Native Beale Officer Marumoto Pentagon-bound
By DANIEL WITTER

Appeal-Democrat

For many years, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Glen Marumoto's family farmed peaches in Sutter County. The farming was their means for living and paying the bills. Marumoto knows his roots very well. Born in Yuba City in 1961, he was raised in Live Oak, graduating from Live Oak High School in 1979. Instead of continuing with farming, however, he wanted to do something different and decided to go to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"It was something I wanted to do," he said. "It was a chance to do something different." Decades later, Marumoto is leaving the area again. For the last two and a half years, Marumoto has been stationed at Beale Air Force Base as the commander of the 9th Maintenance Squadron. However, instead of going to Colorado, this time he is headed for a place where they don't grow peaches, they grow war fighters. Marumoto is going to the Pentagon. I'm in awe — probably a little bit of trepidation," he said, trying to describe what he's been feeling. "You go through that self-analysis thing." Marumoto is taking on the new job of director of Logistics Command. Although the position is at the Pentagon, one thing he's learned is that there's not one boss, but there's more."It was so large he joked, "It's a really spicy word, "being a commander is one of those jobs everyone strives to be," Marumoto said. "It's a tough job but it's very, very satisfying." His favorite part of the job is giving promotions, he said, because he likes to recognize hard work and the reactions. He expects to stay at the Pentagon for two or three years, he said. Where he will go from there is not sure, he said. One thing is sure — he has no regrets coming from a small town where farmers grow peaches. "It doesn't mean that you can't do well. It doesn't mean you're limited," he said. "The opportunities are out there if you put your mind to it." ■

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Stuart Ishimaru Confirmed for Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
SAN FRANCISCO — Activists say the investigation into Army Capt. James Yee has disturbing similarities to that of another Chinese American suspected of spying, Wen Ho Lee, who later received an apology from a federal judge.

"It's a really scary word, 'alleged spy,' with a Chinese face and Muslim religion," said Cecilia Chung, a Fremont, Calif., technol-

ogy executive who became a civil rights activist after advocating on behalf of her friend Lee.

Yee, a former Muslim chaplain at the Guantanamo Bay prison for terrorism suspects, was charged this month with improperly handling classified information.

While he hasn't been charged with espionage, he is one of three former workers arrested in a probe of alleged security breaches at the high-security military base on Cuba.

In 1999, Lee, a former Los Alamos National Laboratory sci-

entist, was suspected of stealing information that could be used against the U.S. in its Energy Department. He was charged with stealing and passed secrets to another Muslim chaplain.

The JACL hailed the confirmation of Ishimaru to the EEOC and will be a strong voice for the civil rights community," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "We celebrated this confirmation and thank Democratic Leader Daschle, the White House, and the Congress for their support of Commissioner Ishimaru.

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Activists See Similarities Between Cases of Islamic Chaplain and Wen Ho Lee

By BILL YOSHINO

Midwest Regional Director

What have we learned? It's one of the questions that arise in the controversy surrounding the Patriot Act. Many concerned with civil liberties and the ACLU has taken an important step by exploring ways to join in an ACLU lawsuit challenging a provision of this law.

The Department of Justice drafted the Patriot Act shortly after the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks. Within six weeks, Congress

service the nation with distinction as a commissioner and we look for-

ward to working with him in the coming years.

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From the Midwest

What Have We Learned? What Do We Believe In?

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science with the intent of handing them over to China. Lee always denied he had passed secrets. After nine months in solitary con-

finement, he pleaded guilty to a single count of copying sensitive nuclear weapons data and received a judge's apology. For many Asian Americans, his name became synonymous with unfair government scrutiny and racial profiling. Lee is currently suing the Energy Department and Justice Department alleging gov-

dernment officials provided false information about him to reporters.

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Compassion and Appreciation

My name is Steve Hamamoto and I am writing to you on behalf of my friend Bobby Ideishi. Two years after the 9/11 tragedy, Bobby and Susan Ideishi are living another life-threatening situation with the health problems of their two daughters, Erin (age 12) and Jill (age 8).

Most of us don't know that for the past five years Erin and Jill have been experiencing migraines headaches and numbness in their limbs. Bobby and Susan have taken the girls to many neurologists without any diagnosis of serious condition. They are both very insightful pediatric neurologist and a radiologist who noticed an abnormality in JMRI's MRI.

