2002 for \$600 million in city-wide public safety facilities, City Hall approved a new police headquarters with a 512-bed jail to replace the 50-year-old deteriorating Parker Center near City Hall, now occupying a quarter section of historic Little Tokyo that was demolished in 1952. It stimulated Little Tokyo to save itself from total destruction by planning for redevelopment, led by Bruce Kaji, the late Katsuma Mukaeda and the late Kango Kunitsugu, particularly the effort to "Save the (remaining half of) Northside," now designated a historic district.

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Last April, LTCC, chaired by Howard Nishimura, in a letter to City Mayor James Hahn, protested the city's plan for First and Alameda, especially the jail and disruption of the Arts District gentrification of warehouses south of East First Street. In the picture is the MTA light rail sta-

tion being named "Little Tokyo" rather than something else — another fly in this ointment.

When the city offered to buy Nishi Hongwanji's two-acre parking lot on the north side of the temple to link up with its city office (the rehabilitated General Electric Building) across Vignes Street, the ghost of eminent domain appeared, though City Hall denies that it's in their cards. Rinban George Matsubayashi at Nishi had learned their little parking lot had been appraised by the city.

A police headquarters and jail next to the Buddhist temple is trampling over Little Tokyo history again. Besides the *Rafu Shimpō*, I can check a 1950 Japanese Telephone Directory to list the others who were told to evacuate again.

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OVER 200 heard the presentation of plans designed by a private firm and the city's chief legislative analyst at the JACCC Japan America Theatre May 12. Councilwoman Jan Perry of the Ninth District, which includes Little Tokyo, witnessed Little Tokyo's uproar and heard the stream of protests.

"Our concern is we have a senior center and the day-care center. We have (an average of) 30 weddings, 150 funerals every year and over 1,200 family memorial services every year. The parking lot we have is not an empty lot. It is space used every day." — Rinban Matsubayashi.

"It's a concern to me ... the proximity of the jail to our child day-care center, to our programs for senior citizens, to youth activ-

ities." — Bob Nakamura, whose parents donated money for the temple.

"The community has spoken with one strong voice. We are against [the city's] existing public safety master plan." — Peter Woo, Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council (covering Chinatown and Plaza).

"We didn't envision anything like this when we talked about revitalization of the area. We'd like to see a project that doesn't increase the number of bail bonds stores or the number of homeless, or the number of people released from jail." — Architect Tom Kamei, past president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California. (Credit these quotes to Julie Tamaki of the *L.A. Times* and to Gwen Muranaka of the *Rafu Shimpō*.)

For the workshop, JACLER

Gary Mayeda, a city resident-voter, asked: "Little Tokyo has been here for over a 100 years. What do we see in the next 100 years?" — to set the tone before a concerned public for Little Tokyo. After several delved into the details of what's on the table and what's off the table, each then received two or three 3x5" note papers on which to jot down what they want as a community in this lot and in relation to Little Tokyo.

"On the [city council] table," public safety items are: parking structure for city employees during the week, for the public on weekends; a multi-story police headquarters, replacement of central jail/booking center, emergency operations and dispatch center, and a metro bomb-squad facility.

"Off the table," but cited as possibilities, are a fire station to replace the one next to Chinatown, child-care center and an auditorium.

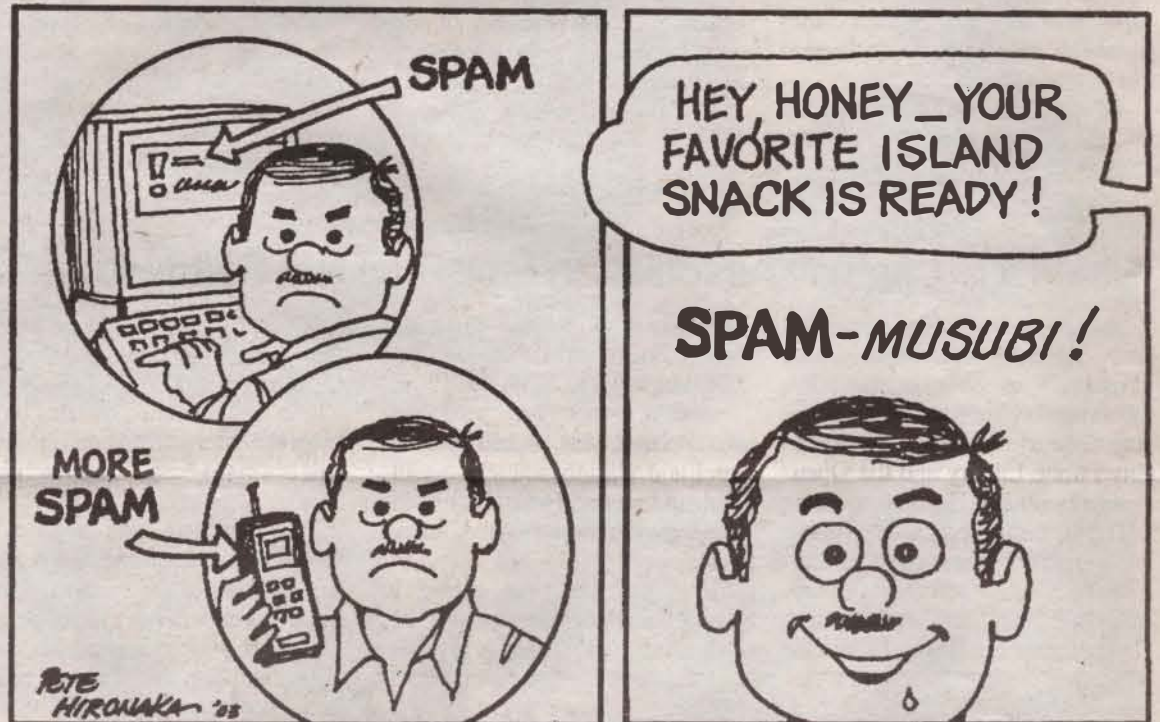
The notes were then sorted in these categories and the numbers tallied: recreational (27), economics-businesses, such as a book store (22); open ai — one had written "fish pond" (10);

