By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

As members of the Intermountain and Pacific Northwest JACL districts gathered for their biennial in-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 WWII 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.

The pilgrimage took place during the IDC/PNW bi-district conference that included a full weekend of activities.

Various workshops had been held including taiko drumming, bonsai making and a model workshop. Former internee Itami, Missie Tomita and Mary Hirata also shared stories about their WWII experiences. Noted artist Roger Shimomura presented slides of his work 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

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(LEFT) VP. of General Operations David Kawamoto, DC Governor Mickey Kawakami, JACL National President Floyd Mori and Sandy Bosteder.

From the Midwest

Why Join JACL?

By Bill Yoshino Midwest Regional Director

Why join the JACL? If the word “jap” is screamed 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 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 extensive efforts to reopen 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 benefitting the whole community.

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FOX Criticized for Airing of ‘Banzai,’

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 narrator and actors striking exaggerated mannerisms poses which premiered July 13.

“FOX 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 unhappy 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 for community affairs, who attended the recent meeting with FOX executives.

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

In an L.A. Times interview, MANAA president Gay Oki, said, “Asians are kind of conditioned to cringe and go, ‘OK, what are we going to be doing next? They are going to make fun of us,’ ” he said, adding TV “really shows Asian people as weak people. There’s nothing to balance it out.”

On its website (www.manaa.org), MANAA encourages the community to voice their concerns to the networks. They’ve done that, and they’ve been listened to. The question is, will we see change on the airwaves?

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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 by Rep. Howard Cobble, R-N.C., the congressman has reneged now refusing to schedule a meeting even 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 Cobble has reneged and now refuses to schedule a meeting even to meet with the organization,” said John Tateishi, JACL executive director.

At American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee congressional dinner June 12, Cobble had indicated to Knutine 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. Cobble 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 Cobble 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. Cobble’s arrogant disregard of the Asian Pacific American community and his failure to consider the concerns of 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. Cobble’s statement about the World War II internment and to explain to us how his insensitivity will serve the best interest of a sub-committee charged with determining fair treatment of those who fell under the broad net of this administration’s anti-terrorism policies,” he said.

Coble, who is currently the head of the House Judiciary Committee is a veteran of the House’s internment committee on homeland security, said during a Feb. 4 radio talk show that a World War II internment of JAs was for their own protection.

“We were at war,” Cobble said. “For many Japanese Americans, it wasn’t safe for them on the street.”

He also added that some JAs "probably were intent on doing harm to us, just as some of these AAs were probably intent on doing harm to us as Japanese Americans." Cobble also added that some JAs probably were intent on doing harm to us, just as some of these AAs were probably intent on doing harm to us as Japanese Americans.

On June 2 June 2 the California Senate joined the state’s Assembly in condemning Cobble for his controversial remarks and called on the congressman to resign. Cobble chairs the congressional sub-committee.

FOOTNOTES:

"Nothing to balance it out."...
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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 founda-
tion 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 Pacific American communities.

JACL does more than speak out on issues, and we do more than react to defamation and hate inci-
dents. Perhaps the most important thing we do is to provide a greater understanding about our com-
nunity 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 hate incidents 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 senti-
ment 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 handbook that provides a historical look at anti-Asian sentiment, along with recent examples of anti-Asian vio-
lence and a section on how you and your community can respond to hate incidents.

Japanese American Curriculum Guide

The JACL first published its cur-
riculum guide, "A Lesson in American History: Japan/Europe," 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 from Grant's. We estimate that over 5,000 copies of the guide have been dis-
tributed. Today, there are approxi-
ately 400 guides remaining in stock for purchase by chapters.

Teacher Workshops

Through the years, the JACL Education Committee has conduct-
ed excellent teacher training work-
shops 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 experi-
ence 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 be sure that classrooms hear the message.

Issues of race touch us every day. The JACL needs your help today. 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

CCBC P. C. Editorial Board Member

So many thoughts have been burning in my head ever since I began to serve on the Pacific Citizen Editorial Board last year. We've had a huge num-
ber of discussions that you are on the "inside." We have enjoyed the P. C. for many years. 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 prod-
uct I never dreamed that such a small staff with limited resources was writing the paper to us. Look on page 2 and let's thank these people who faithfully and with much perseverance get the papers out to our members and subscribers.