Further tests confirmed a serious medical condition, known as Moya-moya. Erin was also tested, and she, too, was diagnosed with the same problem. Moya-moya strikes in 1 in 2 million people, and surprisingly, affects 1 in 100,000 people of Japanese ancestry, even more rare is that siblings are afflicted with the same medical condition.

Moya-moya is a condition that involves the main artery on each side of the brain becoming defective and unable to supply normal blood flow to the brain. Unless treated, the disease will eventually result in a stroke. Both girls require two surgeries, one on each side of their brain, spaced about two to four weeks apart, to provide a bypass for the diseased artery.

Bobby and Susan Ideishi researched the top children's hospitals across the country and selected Dr. Neil Martin from UCLA Children's Hospital to perform the surgeries. The procedures are risky, but successful so far. Both Erin and Jill will be able to lead happy and productive lives.

The first surgeries were performed on Oct. 7 and 8. Everything was going well until Oct. 11. Then, when developed swelling in her brain, became lethargic and her extremities started to become unresponsive. Eventually, the swelling became totally non-responsive and slipped into a coma-like state. It was a very terrifying night for Bobby and Susan as the surgeon was called back in to the hospital and CT scans were ordered and Jill was rushed back into ICU. The next morning, without any warning, Jill opened her eyes, looked around and said, "Hi mom." It was a miracle. Fortunately, Jill pulled through. The whole family is home now and on the road to recovery until the second surgery can be performed.

Through the Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation (SASF), I am setting up a trust fund for members of our SASF family to show our compassion and support for a family that is experiencing incredible real-life issues. Bobby and Susan's positive attitude and strong character will be key to a full and complete recovery for their daughters in the coming months.

Bobby shared, "this experience will reemphasize the important things in life ... health, family, friends, showing concern and support for others who are going through hard times." Bobby and Susan are amazed at the courage and strength of the girls as they face the hurdles ahead.

Thank you in advance for your kind assistance to the Ideishi Family. Checks should be made payable to "SASF/Ideshi Family" and sent to P.O. Box 221724, Sacramento, CA 95822. Questions may be directed to Steve Hamamoto at 916-573-4220.

Steve Hamamoto via e-mail

Supporting Same-Sex Marriage

I enjoyed reading the heartfelt letter that,” Pacific Citizen” regards to offering support for young people to the JACL. However, I wish to address one point. Mr. Kato states that he has no objection to same-sex marriage, however, he states he believes same-sex marriage has no bearing to the JACL. In that I have just filled out a questionnaire regarding JACL membership to the Berkeley chapter, please let me share some of my thoughts to a wider audience.

I am glad Mr. Kato supports same-sex marriage, because I certainly do. Back in 1988 Jimmy Carter and others why JACL should continue to support this goal: there are Japanese Americans who are Japanese nationals who would benefit were they able to marry their same-sex partners.

I teach English as a Second Language at a community college in the San Francisco Bay area. While I was working my way through graduate school at Stanford University, I tutored students, some of whom were Japanese nationals who identified themselves as gay or lesbian. I know these fine young Japanese men and women who were involved in American relationships that their heterosexual friends would be able to let develop into marriage, including being able to remain and reside in the United States.

When I lived in Japan, I worked for two Japanese Christian churches. I know that Japanese Christians are slowly dealing with the issue of gay and lesbian relationships. I am proud that my denomination, the United Church of Christ in Japan, has churches and pastors who are not hostile to gay and lesbian people. I have seen with two Japanese Christian churches in Northern California is a dilemma of the reality of life. I fear this fear may be shared by some in the JACL.

Therefore, the JACL has not strayed from its mission by supporting same-sex marriage, and I urge JACL members to realize this is a valid issue for those who would be denied the right to love the one of their choice.

Douglas A. Clark
Berkeley chapter member

Please Help Me Find a Marrow Donor

There are not enough donors on the National Marrow Donors Program registry to make it possible to find life-saving donor matches. Marrow donors will not be saved unless more Asians get on the registry.

While it is a desperate problem, it takes a thousand or more people on the registry to find one donor; the more possible matches may be found. Getting on the registry is very easy and donation is a very simple and safe procedure. Here is what you can do to save the life of one (or several) of these patients.

1. Go to www.marrow.org or www.asianmarrow.org to get information on how to sign up and get matching. To get matching, click on the DONOR CENTER MAP for the location nearest you. The website can provide information in most Asian languages.

2. Tell as many of your friends as possible, forward this letter, do whatever you can to think of more people to get on the registry as soon as possible. Time is running out for many of these patients.