entertainment, the "club bar" where younger generations might linger (13); educational-learning, such as a "charter school" (7); residential-affordable housing (20); art and cultural (8); parking (8); and public service, i.e., a post office, Japanese consulate, and [to Little Tokyo] as reparation for internment (3).

Outstanding questions not to be overlooked were: (1) Move police headquarters somewhere else. (2) Issue of a jail next to the Buddhist temple is too narrow; it's a city-wide matter. (3) What's going to happen to the empty lot when the current police headquarters is torn down?

Alan Kumamoto, conducting the workshop, assured the notes and what was discussed and dabbled on the boards would be compiled as a concrete representation for the city council's attention.

As the state of California readies to spend and preserve three Japanese communities — Little Tokyo (Los Angeles), Little Osaka (San Francisco) and San Jose, the loss or bulldozing of any of these landmarks would only bury the legacy and lessons of the Evacuation. ■



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## COMMENTARY The Last Hurrah?

By **RAYMOND UNO**  
Class of '48 Heart Mountain  
Committee Member

It's not over until it's over.

The last Heart Mountain Reunion, "Continuing the Legacy," was an interesting and risky challenge. Not held in Los Angeles, San Jose, San Francisco nor in Seattle where many or most of the Heart Mountain internees originally were evacuated. But, of all places, Salt Lake City where about a half dozen families relocated.

On reflection, it turned out well. We had a pre-reunion tour to Yellowstone Park, Cody, Heart Mountain, Jackson Hole and Park City. During the reunion, we had a city tour, Olympic Venue tour, and a Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Temple Grounds tour. We also had a post-reunion tour of southern Utah, Arches National Monument, Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, ending in Las Vegas.

Opening day was our golf tournament. That evening was a nostalgic mixer with a variety of Heart Mountain themes (chaired by Bacon Sakatani). The next morning was the Heart Mountain Foundation breakfast and a report on the progress of the foundation's work. Following that was the Women's Conversation — The Untold Stories (chaired by Marj Matsushita Sperling), Children's Cultural Workshop (chaired by Lu Anne Nakamura) at the Salt Lake City Public Library and the Open Forum (with Bill Hosokawa).

The evening events also consisted of our dinner program with a welcome by Mayor Rocky Anderson and Salt Lake County Council member Randy Horiuchi, and the keynoter was the Hon. Norman Mineta. We also honored the Resisters of Conscience (Floyd Mori, JACL national president), the 442nd, MIS and veter-

ans of all wars. We then concluded with an auction and raffle.

During the course of the reunion, individual and group photos were taken and individual and group oral interviews were taken. There was a book signing by Hosokawa, Eiichi Sakauye and Sandra Yamate. Curator Mamoru Inouye had his Heart Mountain Story exhibit at the Salt Lake City Public Library and the reception was well attended. The Special Collections, Marriott Library, University of Utah also prepared a special exhibit of the other camps displayed at the City Library. We also had our own exhibit with many photos and camp memorabilia.

During the free times, block, class, family and friend gatherings were held. Sakatani and Memory Makers did a great job putting out a memorable 80-page colored reunion memory book — all of which sold out.

Since we planned no further reunions in Salt Lake, funds generated by the reunion committee were donated to the Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation; Japanese American National Museum; National Japanese American Monument; National Japanese American Historical Society; "Go For Broke" Veterans Group; National JACL; the Intermountain District Council of JACL; Salt Lake, Mt. Olympus and Wasatch Front JACL chapters; Special Collections, University of Utah Marriott Library; and the Salt Lake City Public Library. The donations totaled about \$14,000 and were distributed in the name of all Heart Mountain, Wyoming 2002 Reunion attendees.

During Aug. 17 to 20, the Heart Mountain Class of '48 will have its last hurrah (?) at the California Hotel and Casino where we will wind up, maybe, Heart Mountain reunions. We hope to have Bill Boyd, one of the biggest casino owners in Vegas, and Dr. Otto Ravenholt, Clark County Medical Director for 30 years and now retired, as possible speakers. There will be a slot tournament, prizes, eats, and an interesting program.

Who knows what is next? Well, it's not over until it's over. ■

## Internees Honor Veterans, Keep Memory of Camp Alive

By Associated Press and  
Pacific Citizen Staff

BILLINGS, Mont.—Armed guards and barbed-wire fence confined thousands of Japanese Americans to the hard land of northern Wyoming during World War II.

But when the government wanted the people at Heart Mountain internment camp to fight in the war, they did not hesitate, said Tats Asato, a WWII veteran who had been interned there.