THANK YOU, CAROLINE Armstrong Tanaka, MAE GOYIN, BRAINTROUS and EVA Lau-
ting. It shouldn't be that you were using their own cameras for pic-
tures until we published their wish lists. They got a few of the necessities. Even today, I asked Brian if he got the air conditioner fixed. He was a frugal businessman, he said no. It would cost $3000 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 that you control the operation of the national JACL funds, and knowing national helps fund the P. C. it will be difficult for every-
one. 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 your donations. Like the donations for the P. C. the are always welcomed because their expenses are always there. They do get advertising revenue but it is not a daily paper so the income is limited.

And now, what is 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 mem-
ber subscriptions. It is not their job. We are the leaders, we represent the national organization and we know mem-
bers are gaining one person at a time. We need them. They are the person and ask if they are JACL members. It's amazing how many professional Samuse and Yonez or families are now ready to make contacts with the Japanese American and Pacific American communities. Thanks to the lists of members, to the national office, to JACL. It will be their all worth it and fun to meet new people.

So thank you to all those who care and please you know are appreciated national JACL staffs: John Tateishi, Nitama Lawrence, Lucy Kishino, Kristine Minami, and dis-
trict directors. And thank you to our board 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 Tsai, president of ABA in Los Angeles, one of many business associations sending 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 to the values of civil rights. As a member of the 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 a regional whip for Northern California, Hawaii, American Samoa and Guam and is the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, a group dedicated to social, economic and civil rights through legislative action.

"Our consumer protection laws are too often overlooked. Today, we're making sure history doesn't repeat itself to us in the Vietnam War and in the war on terrorism," 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 the social science teachers to include within the social science curriculum the study of 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 Korea and Vietnam, and the Secret War in Laos is not often taught in the current California curriculum. Instead, they are teaching students how to write essays on different treatment variables. Analysts then describe their experiences using computer software to produce statistical models. This approach provides a more realistic chance of discovering the level of housing discrimination against Asians and Hispanics. In 2002, HUD released a study showing that the level of discrimination against African Americans and Hispanics declined since 1989 but still remains a serious problem.

"By making the law more effective and enforceable, HUD wants to help those seeking sponsorship opportunities. We are very pleased to see that the bill is being supported by such an important organization as the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, which is doing a great job of protecting the rights of Asian Pacific Americans."

During his career Honda was instrumental in the fight for redress and reparations for Japanese American internment. 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 programs.

 Chapters member 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 indivi dual tickets, which will be the regular member price after Aug. 1. Non-members wishing to reserve the special rate can become a member of JACL, depending on chapter/locati on, for as little as $55 annually. Contact the PSW district office at 213/626-4471 or e-mail: psw@jacLorg for more information on the dinner.

Proceeds from the dinner will go to support JACL's education programs. Corporations and businesses seeking sponsorship opportunities should contact the national JACL at 415/921-3225. The Wilshire Grand Hotel, downtown Los Angeles, is offering rooms at $85 per night. Reservations can be made by calling 888-938-8888. The Miyako Hotel in Little Tokyo is offering a rate of $79 per night single and $89 per night double.

Metropolitan Housing Market Study Shows APIs Face Housing Discrimination

An L.A.-city study released July 1 by the Department of Housing and Urban Development shows that one out of every five Asians and Pacific Islanders who rent or own 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 by 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 its 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 inform our nation's progress in reducing housing discrimination, we also will use the data to better target HUD's education, 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 market.

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 national origin.

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, for example — visit different identical housekeepers, with comparable housing needs and levels of income, assets and debt. Both testers respond to an advertise- ment 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 whether each tester received adverse treatment on different treatment variables.

In this study, researchers estimated statewide estimates of discrimina- tion against Native Americans and multiracial persons with disabilities.

Copies of the report can be downloaded from www.HUDUSER.org as well as ordered online or by calling 800 HUD USER.

Congressman David Wu, D-Ore., July 10 called on the Department of Energy to consider equal employment opportunities practices at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

In a letter to Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, Wu asked the DOE to strengthen its Minority Employment Practices, particularly at Los Alamos Laboratory.

Wu wrote that the DOE should consider strengthening the laboratory's equal employment practices in light of the recent diversity-related actions at Los Alamos Laboratory.

In April, the Department of Energy announced that it would undertake a comprehensive review of its equal employment practices, including at Los Alamos Laboratory, in response to complaints from employees who alleged that the laboratory had a discriminatory work environment.

The letter to Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham called for a more comprehensive review of the laboratory's equal employment practices and for the DOE to take steps to ensure that its workforce is diverse and inclusive.

"We need to ensure that our laboratory is a place where all employees are treated equally and fairly," Wu said in his letter. "I urge the DOE to take immediate action to address any issues that may be preventing them from doing so."
San Fernando Valley JACL and JACC scholarship recipients (l-r): Tyler Harris, Megan Oku, Jino Wayama, Yuka Otsuka, Ryan Takasugi.