I am sending this letter because my wife, Wanda McDougle, who is from Thailand, and I were Japanese nationals. Her prognosis is very poor unless we can find a bone marrow donor. We have been looking for over six months with no success. During this process, I have learned that Asians are at risk of not finding donors because there are so few Asian donors on the registry. Cultural origin is very important to finding a donor. If you need any other information, please e-mail me.

Gary McDougle
Head of Legal Research

JACL-Gala Dinner Tribute to Sen. Coble

First of all, thank you for your magazine. I received it as a tribute article (P.C. Sept. 19, 2003) and its historic photo with some of the senator's personal history and the community and the United States: Congressmen Mike Honda and Robert Matsui. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta and Senator Daniel Inouye.

I also want to manifest my strong support for your campaign against the senators who side with Senator Howard Coble of North Carolina. I think he forgot the meaning of the Civil Rights Act recognizing the tragic mistake of the mass expulsions of the Japanese Americans. My message in this episode involving this senator is: you are no longer a Senator of the Americas, My message in this episode involving this senator is: you are no longer a Senator of the Americas, My message in this episode involving this senator is: you are no longer a Senator of the Americas! Congressmen Mike Honda and Robert Matsui, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, and Senator Daniel Inouye.

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2004 JACL/OCA DC Leadership Conference Set for Mar. 12-16

Applications are now available for the 2004 JACL/OCA DC Leadership Conference, which has been scheduled for Mar. 12-16, announced Kristine Minami, JACL director for public affairs. All national JACL members in good standing are encouraged to apply through their districts.

Established by JACL in 1984, this four-day program has the goal of introducing potential community leaders to the national policymaking arena. Co-convened with the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) since 1994, the JACL/OCA DC Leadership Conference is structured to provide a broad overview of the decision-making process at the federal level, including meetings with and briefings by public officials and key policymakers who serve in Congress, the White House, a variety of federal agencies, advocacy organizations and the media.

Participants also will be briefed on legislative issues affecting the Asian Pacific American community and will examine the role of civil rights organizations such as JACL and OCA in playing in affecting public policy and shaping rights legislation in the nation’s capital.

The JACL/OCA DC Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., is a wonderfully rewarding experience, said Alyene Yokomoto, JACL 2003 national gala dinner committee co-chair, who is a national JACL member in good standing through her districts.

"As a result of this conference, I gained a greater appreciation for how one person can effect change. As Japanese Americans, our community has a unique perspective, experience and responsibility that compels us to speak out to ensure that we as a nation continue to safeguard our core freedoms and liberties. The JACLOCA conference provided me with greater knowledge and more effective tools for helping our communities mobilize on the issues we face today.

"JACL members, at every level of membership will benefit from this invaluable experience," said Walter Kawamoto, president of the Florin chapter in Northern California.

Criteria for selection include demonstrated leadership abilities and a commitment to making an active contribution to the JACL community and to JACL. Each JACL district council may select up to two delegates and an alternate to this program. Application and selection information, including application materials and procedures, is available on the JACL website at http://www.jacl.org/leadership.html, or contact your district governor.

Immigrant Advocates Say Gov’t Fails to Notify Men of Registration Deadline

By DEBORAH KONG
AP Minority Issues Writer

SAN FRANCISCO—Immigration attorneys say the government has failed to adequately notify men from Asian countries who are required to re-register with federal authorities.

Under a special registration program last year, men ages 16 and older from 25 Middle Eastern, African and Asian countries were required to report to Immigration and Naturalization Service offices for fingerprinting, photographing and interviews.

But many of the men may not know they have to re-register with the government for 10 days of the anniversary of the date they first registered, advocates say, and some fail to do so.

"We're working really hard to get the message out," said Anti-Discrimination Committee spokesperson Lahla Al-Qatami. "We've already had a lot of questions, a lot of confusion. We're a bit apprehensive.

During the initial registrations last year, a few hundred Southern California men from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria were detained for suspected violations of criminal or immigration laws, provoking fierce protests. In other parts of the country, some said they had to wait for hours before registering.

 Nationwide, about 13,800 men were placed into deportation proceedings after they registered because officials believed they were living in the United States illegally. Of those, 2,870 were deported.

"Anybody who intended to do us harm is not going to show up and be fingerprinted and photographed," she said.

World's Oldest Person Dies: Kamato Hongo of Japan was 116

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO—Kamato Hongo, a Japanese woman believed to have been the world's oldest person, died Oct. 31. She was 116.