"I was born and raised in the United States and my loyalties were to the U.S.," said Asato, now 78, who was drafted to the U.S. Army and served on the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in battle. "America is the only country I know and I had no adverse feelings anyway."

Asato is one of the 799 veterans from the camp whose names are now etched on a new monument dedicated at the Heart Mountain camp July 5. The new memorial replaces an older one that had started to erode, making the names of the veterans unreadable.

The new monument also includes the names of the two Congressional Medal of Honor recipients who came out of Heart Mountain: Technician Fifth Grade James Okubo and Private Joe K. Hayashi. In addition, a separate memorial lists the names of the 15 servicemen from Heart Mountain who were killed in action.

"Prejudice, war hysteria, lack of leadership — that's why what happened, happened," said David Reetz, president of the Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation, the organization that sponsored the dedication event. "Their patriotism and incredible sacrifice really fits what's happening in America today."

An interpretive center and walk-

age of 10 and he and Simpson have remained lifelong friends and both currently serve on the Heart Mountain advisory board.

In his welcome address Wyoming Gov. David Freudenthal described the forced relocation of 110,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during WWII as the "greatest injustice of the American government."

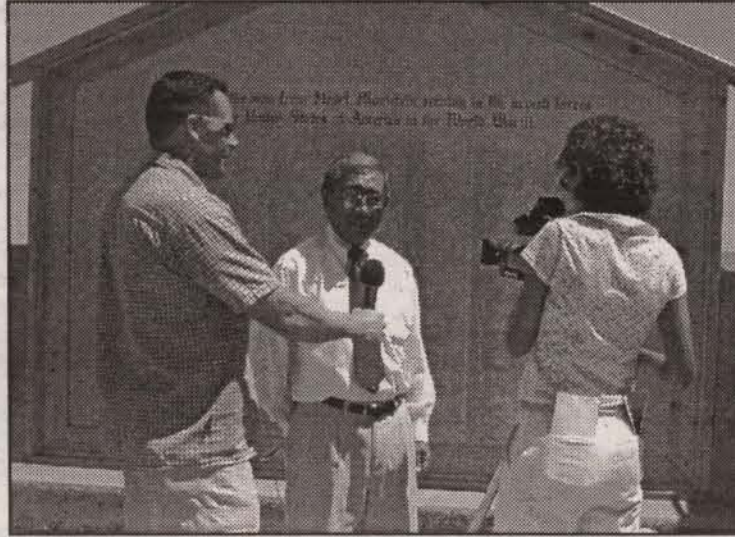
"It is an incredible embarrassment to the country and to this state," added Freudenthal. "Japanese Americans fought for a country that had abandoned them. There was so much reason not to proceed, but they did proceed."

Also speaking at the event was JACL National President Floyd Mori and journalist and author Bill Hosokawa. Serving as master of ceremonies was Bacon Sakatani, a former Heart Mountain

internee and a member of the Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation Advisory Board.

The day's events included a reenactment of the original flag ceremony and a reenactment of the farewell departure ceremony for military induction. In addition, the internees and veterans from Heart Mountain and all of the internment camps were recognized. ■

Irene Mori and David Reetz contributed to this article.



JACL National President Floyd Mori does an interview in front of the recently dedicated monument at the Heart Mountain internment camp.

ing tour are also being planned as part of an effort to ensure that the Heart Mountain internment camp and the people who were imprisoned there are never forgotten.

"We can't un-write history, but we can certainly see that it doesn't happen again," said retired U.S. Sen. Alan Simpson from Wyoming. Simpson met U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta when both were members of the Boy Scouts. Mineta was interned at Heart Mountain at the

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

### CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

**Sat.-Mon., Aug. 30-Sept. 1**—Conference, "Color Lines" co-sponsored by UCLA Asian American Studies and the Harvard Civil Rights Project; seeking to invigorate the national debate about the present and future of racial integration in the United States. **Register by August 1:** <http://www.civilrightsproject.harvard.edu/colorlines.php>.

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**Sat., Aug. 9**—Bon Festival; Morikami Museum and Gardens; 4000 Morikami Park Rd.; including a special memorial for the Columbia crewmembers. Info: 561-495-0233 ext. 210.

### NEW YORK CITY

**Sat., July 26**—"Samurai Art Adventure" family program; 12:30-3 p.m.; Metropolitan Museum of Art; 1000 Fifth Ave. at 82nd St.; art, music, storytelling, for children between 5 and 12. Info: 212/535-7710.

### PHILADELPHIA

**Sat., Sept. 27**—Philadelphia JACL "Meet and Greet Social"; 6 p.m.; hosts: Martha Fujimoto/Russ Hirai, 724 Harvard Ave., Swarthmore. RSVP: 610/544-5449 or fujiruss@aol.com.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Sun.-Tues., Sept. 21-23**—A Celebration of Patriotism and Constitutional Rights, "Honoring the Legacy, Preserving the Future"; a collaboration of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, JAVA's 10th Anniversary Celebration and the Smithsonian Institution; Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave. N.W.; Sunday luncheon; joint panels on the JA internment and military history on Sunday and Monday; Stradivarius concert Monday afternoon; wreath-laying at the JA Memorial, Nisei baseball film, reception and awards dinner gala on Tuesday. Registration, info: NJAMF, 202/530-0015.