Marilyn Harris, plans to attend UC Berkeley; Megan Kajiro Oku of Cleveland High, daughter of Tadao and Lois Oku, may attend Pasadena City College or Cal State Northridge and major in kinesiology/athletic training; Yuka C. Otsuka, Granada Hills High, daughter of Yuki and Riko Otsuka, will attend UC Davis or UC Santa Barbara; Ryan Natsuki Takasugi, North Hollywood Highly Gifted Magnet High, son of Sadatoshi and Nancy Gohata, will attend Yale University; Jino Wayama, James Monroe Law/Government Magnet High, son of Sadatoshi and Junko Wayama, will attend UCLA and major in biological science. Featured speaker Bill Watarabe 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, presented 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 Kee Kitayama Memorial Scholarship was 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 Watsonville’s Monte Vista Christian High School.

Jake assisted with the children’s events at the chapters’ community picnics, is a volunteer helper at the Kokoro no Gaku 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 June 8.

Melanie Yasuko Gee, Pioneer Poly High, received $1,000; Keyna Chow and Maria Ahmad of De Anza College and Miriam Lehnhardt, Mountain View High, each received $1,000 scholarships; Lester and Michelle Aoki of Watsonville, Mas Hashimoto, scholarship chair, presented the award during the special awards and honors ceremony at Watsonville’s Monte Vista Christian High School.

Sequoia JACL scholarship recipients (l-r): Maria Ahmad, Melanie Yasuko Gee, Elise Maru, Jennifer Ann Lethhardt and Kayohna Chow, (Hirai Patel not pictured).

Kojinok and Bhavsi Patel of Foothill College each received $500.

Melanie Yasuko Gee was also given the $500 Harry & Elise 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: mikejcl@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 $300 from the 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 Ixoa Hewitt, Redlands East Valley High in San Bernardino County, $300; Tyler Jay Takahashi, Cathedral City High in Palm Springs, $300; Eriko Sumiko McNichols, Valley View High in Moreno Valley, $200; and Kiyono 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 involvement 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.
IDC-PNW BI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Jeff Itami and Neil King stand by a chest that was donated by Itami's mother to the National Parks Service.

Elsie Taniguchi shows off her adori skills.

Various members of the Pacific Northwest District Council.

Micki Kawakami and Miss Rodeo Idaho, Amanda Kumiko Kent.

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.

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

(from left): Chelsea Kawakami Vasak, Dan Sakura, David Masuo, Josh Lineberry and Dianna Lineberry.

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

James Arima accepts an award for his work as a civil rights advocate in Washington state.

Dan Sakura speaks at the Friends of Minidoka luncheon.
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 want to play? And Colorado?

Kariya, who played with the Mighty Ducks last season, agreed to a $1 million contract. He earned $10 million last season with Anaheim, but the Ducks declined to make an offer.

Selanne, who declined his option at $6.5 million with the San Jose, agreed to a $3.8 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 meet the financial criteria into the Avalanche's salary structure.

"There is so much talent here, Kariya said. "We are going 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 was the right choice.

Avalanche general manager Pierre Lacroix said he was shocked when agent Don Beasley 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.

"One of the reasons was that we are able to do all of this without changing any of the salaries," Selanne said. "We have for the coming season.

Barzilay also is the agent for Forsberg and Mike Modano.

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

Kariya, a left wing, had six goals and 11 assists this postseason, leading 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 (360).

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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 on June 28 to stipulate in writing what the community's desires are.

After voters in the city passed a $334 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 Kagawa, late Katsumo Mukaeda and the late Kango Kunitugu, particularly the effort to "Save the remaining half of Northside," now designated a historic district.

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 First Street. In the picture is the MTA light rail station being named "Little Tokyo." The city of Los Angeles has one street named "Little Tokyo" rather than "something else" — another fly in the ointment.

When the city offered to buy Nishi Hongwongji'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. Rinsho 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 clamoring over Little Tokyo's history again. Besides the Rafu Shimpo, I can check a 1950 Japanese Telephone Directory to list the others who were told to evacuate again.

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." — Rinsho George Matsubayashi.

"It's a concern to me ... the proximity of the jail to our child day-care program. We use our programs for senior citizens, to youth activities." — 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 Murakna of the Rafu Shimpo.)

For the workshop, JACCLer 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), economic-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 postal 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 databled on the boards would be compiled as a concrete representation for the city council's attention.