Born in 1887, Hongo was recognized as the world's oldest by the Guinness Book of Records after Annette Buffey, 114, of Farns-Lune, died in March at the age of 115.

"In the world of the very old, the healthier the person, the longer they live," said Dr. Naoko Iwasaki, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's immigration rights project. "It would appear that the government is more interested in trapping unwary immigrants than in actually communicating information about the obligation to reregister.

Bill Strasser, a spokesperson for the Department of Homeland Security, said men were given information packets when they first registered, telling them they had to reregister after one year.

"People who are visiting the United States have a responsibility to maintain their status and to know what they're required to do to maintain their status," Strasser said.

But Guttenberg said many confuse the re-registration requirements. For example, some immigration attorneys are still trying to determine when men must reregister if they left the country and then registered again at a port of entry. Others said their clients never received the information packets.

"There's a big information hole where people who were subject to that first go-around don't necessarily know they have to come back in a year's time," said Jeanne Butterfield, executive director of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Foreign countries are making their own efforts to remind men. The American-Arab Anti- Discrimination Committee and the National Council of Pakistani Americans sent e-mail alerts to people last week and the ACLU posted guidelines on its site this week. It also plans to send a letter to officials asking public notices and clarify the re-registration requirement.

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Kamato Hongo, left, chats with her daughter Shizue Kurauchi, right, as she received an official certificate from the city to congratulate her on her birthday, at home in Kagoshima, southern Japan, Sept 9, 2003. She was the world's oldest person as of Sept. 30. She died Oct. 31. She was 116.

Strassberger said.

Hongo grew up tending cows and farming radish. Raised on a small, rural island on Japan's southern coast, she grew up tending cows and farming radish. The same island also produced the Japanese record holder for longevity, a man, Shigeichi Izumi, who died in 106 years of age in Japan.

Hongo symbolized the graying of Japan's society — a trend that has accelerated in recent years.

Until last month, the world's oldest documented man was Japanese — 114-year-old Yukichi Chugani. He died Sept. 29.

An annual government survey released last month showed with Respect for the Aged Day, a national holiday, showed a record 24.3 million Japanese — almost one in five — have reached their 65th birthday.

At the same time, Japan marked a record low 1.32 births per woman last year, a figure that has

been falling for the last three decades and reflects changing values that have led more women to choose careers over children.

The changing demographic has raised fears the nation's pension and health care systems will be badly strained in the years ahead.
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Los Angeles' Nobuko Miyamoto of Great Leap Inc. receives a 2003 Leadership for a Changing World Award from Ford Foundation President Daniel P. Moynihan. Mrs. Miyamoto was selected from a pool of more than 1,300 nominations, representing individuals and leadership teams who are tackling some of the nation's most entrenched social problems. Seventeen awards were given this year, each receiving $100,000 to advance their work and an additional $15,000 for supporting activities over the next two years.
Nisei Voices' Celebrates JA Students of the 1930s

Back in 1999 when Joyce Hirohata of Oakland, Calif., agreed to help preserve her grandfather's book, little did she realize it would become an almost four-year journey of detective work, research and writing.

"I had no idea this would change my life so much," she said. "This has become my full-time job." In the 1930s, Hirohata's Issei grandfather, Paul Tsunegoro Hirohata, self-published a book called "Orations and Essays by the American Second of America." The small red volume is a collection of valedictory speeches by the first Japanese American commencement speakers in California public schools.

"The speeches are very poignant because the Nisei declared their love and loyalty to America, yet in a few years World War II would break out and the U.S. government would incarcerate them," said Hirohata, who spent almost three years tracking down the 49 scholars to see if they were still alive and to learn what had become of them during and after WWII. To find the students, Hirohata ran articles in newspapers, contacted community organizations and handed out hundreds of flyers listing the names of the valedictorians. She learned less than half of the students were still alive, now in their 80s. She also found 34 of the 49 scholars were incarcerated in the internment camps while some valedictorians avoided imprisonment by the U.S. government by relocating away from the West Coast. A few other valedictorians were in Hawaii, Japan, Manchuria and Taiwan during the war.

After gathering information about the students, as well as many photographs, Hirohata added the material she collected to her grandfather's original book. Creating a new, expanded edition, "Nisei Voices: Japanese American Students of the 1930s: Then & Now." Keeping with her grandfather's tradition, Hirohata, who has a background in writing, decided to self-publish "Nisei Voices." Through donations from relatives, friends, and a grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program, she raised enough funds to hire a team of professional editors and designers, printing 3,000 copies.