## Midwest

### 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 (ladies' chorus, taiko, bon odori); Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 3799 Hyde Park Ave.

### CLEVELAND

**Sun., July 27**—Cleveland JACL and CJAF Scholarship Luncheon; 1 p.m. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.); Shinano Restaurant, 5222 Wilson Mills Rd., Richmond Hts.; **RSVP by July 16:** Karen Sodini, 440/238-3416, or Joyce Theus, 440/582-5443.

**Thurs., Aug. 7**—Japanese American Night at the Ballpark; 7:05 p.m.; Jacobs Field; Cleveland Indians vs. Seattle Mariners (with Ichiro Suzuki); pregame buffet available; Info: Jim DiLella, 216/420-4156; jdilella@cleindians.com.

### ST. LOUIS

**Sat., Aug. 30-Mon., Sept. 1**—Japanese Festival 2000—The Year of the Persimmon; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday; Hinode Taiko from Winnipeg, Japanese doll exhibit; cooking demos, kimono fashion show, bonsai and ikebana, candlelight tours of *Seiwa-en*; children's activities, candyman, more. Info: 314/577-9400 or 800/642-8842.

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## Mountain Plains

### BOULDER, Colo.

**Fri.-Sat., Aug. 22-23**—Boulder Asian Pacific Alliance Festival; Pearl Street Mall; Mile-Hi JACL will participate. Info: Steven Comerford, 720/309-5885, Frank Sakamoto, 303/694-4790, or Sam Mayeda, 303/989-2256.

### DENVER

**Sun., Aug. 17**—Dragon Boat Festival; Sloan Lake Park; Mile-Hi JACL will have a booth and also compete in the race. Info: Shane Imada: shane7imada@yahoo.com.

## Intermountain

### DELTA, Utah

**Sat., Aug. 2**—Topaz Pilgrimage, "Ties that Bind"; Delta City Park; 7 a.m. bike ride to camp; tour of the camp site, displays, videos, food all day; programs from noon; 7 p.m. big band dancing; come on Friday for golf. Info: Susan Stefanoff, 435/864-2279, or Jane Beckwith, 435/864-1098.

### SALT LAKE CITY

**Thurs., July 24**—JACL Tri-Chapter Picnic; 12 noon; Jordan Park.

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

**Sat., Aug. 9**—Mount Olympus JACL August Outing; 6 p.m., Evergreen Park, 2200 E. Evergreen Ave. (3435 S.); children's games, bingo, food and fun.

**Fri.-Sat., Aug. 15-16**—National JACL Credit Union Annual Co-ed Volleyball Tournament. Contact: Silvana Watanabe, 800/544-8828.

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## Pacific Northwest

### 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: sgmilehibob@att.net.

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**Fri.-Sun., Aug. 1-3**—"Minidoka Remembered"; 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: Gloria Shigeno, 425/649-0100; gloriashigeno@hotmail.com.

## Northern California

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**Sun., Aug. 3**—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.

**Sun., Aug. 3**—NCWNP district board meeting; Sequoia chapter hosting.

**Fri.-Mon., Aug. 1-4**—Bus Tour to Delta, Utah, for the Topaz Pilgrimage; leaves from Berkeley Friday a.m.; Friday stopover at Ely, Nev.; Sunday return stopover in Reno; arrives in Berkeley Monday noon. Info: Toru Saito, 510/526-3284.

### 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.

### RICHMOND

**Sun., Sept. 14**—JASEB 2nd Annual Walk-a-thon; Marina Bay Park; as a sponsor, Contra Costa JACL can receive 40 percent of the pledges. Info: Esther Takeuchi 510/223-2258, or JASEB, 510/848-3560.

### 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. **Register for reunion by August 1, for golf tournament by September 1.** Info: <http://www.placernikkeireunion.com>; or Aiko Seo, 916/443-7746; Tomio Masaki, 916/456-2595; Grace Miyamoto, 916/421-2788; Frank Hirota, 916/395-9726; tadhirota@cal.net.

### SAN JOSE

**Sat., Aug. 16**—Japanese American Cultural Festival (26th Annual Daruma Festival); 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (food from 10 a.m.); Saratoga Lanes Bowling Center, 1585 Saratoga Ave. across from Westgate Mall; food, crafts, performing arts, San Jose Taiko, games for the children; hosted by West Valley JACL/Next Generation. Info: 408/293-4432; [www.darumafestival.org](http://www.darumafestival.org).

**Mon., Aug. 25**—Yu-Ai Kai's 20th Annual Golf Tournament; 11 a.m. shotgun start; San Juan Oaks Golf Club; entry includes green fee, cart, tee prize, one dinner; dinner only is also available. Registrator: Yu-Ai Kai, 408/294-2505.

### SAN MATEO

**Sun., July 27**—Sunday Matinee Movie, "Raise the Red Lantern," by Zhang Yimou; 1:30 p.m.; JACL Community Center, 415 Claremont St.; Mandarin with English subtitles. Info: 650/343-2793.

## 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

### GARDENA

**Sat., Aug. 2**—Akebono, the first foreign-born Sumo Grand Champion, will appear at Pacific Square; he will answer sumo questions and "wrestle" with the kids; Info: Yuko Ito, 310/540-3120 ext. 103.