As the state of California reads 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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Internes Honor Veterans, Keep Memory of Camp Alive

By Associated Press and Pacific Citizen Staff

BILLINGS, Mont.—Armed guards and wired fences enclosed thousands of Japanese Americans to the hard land of Wyoming during World War II.

But when the government wanted the people in Heart Mountain internment camp to fight in a slot tournament, prizes, donations totaled about $14,000 for a new monument dedicated at the Heart Mountain camp July 5. The new memorial recognizes that on 10 and he and Simpson have remained lifelong friends and both currently serve on the Heart Mountain advisory board. By invitation, we 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 more work to be done, but they did protect this country."

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 Foundation Advisory Board.

The day's events included a remembrance of the original flag ceremony and the farewell departure ceremony for military service. 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.
**Obituaries**

All the towns in California except as noted.

**Ariza, Yasumi, 75, Phoenix, AZ, June 23; served U.S. Army in Korean War; survived by wife Miyoko; daughters Akemi (Tommy) Uyema and Emiko (Greg) South; sons Tetsuji and Koji; 3 gc; 4 brothers.**

**Hamamoto, Takeaki, 87, June 24; Fresno-born member of Placer Detachment of the JACL; survived by brothers; sons Glenn (Nancy) and Tomoichi (Eli) Loomis-born; survived by wife Georgia; sons Jeff (Kathy) and Bruce (Marie).**

**Hamamoto, Takeshi, 70, June 29; supporter of the JACL; survived by brothers-in-law Joe (Amy) and Rodney (Patricia).**

**Kitakazi, Yoshihiko, 96, Los Angeles, June 23; Fukukawa, Japan-born survived by son Kiyoshi (Karen) and daughter Michihito; 4 gc.**

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

**Nakano, Shosuke, 74, Oakland, June 23; Oakland-born; survived by wife Michiko; son John, daughter Susan; stepson Dean Baumgartner.**

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

**Takahashi, Mieko, 80, Los Angeles, July 8; Sacramento-born; survived by son Joe (Marion); daughters Julie and Patricia.**

**Tajiri, Kimio, 80, Los Angeles, July 1; Alameda-born; survived by husband George; cousins Fred and Ken, whom he knew when they were residents at the UCHA (co-housing). Alan last saw Ken in New York in 1955. With information please contact Alan at 208-336-4111 or alan@chuoju.com.**

**Yamagami, Mineo, 84, Torrance, June 24; survived by wife Kiyoko; daughters Vicki Ragusa (Magui) and Susan Devereux; 4 gc.**

**Yonemura, George, 84, Torrance, June 24, 1911-1996; survived by wife Glenna; children Michel and Stacey; sisters Aileen and Charles Warren; brother Bill Warren is looking for a Japanese student who lived with his family in Los Angeles, CA in 1950s. All correspondence please contact Alan at 303-361-4111 or alan@chuoju.com.**

**SACIHI OKAWA**  
Margie Nahemias Angel is looking for Sachi Okawa. Both grew up in Seattle, WA, and were graduates of Broadway High School class 1942. Sachi lived on 10th and East Alder. With information please contact Yuri Suzuki, 311 E. 35th Point Court, Shelton, WA 98384.

**STUDENT RESIDENT**  
Bill Warren is looking for a Japanese student who lived with his family in St. Louis, MO, near Forest Park, during World War II. Bill was between 3-7 years old and doesn’t remember much about his times in St. Louis. He was in St. Louis at 14 Dartmouth Ave. With any information e-mail Bill at bill@theywaywas.net.

**KIM EMARU AND KEN MURATA**  
Alan Dash is looking for George and Ken, whom he knew at UCLA in the 1950’s. All correspondence please contact Alan at 208-336-4111 or alan@chuoju.com.

**SACHIKO KONO**  
Kikumi Miyagishima Heki is looking for Sachiko Kono, who lived in Terminal Island before World War II. Sachiko relocated to Los Angeles and attended UCLA and eventually moved back to Los Angeles area. Please contact Kikumi at 8440 Mesa Drive, Sandy, UT 84093.

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continuing 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 clining respect for contemporary racial attitudes.

In its statement, FOX said the films were made “at a time when racial sensibilities 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 inter-racial 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.”

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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 Kamiko Kent was also recognized for being selected Idaho's Miss Rodeo Queen.

The districts passed several resolutions during their business meetings 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 Sakakura, former aide to President Bill Clinton and now working with Washington Sen. Maria Cantwell.

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Associated Press contributed to this story.

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, National JACL vice president of operations, spoke at the Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport.

The weekend’s events also will 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 grandfather, 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 wrongs 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. ■