"I really want to thank the whole Japanese American community for helping me," said Hirohata. "Without people writing, calling and e-mailing me information, and giving me leads on the whereabouts of the students, I couldn't have done this. 'Nisei Voices' would not exist if the community had not responded and helped." To celebrate the publication of the book, the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCC) is cosponsoring a party and book-signing in San Francisco on Nov. 15 from 3-5 p.m. Hirohata will speak about her experience preserving her grandfather's work, and Bay Area Nisei featured in the book, Pearl Kurikawa Kimura of San Francisco and Joe Masao Nakashima of San Jose—will also make special appearances. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested. To RSVP, call JCCC-NC at 415/567-3505. To find out more information about “Nisei Voices,” visit www.niseivoices.com, e-mail Hirohata at hiroha­ta@earthlink.net or write to: 4200 Park Blvd. Ste. 132, Oakland CA 94602.
The Japanese American Korean War Vets (JAKWV) Memorial Monuments has changed its priority plan, putting their prior policy of listing only Americans with Japanese ancestry on a memorial with Japanese sumanese on their war memorial monument honoring those killed or missing in action and those who died while prisoners during the Korean War.

The JAKWV has now seeking names of those of mixed JA heritage for inclusion on the existing memorial monument located at the National American Japanese War Memorial Court located at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles.

The current Korean War monument contains only those with Japanese sumanese, but the committee has unanimously agreed to add names of those of mixed JA heritage.

Thus far, 120,000 names have been submitted to the book memorial, which is available for $25. Individuals are encouraged to submit names as soon as possible, so the publishing of the book memorializing the 247 KIA's along with the 370 MIAs of those of mixed heritage and the listing of all those of Japanese American ancestry veterans who served during the Korean War era can be completed with as accurate a list of names as possible.

The JAKWV is also seeking Korean War era veterans to submit personal short stories of incidents or humorous events for possible use in the forthcoming book. The stories may be combined or unrelated.

National Parks Service, Veterans of World War II who also served during the Korean War era are especially important, and JAKWV is seeking their names.

The JAKWV will like friends, relatives, and fellow vets to submit the names as soon as possible, so the National Park Service, Veterans of World War II who also served during the Korean War era are especially

**Leadership for Asian Education, Inc.**

Leadership for Asian Education, Inc. opened the conference on Saturday with a keynote address on building self-confidence, and the full day of workshops and speakers included subjects such as

"Sushi, Sex, and Sunshine" with psychotherapist Harvey Hanemoto, a program with the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center were also discussed.

"Hybrid" of the Boise Valley chapter was instrumental in scheduling JACL's inclusion in the conference. Participants also included many Hana Lemon, Walter and Kimberly Hirai, Particle Kawaguchi, Party Koyama, and Dr. Robert Sims.

**BOISE VALLEY, SAWTOOTH AND PCOCATELO-BLACKFOOT Chapters**

The Boise Valley, Sawtooth, and Pocatello-Blackfoot chapters of the Greater L.A. Singles chapter, also included a lunch, banquet, and a workshop on the intergrber.

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$3.4 Million Lawsuit Alleges Anti-Asian Hostility in Baseball

NEW YORK—A former employee sued major league baseball for $3.4 million Oct. 16, alleging she was subjected to racial slurs and then fired after she complained.

In a lawsuit filed in federal court in New York, Juri Morisoka said the hostilities were evident while she worked for a year as an administrative assistant in baseball’s broadcasting department.

Rich Levin, a spokesman for the commissioner’s office, said, “The (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) investigated it and found the charges were unfounded.”

Ohno Wins Men’s 500-meter Speed Skating Event

MARQUETTE, Mich.—American Apolo Anton Ohno won the men’s 500-meter World Cup race in back speed skating event Oct. 25.

Ohno held off Koreans Hyun-Seong Ahn and Seung-Jae Lee on the final lap to win the gold medal with a time of 42.632.

“The Tykes were driving in on me,” Ohno told The Mining Journal. “There was a bump there on the inside and I stayed on my feet and tried to keep my speed. Luckily it worked out well for me.”

Ohno led the race from the first turn, making a special point to get off to a good start in the 500-meter sprint.