### LOS ANGELES

**Sat.-Sun., July 19-20**—2003 LA Tofu Festival; 2-10 p.m. Saturday, 12 noon-8 p.m. Sunday; South San Pedro St. between 2nd & 3rd, Little Tokyo; food, beverage pavilion, entertainment, art gallery, health screenings; children's pavilion, arts and crafts, silent auction, tofu-eating contest, sidewalk chalk art; performances by Hiroshima and Tierra; meet Iron Chef Morimoto from Japan. Info: 213/473-1602; [www.tofufest.org](http://www.tofufest.org).

**Thurs., July 24**—Performance by Kabuki Underground; 7:30 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/830-5676.

**Sun., July 27**—MIS Club of Southern California Prime Rib/Bingo Fund Raiser; 1-4 p.m. (12:30 p.m. registration); Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center, 222 S. Hewitt St.; discount tickets before July 22. RSVP, info: Cathy Tanaka, 213/626-0441.

**Thurs.-Sun., July 31-Aug. 3**—Play, "Reds, Whites, and Blues"; 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; Terasaki Garden Café, Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo; captioned and wheelchair accessible. **RSVP ASAP:** John Guzman, 213/830-5625.

**Sundays, Aug. 3, 10, 17**—Nisei Week Aikido and Iaido Demonstrations; 12 noon-1:30 p.m.; Aikido Center of Los Angeles, 940 E. 2nd St. #7, Little Tokyo. Info: [www.aikidocenterla.com](http://www.aikidocenterla.com).

**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](http://asiansinglesconf.org); Miyako1@earthlink.net; 310/559-4024

### SAN DIEGO

**Sat., Aug. 2**—2003 Bon Odori: Festival of Joy; 5:30-8 p.m.; Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market St. (Fwy 94 at 30th St.). Info: 619/239-0896; btsd@att.net; [www.btsd.net](http://www.btsd.net).

**Sat., Aug. 2**—Exhibit, "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire: The Art and Crafts of America's Concentration Camps"; 5-8:30 p.m.; Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market St.; presented by the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego. Info: 619/239-0896; btsd@att.net; [www.btsd.net](http://www.btsd.net).

### WEST COVINA

**Sat., July 26**—"Zen Relationships" with author and Zen coach Michiko Rolek; East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave. Tickets, Info: Kathee Lee, 310/719-1722.

## Arizona - Nevada

### LAS VEGAS

**Sun.-Wed., Aug. 17-20**—Heart Mountain Class of '48 "Last Hurrah?" Reunion; California Hotel and Casino. Info: Raymond Uno, rsunol@yahoo.com

**Tues.-Thurs., Oct. 28-30**—Rohwer Jr. High School Reunion; California Hotel & Casino; including students who attended Rohwer Jr. High from 1943-45 (*graduating classes of 1948, '49, '50*). Registration forms, info: Sets (Izumi) Asano; 310/515-0889; Toshi Kusumoto, 213/382-5712; or Pat Toshiko (Tamura) Muraoka, 310/532-1666. ■

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All participants will be required to sign a liability release prior to participating in this event, acknowledging that the National JACL Credit Union and its representatives will not be held accountable for personal injuries sustained during competition.



# Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Ariza, Yasumi, 75**, Phoenix, Ariz., June 22; Montebello-born; served U.S. Army in Korean War; survived by wife Miyoko; daughters Akemi (Tommy) Uyema and Emiko (Greg) South; sons Tetsushi and Koji; 3 gc.; 4 brothers.

*This compilation appears on a space-available basis at no cost. Printed obituaries from your newspaper are welcome. "Death Notices," which appear in a timely manner at request of the family or funeral director, are published at the rate of \$15 per column inch. Text is reworded as needed.*

**Hamamoto, Takeshi, 87**, June 24; Fresno-born member of Placer JACL; survived by brothers Sakae, Goichi (Alice), Yutaka (Utako), Masao (Sumie), Hachiro (Shoko), Kuichi, and Tomoichi (Emily) Hamamoto; sister Toshiko (Muneo) Masaki.

**Hamamoto, Thomas Tomoichi, 70**, Palo Alto, June 30; Loomis-born; survived by wife Emily; sons Glenn (Nancy) and Mark (Satomi); daughter Kris (David) Tanaka; 5 gc.; brothers Sakae, Goichi (Alice), Yutaka (Utako), Masao (Sumie), Hachiro (Shoko), Kuichi, and Tomoichi (Emily) Hamamoto; sister Toshiko (Muneo) Masaki.

**Hattori, Seiko, 63**, Agoura Hills, June 17; Los Angeles-born; survived by husband Lowell; sons Craig and Patrick; sisters Tokimi (Takashi) Okamura and Nancy Fukute; sister-in-law Mari (Duane) Oshinomi.

**Hayashi, Junji John, 65**, Solana Beach, June 30; survived by wife Georgia; sons Jeff (Kathy) and Glen (Chiaki); daughter Jill; 3 gc.; brother Kentaro (June); sister Tomoko (Bill) Sato; sister-in-law Mary Ann Koba.

**Higashi, Shozo (Sho), 76**, Spokane, Wash., June 23; Sunnydale, Wash.-born; Pinedale and Tulalake internee; post-WWII U.S. Army veteran (Germany); survived by wife Mary; daughters Jackie Higashi-Poynter, Lisa

(Brett) Lauderdale; son Craig (Ramona); 9 gc.; predeceased by son Michael.