Ahn, who won the 1500-meter final, and teammate Lee both converged on Ohno in the exciting final lap. Ohno stayed solid on the inside and fought them off around the final left turn, cruising in for first place.

In the women’s 500-meter final, Korea’s Eun-Kyung Choi won her second event on the final turn. Choi won the 1,500-meter Oct. 24 and took the 500-meter gold medal with a time of 44.496.

In Sports

Reebok Signs Yao Ming to Help Expand Asian Market

BOSTON—Yao Ming is changing his size 18 shoes. Reebok International Ltd. has signed the 7-foot-6 Houston Rockets center to a multiyear marketing deal after Yao’s endorsement contract with Nike expired.

Yao will help market Reebok in his native China through print and television ads, promotional appearances and with his signature collection of athletic footwear and apparel, the Canton-based sneaker maker announced Oct. 23.

Reebok, which posted its strongest earnings quarter in six years, hopes Yao’s popularity in China will help it earn a 20 percent market share, an estimated $300 million, by 2008. In June, Reebok and the NBA announced a pan-Asian partnership to develop and market NBA apparel and accessories.

“We now have several extraordinarily powerful assets in global performance basketball,” chairman and CEO Paul Fireman said. “And the addition of Yao gives us incredible traction in China, a critical market with great potential for our brand.”

South Korea’s Ahn Wins First LPGA Title

JEJU ISLAND, South Korea—Rookie Shi-hyun Ahn won her first LPGA title, shooting a 4-under 68 Saturday to capture the CJ Nine Bridges Classic. Ahn, a 19-year-old South Korean competing in her first LPGA tournament, edged the 18-hole finale and finished at 12-under 204.

She became the youngest in history of defending champion So Ji Pak, Laura Davies, Grace Park and Gloria Park.

Gloria Park, tied for 26th entering the final round, shot a 62 to break the course record. Pak shot a 65 last year and Ahn tied that mark Oct. 31.

The victory allows Ahn to compete in most LPGA tournaments the next two years and bypass qualifying events. She is the second-youngest LPGA winner—Marlene Hagge was 18 when she won the 1952 Sarasota Open.

“I am so happy,” said Ahn, who earned $187,500. “I wasn’t obsessed with winning the tournament, and I think that helped me win.”

Ahn led the first two rounds and entered Nov. 2 up by three strokes. She bided the first hole, bogeyed the par 3 13th and responded with a birdie on the par-4 14th.

Pak, Davies and Grace Park each closed with a 68 to finish second, tied for 10th at the end of October on the Korean tour after becoming the first woman in 58 years to make the two-round cut in a men’s event.

Michelle Wie, 14, was last in the 69-player field at 233. The tournament was Wie’s seventh and final LPGA event of the year.

The $1.2 million tournament featured 50 LPGA Tour players and 12 South Korean LPGA players.

The company did not release details of the deal. A spokesman for Yao, Bill Sanders of BDA Sports, did not immediately return a call for comment.

Nuggets Waive Japanese Player

DENVER—The Denver Nuggets Oct. 23 waived guard Yuta Tabuse, who was trying to become the first Japanese-born player to make the NBA.

Tabuse played in the past three games during the preseason, averaging 30 points and 2.7 assists in 7.3 minutes.

Tabuse played at BYU-Hawaii.

Job Opening

Assistant Editor

The Pacific Citizen Newspaper, a national publication of the JAC, is currently seeking an assistant editor for its office in Monterey Park, CA.

The focus of this position is on reporting and writing sports stories. Other duties include general editing and production duties, rewriting, writing features, research, and taking photos. Periodic travel is involved, including overseas and weekends.

A minimum of two years of experience is required and individuals must have knowledge in MAC and Quark Xpress programs. Knowledge of and experience with the Asian American and Asian American communities is preferred.

Excellent fringe benefit package is provided and the living range is $30,000-$35,000, depending on experience. Must have own vehicle.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and a writing sample to: Caroline Ayagi, Executive Editor, 7 Cupitas Circle, Monterey Park, CA 91755 or email: pacific@japoc.com or fax: 323/725-0064.
By the Board

Ryan Chin, V.P. Membership

The Payoff

For more information or to schedule an screening through the JACL website (www.jacl.org). Keep up the good work and please keep in touch with me with any questions or concerns (206/228-7926 or vpmember@j acl.org).

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A Most Unlikely Hero" Now Available to JACL Chapters

In 1994, JACL honored Bruce Yamashita at its national convention in recognition of his historic discrimination case against the U.S. Marine Corps, a victory that brought significant, permanent changes to one of the nation's most powerful institutions and helped strengthen the voice of Asian Americans in Washington, D.C. Capt. Yamashita's struggle for justice and equal opportunity and his triumph over discrimination are the subject of a new documentary, "A Most Unlikely Hero." Honolulua's largest newspaper called the film, "a compelling hour (on) a shocking but all-too-toric fight for remediation, with the strength of Asia hicon demonstrated in his five-year fight against the Marine Corps. "At a time when civil rights and civil liberties in our nation are at stake, "A Most Unlikely Hero" is a must see film, dedicated to justice, equality, and human dignity," said Honolula JACL President Susan Kitsu. While the film has been shown and broadcast in Hawaii, and discussions continue about a national broadcast, makers of the film are currently offering JACL chapters an early opportunity to purchase the documentary, enabling chapters to use the film for educational and outreach purposes.

Members can order through CustomFlix, which entitles JACL chapters to a significant discount. Log on to www.Cust omFlix.com/ 205161 and use the JACL discount code UNCFSPF to purchase the film on VHS or DVD for $39 plus shipping and handling. Chapters can also go to the CustomFlix website at www.cus tomFlix.com and search for "A Most Unlikely Hero" (Title 205161) in the documentary section of the video store.

Chapters can also schedule an educational community event featuring appearances by Capt. Yamashita and "A Most Unlikely Hero" producer/director Steve Okino to screen the documentary and to engage attendees in a discussion about the case and its relevance to current circumstances. For more information or to inquire about a special event for your chapter, email: screening@unlik elyhero.org, or call Steve Okino at 808/677-4907.

More information about "A Most Unlikely Hero" can be found at www.unlikelyhero.org.

Placer County Nikkei Reunion Held in Sacramento

Former Placer County Nikkei and their spouses held their third reunion at the Hilton Hotel in Sacramento Oct. 17-19.

Reunion activities included a golf tournament, two mixers, a cocktail hour, a reunion banquet, social/dancing time and a farewell breakfast.

The reunion began with a golf tournament at the Teal Bend Golf Course, with 91 participants. The Saturday evening banquet pro gram, arranged by Chuck and Dore Kobayashi, included a display of old photos of baseball and basketball teams, photo albums and indi viduals, compiled by Grace (Sunada) Miyamoto, Akio Seo and Tormio Masaki gathered volunteers to plan the event, with about 20 committee members meeting four times during the year.

Kenzo Masaki, Yuji Kaneko and Frank Hirota co-chaired the golf tournament committee; the registration committee included Sumi Kozai ku, May Nimura, Lucy Masaki, Betty Matsuya and Toshiro Tsumuki. The banquet was chaired by Sokato Re do; and Roy Doi, Nob Watanabe and Ben Seo co-chaired the banquet committee. Tak and Bob Kawamoto chaired the finance committee. The entertain ment committee included Eve and Ray Bashirri, chaired by Harry Hamada.

A memory book being compiled by James Tsuda is expected to be distributed this November.

For an increase in the membership of the JACL, it also gives more people the opportunity to join the organization's official financial institution.

There are two main membership initiatives that the JACL Credit Union is offering now: the $100/100 donation program offers both the chapter and the Hawaii Trip Package. The $100/100 donation program offers both the chapter and the Hawaii Trip Package. The Hawaii Trip Package will be awarded to the chapter with the biggest growth in paid member ships during the period of June 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003.

Moving Forward

Our next membership drive involves a direct mailing to approximately 2,500 Japanese Americans in all areas where we have chapters. The mailing, which will go out in the very near future, will include one of the new brochures accompanied by a cover letter from the organization signed by some of the most famous JAs alive: the Hon. Norman Mineta, the Hon. Daniel Inouye, Genc. Eric Shinseki, and world champion skater Kristi Yamaguchi. Many thanks to John Tateishi, JACL executive director, and Lucy Kishiue, membership director, for making "Japanese American Dream Team" endorsement a reality. We have made great strides in membership during the last year and I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the people who have given us momentum thus far. The JACL Credit Union has been the best supporter of our membership programs, coordinated primarily through the work and ideas of Silvana Watanabe. In addition to the aforementioned membership drives, they have also been the sponsor of our new ability to process credit card transactions at headquarters, the printing of our new brochures, and the mailing costs of our direct-mailing membership drive.