**Hirota, Koichi "Ko," 77**, Alhambra, June 20; Kochi ken-born; survived by wife Masako; son Richard Yutaka (Donna); daughters Akemi (John) Uomoto, Sachi (Arthur) Hashima, Misako Hirota, DMD. (John) Winnen; 7 gc.; brother Tadaichi (Miyako) of Japan; brothers-in-law Satoshi (Kazu) and Toshi (Sumi) Doi; sisters-in-law Leiko (Tom) Yamashita, Seiko (Lloyd) Suchiro, Mari (Gilbert ) Gonzalez.

**Hotta, Kiyo, 80**, Hacienda Heights, June 29; survived by daughter Rose Bonner; 2 gc.; brother Seichi Hotta; sisters Fumi Mochida and Miyo Tsuruta, all of Japan.

**Idemoto, Wayne Tadashi, 53**, Phillips Ranch, June 24; Hawaii-born Sansei; survived by wife Cheryl; parents Tadashi and Doris; sisters Pearl (Ken) Matsumoto and Nancy (Henry) Tamanaha; brother Russell.

**Isa, Albert Shigeyoshi, 63**, Sherman Oaks, June 30; Honolulu-born; survived by wife Hazel; daughters Gayle and Michelle (Todd) Matsuoka; sisters Harriet, Barbara and Elizabeth.

**Ishiguro, Toyosuke "Bill," 73**, West Covina, July 4; Kobe, Japan-born; survived by wife Aiko; brother Seiichi and Toshio (Akiko) of Japan; sister Eiko Katsuki of Japan; brother-in-law Fumio (Nobue) Kuroki of Japan.

**Kameta, Mutsuhiko Mits, 59**, Aliso Viejo, June 20; Fukushima-ken-born Issei; survived by friend Karen Kameta; sister Michiko Ambo; nephew Hideo Ambo; niece Aileen Hongo.

**Kimura, Karen K. Nishihira, 46**, Torrance, June 29; Los Angeles-born Sansei; survived by husband Gary; parents Kennieth and Akiko; brothers Craig (Janet)

and Rodney (Patricia).

**Kitasaki, Yoshiko, 96**, Los Angeles, June 23; Fukuoka, Japan-born; survived by son Kiyoshi (Lillian); daughter Michiko Shimoji; 4 gc.

**Kodama, Hugh T., 64**, Culver City, June 21; Montebello-born; survived by brother Ernest (Hiromi) Kodama of Novato; sister Penny Sakai.

**Koike, Fusayo, 93**, Maui, Hawaii, June 30; Japanese language radio announcer in Maui, she was recognized by President Reagan for having the longest-running ethnic radio show in America (50+ years); survived by daughter Claire Ching of Wailuku; a son; 1 gc.; a sister; predeceased by husband Haruo.

**Kusano, Tak, 81**, Oakland, June 23; Oakland-born; survived by wife Michiko; son John; daughter Susan; stepson Dennis Baumgartner.

**Masaki, Gladys Toyoko, 89**, June 28; Castroville-born member of JACL; survived by sons Setsuo (Karen) and Harry (Elaine); daughter Colleen (Alan) Matsumoto; 7 gc.; 2 ggc.

**Matsuura, Ben Sr., 90**, June 18; survived by wife Nancy; son Ben Jr. (Vicki); daughters Aileen and Gayle (Walt) Glines; 3 gc., sisters Chizu, Yone Kubo and Helen Mukai.

**Mayeda, Sally Kitahata, 82**, Los Angeles, July 7; Anaheim-born; survived by wife Sadaki; son Don (Amanda); sister Tomi (Yoshi) Fujitani; brothers Jackson (Shizuko) and Frank (Kay); 2 gc.

**Nakamura, Tomiko, 88**, Los Angeles, July 8; San Francisco-born; survived by daughters Dorothy (Robert) Webb, and Nancy Nakamura; sisters Florence Tsukagawa, Mabel (Tamiki) Mayeda and Lillie (Hiroshi) Komai.

**Nishimoto, Matsuko, 101**, June 24; Hiroshima City, Japan-born; survived by son Koji (Keiko); daughter Keiko (Ray) Nakahara; 3 gc.; 1 ggc.

**Ogami, Emmy E., 82**, Belmont, June 29; survived by brothers Richard (Chiyo), Sam (Setsuko) and Terry (Mary) Ogami.

**Perlswieg, Bernard L., 84**, Wynnewood, Pa., June 14; Pennsylvania-born; WWII U.S. Army veteran, 442nd RCT officer in Mississippi and in France and Italy; survived by wife Doris; daughters Linda Rosenfeld, Nancy Ciaverelli; son Steven; 25 gc.; 2 brothers.

**Sasaki, James Minoru, 84**, Los Angeles, July 5; Los Angeles-born Nisei; survived by wife Fukiko; sons Brian (Joan), Eric (Katherine) and Glenn (Doreen); daughter Susan; 4 gc.; sisters Fumie Fukuhara and Kiyoko (Minoru) Muneta, both of Japan; brother Jyogi Sasaki of Japan; sister-in-law Sachie Sasaki of Japan; brother-in-law Minoru Nakamura.

**Tada, Mitoshi, 97**, June 24; survived by wife Kiyono; daughter Florence (Jack); 4 gc.

**Tajiri, Kimiyo, 80**, Los Angeles, July 1; Alameda-born Nisei; survived by husband George; aunt Mitsuko Ikeda; brothers-in-law Joe (Amy) and Charlie Tajiri; sister-in-law May Imai.

**Takahashi, Misue, 80**, Los Angeles, July 6; Sacramento-born Nisei; survived by son Jerry (Marian); daughters Julie (Edward) Thomen and Pauline; 3 gc.; brothers Fred (Michiko) and Steve Yamamoto; sister Harumi Kato.

**Yamagami, Mineo, 84**, Torrance, June 24; survived by wife Kiyoko; daughters Vicki Ragasa, Linda (Michael) Deverich; 4 gc.; 2 ggc.; brother Gary Yamagami; sisters Hisaye Mino, Suyeko (Mack) Tabata, Hideko and Sugako of Japan.

**Yamanouye, Danette Lynne, 44**, Missions Hills, June 19; survived by husband Glenn; children Michelle and Stacey; sisters Aileen Walker, Coleen Starkins; brother Wayne Banglos.

**Yamaoka, Shigeto, 79**, Granada Hills, July 4; Los Angeles-born Nisei; survived by wife Michiko; daughter Diane (Larry) Kadonaga; son Ron (Kathy); 3 gc.; brothers Masato, Tadashi (Emmy) and Mamoru (Ruth) Yamaoka; sisters Shizuye (Kinya) Tatsumi, Tsuneko

(Jim) Kono, Mitsue (Bob) Naito and Sachiko Ito.

**Yonemitsu, Hisashi, 65**, Torrance, June 22; Kagoshima-ken-born; survived by wife Michiko; brothers Hitoshi and Minoru of Japan; sister Eru Hamasaki of Japan; brother-in-law, Hisashi (Junko) Ishimaru of Japan.

**Yukihiro, Mitsuko "Mickie," 76**, Norwalk, June 16; Yamagata-ken-born; survived by husband of 6 years George; son Calvin (Julie); daughter Karen (Stanley) Ishii; 5 gc.; sister in Japan, Tsune Matsumura. ■

## Whereabouts

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

### SACHI OIKAWA

Margie Nahmias Angel is looking for Sachi Oikawa. Both grew up in Seattle, Wash., and were graduates of Broadway High School, class of 1942. Sachi lived on 10th and East Alder. With information please contact Yuri Suzuki, 31 E. Geist Point Court, Shelton, WA 98584.

### STUDENT RESIDENT

Bill Warren is looking for a Japanese student who lived with his family in St. Louis, Mo., near Fontbon College during World War II. Bill was between 3-7 years old and doesn't remember the student's name. The address in St. Louis was 14 Dartmouth Ave. With any information e-mail Bill at bill@thewayitwas.net.

### KEN IMAMURA GEORGE YONEMURA

Alan Dash is looking for George and Ken, whom he knew at UCLA in the 1950s. All three were residents at the UCHA (co-op housing). Alan last saw Ken in New York in 1955. With information please contact Alan at 208/336-4111 or alandash@juno.com.

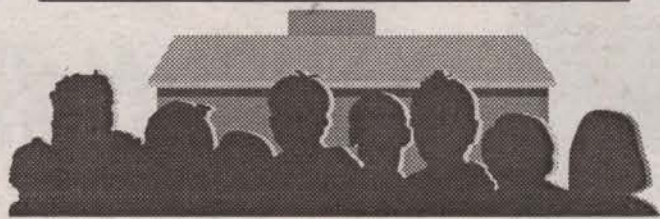
### SACHIKO KONDO

Kikumi Miyagishima Hoki is looking for Sachiko Kondo, who lived in Terminal Island before World War II. Sachiko relocated to Utah and attended David High School and eventually moved back to the Los Angeles area. Please contact Kikumi at 8440 Mesa Drive, Sandy, UT 84093.

### HAPPY TAKEDA

Florence Breene, formerly of San Jose, Calif., is looking for Happy Takeda, known to her in the 1930s. Florence can be reached at the Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032-3568. ■

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#### DEATH NOTICE

##### MARY T. OGAWA

TORRANCE, Calif. — Mary T. Ogawa, 79, passed away July 2. During World War II, like thousands of other Japanese-Americans on the west coast, Mary was relocated to the Poston Relocation Center in Arizona. After a short interment, she was permitted to leave camp in order to attend the American Academy of Arts in Chicago, Ill. Upon graduation, she stayed on as an instructor for 3 years. She met her husband, George Ogawa, while he was teaching mathematics at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, and they were married on Dec. 17, 1950. George was recalled by the Army during the Korean war and sent to Furth, Germany near Nueremburg. They lived in Germany for 2 1/2 years where their first son, James Russell was born on Sept. 30, 1951. Upon returning to Los Angeles, George was employed as an engineer in the aerospace industry and Mary was busy raising her family of three boys. In 1964 the family moved to Torrance where Mary later became involved as a ceramic instructor at the Palos Verdes Art Center and the Joslyn Center of Art in Torrance. Mary was active in the South Bay chapter of the JACL having served as president on two past occasions. In addition, she participated in various community activities in the City of Torrance and was honored by the City for her contributions towards the advancement of the arts. After 35 years of service, Mary retired from the Palos Verdes Art Center as well as the Joslyn Center of Arts. She is survived by her sons James, Barry and Ronald; sisters, Pauline Hayakawa and Lilyan Hirohama. Funeral services were held July 11 at the Gardena Valley Baptist Church.



## FOX

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community to protest "Banzai" by contacting FOX. "We may not have the numbers to stop this from airing nationwide, but there are enough of us living in L.A., N.Y., San Francisco, and Hawaii to stop this show from airing in these regions. We can call this the, 'Not in our house!!!' campaign," the website states.

"Banzai" will continue to air throughout the summer on FOX. The show had aired previously on USA Network and the AA community had also protested its airing.

Similar protests from various members of the AA community worked to convince FOX Movie Channel to cancel the network's summer festival of Charlie Chan mysteries. The network announced its decision June 27 citing respect for contemporary racial attitudes.

In its statement, FOX said the films were made "at a time when racial sensitivities were not as they are today." The channel invited comments from viewers and said it hoped "this action will evoke discussion about the progress made in our modern, multicultural society."

FOX's decision drew praise from members of the AA community who believe the Charlie Chan films present ethnic stereotypes and because white actors like Warner Oland and Sidney Toler played the part of Chan with exaggerated makeup and accents in the films first produced in the 1930s.

"Charlie Chan is a painful reminder of Hollywood's racist refusal to hire minorities to play roles that were designated for them and a further reminder of the miscegenation laws that prevented interracial interaction even on screen," said the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) in a statement.

"We have been receiving positive feedback from our members as well as other organizations and individuals in our communities regarding the cancellation of the series," said Raymond Wong, OCA national president. "Fox Movie Channel's actions indicate the company's willingness to move forward rather than reflecting back on archaic and destructive stereotypes of the past."

"FOX listened to community leaders who are concerned about the impact these negative stereotypes would have on Asian Americans, particularly children," said Karen Narasaki, National

Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC) president and executive director. "FOX decided to act as a responsible corporate citizen because they understand that in 2003 we need to move beyond stereotypes."

OCA noted that since they and other AA organizations protested the airing of the Charlie Chan movies, they have been receiving several negative e-mails and phone calls. FOX has also received criticism for their decision to cancel the airing of the films. ■

Associated Press contributed to this story.

## BI-DISTRICT

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pendent nonprofit dedicated to furthering the activities of Minidoka. JACL National President Floyd Mori and David Kawamoto, JACL vice president of operations, spoke on behalf of the national organization. The districts recognized James Arima of Seattle for his civil rights work, and Amanda Kumiko Kent was also recognized for being selected Idaho's Miss Rodeo Queen.

The districts passed several resolutions during their business sessions including a resolution to create a national committee to educate and organize Japanese American communities throughout the country to take appropriate legislative actions to protect the civil liberties of all Americans, especially in light of events post 9/11. The districts also recognized the *Pacific Citizen* as an important and integral benefit of JACL membership, acting as sometimes the sole conduit between national and JACL members.

The three-day conference concluded with a luncheon with Dan Sakura, former aide to President Bill Clinton and now working with Washington Sen. Maria Cantwell. ■

## Father Convicted of Attempted Murder of Infant Son

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—A Circuit Court jury on June 30 convicted a Waikiki man of trying to kill his infant son last year.

Anthony Chatman, 33, was found guilty of attempted murder for attacking his then 6-month-old son, Taison Suzuki, causing severe brain damage.

He faces life in prison with the possibility of parole when he is sentenced Sept. 15.

Chatman was also convicted of bribing, intimidating and extorting the baby's mother. He forced Asahi Suzuki, a Japanese citizen, into recanting her statements to police blaming him for the child's injuries, prosecutors said.

Chatman was arrested in April 2002 after his son was taken to Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children for treatment of bruises. The child was admitted after doctors determined he also had internal injuries. ■

## '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 one of 10 internment camps that housed 110,000 Japanese Americans during World War II.

"This is a great opportunity to reunite with fellow Nikkei who experienced life at Minidoka. It's a chance to share memories, laugh and cry together. 'Camp' is still such a big part of who we are as Japanese Americans, whether we directly experienced it, or heard about it from our parents and grandparents," said Gloria Shigeno, reunion organizer and former Minidokan.

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," a story 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.

Shimomura's latest work tells the story of his family's internment in Minidoka in two exhibits, "An American Diary" and "Memories of Childhood," which traveled to 12 cities in four years,

ending in Bellevue, Wash., in March 2003. For this series, Shimomura drew from the diaries kept by his grandmother, Toku Shimomura, while interned at Minidoka.

Fueled by anti-Japanese hysteria following the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the nation of Japan, President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 19, 1942. The order authorized the evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast.

Located in southern Idaho, Minidoka was home to 10,000, JA's from 1942 to 1945. Most of the Minidokans were from Bainbridge Island, Portland and the Seattle area. In 2001 the U.S. National Park Service designated 73 acres of the camp site as a National Park unit, officially recognizing it as nationally significant in American history. The historic site will be preserved and carefully developed over the next 10 years.

In 1970, the quest to redress the wrong of the internment of the Japanese started with the introduction of a resolution at the national JACL convention. It took nearly 20 years, but the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 acknowledged the internment was "motivated largely by racial prejudice and wartime hysteria, and failure of political leadership."

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

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