A great deal of time was invest ed in discussions with representatives of Rosin Studios in designing the new membership brochures, working with Rosin Studios on several modifications. Lucy Kishiue and Tomiko Isuail have been able to run our day-to-day membership operations, on top of owning many other responsibilities with our staff shortage. The Hon. Norman Mineta, the Hon. Daniel Inouye, Gen. Eric Shinseki, and champion skater Kristi Yamaguchi deserve our gratitude for their generosity in allowing us to use their names in promoting the organization.

On a more local level, recognition is due to the hardworking people who have helped coordinate our membership drives - namely some of our district membership chairs such as Edwin Endow (NCWNP) and Scott Furukawa (Midwest). However, most of all I want to thank all of you.

We need to build on the progress we have made so far. We have seen the payoff, the reward for our actions. Just by making it a habit to personally follow up with lapsed members each month and actively offering gift memberships, we have had the biggest two-month expansion in membership in at least 20 years, if not ever. I encourage you to be proactive in membership recruitment efforts and to take advantage of the other tools that we have for you - the ability to pay for membership through credit cards and getting information about the organization through the JACL website (www.jacl.org).

Keep up the good work and please keep in touch with me with any questions or concerns (206/228-7926 or vpmember@j acl.org).
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Saturday, Nov. 22—Taste of Africa, D.C.: Family Day/Game Day; 1-4 p.m.; Hyatt Regency, 1201 New York Ave, NW.
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Saturday, Nov. 22—Hope for Breast, 2nd annual gathering and council. Registration info: www.socialstewardship.org.
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Saturday, Nov. 22—Annual Athletic Challenge; through Jan. 31; free; Doc Gooden Foundation.
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Saturday, Nov. 22—"Trunk" show; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; 1420 W. Rock Creek Pkwy, N.W. Info: Michel Le Amano, 301/365-4739.
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Saturday, Nov. 22—National Sculpture Society Fall tour; 1-3:30 p.m.; National Sculpture Society, 1301 17th St, N.W., Suite 621.
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Saturday, Nov. 22—"The Constitution on In Times of War" film screening and discussion; 2-4 p.m.; Library of Congress, Congressional Reading Room, 1st floor, 1st St, S.E.
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Saturday, Nov. 22—Volunteer Day; through Dec. 26; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; National Museum of Natural History, 10th St, S.W.
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OBITUARIES
Arthur Barnett, Lawyer Who Fought WWII Internment, Dead at 96
By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Arthur Barnett, a lawyer who fought for nearly five decades to win compensation for Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II, is dead at age 96.

Barnett died Oct. 23 at a convalescent center on this island west of Seattle following a stroke.

Barnett was one of the first civil rights lawyers in the Pacific Northwest, said Frank Kitamoto, president of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community.

"There weren't too many people who did that in those days," said Kitamoto. "He was a giant that needed to be recognized not only by us but by everybody."

A native of Glasgow, Scotland, Barnett moved to Seattle with his family at age 12 and earned a law degree at the University of Washington in 1932.

He represented Gordon Hirabayashi, a University of Washington student who defied curfews in 1942 and refused to register for internment.

Hirabayashi lost his case in the Supreme Court in 1943, but in 1987 the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned his conviction.

"Barnett fought that tormenting decision," Kitamoto said. "In 1988, at the urging of Barnett, Hirabayashi and others, Congress approved compensation for surviving JA internees.

Survivors include Virginia Nelson Barnett, who married him in 1942, and sons Gordon Barnett, John Barnett and Frederick Barnett; daughter Margaret Barnett; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Madame Chiang Kai-shek Passes at Age 105 in Manhattan
By ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK—Mourners who remembered Madame Chiang Kai-shek as a gracious hostess, a mother figure and a friend gathered Oct. 29 to pay last respects to the former first lady of Taiwan.

Madame Chiang caught a cold and died Oct. 23 at her Manhattan home. She was 105. Her body will be stored in a mausoleum in Taipei until she can be buried with her husband, family spokes­man. She was 105. Her body will be buried with her husband, family spokes­man. The body of her husband, President Chiang Kai-shek, has been stored in a mausoleum in Taiwan. Before he died in 1975, Chiang Kai-shek expressed his wish to be buried in China.

President Chiang's Nationalist government ruled China during World War II when the Japanese occupied much of the country.

His fluent in English, Madame Chiang served as her husband's interpreter, personal secretary and persuasively presenting the U.S. Congress to help China fight the Japanese. The Nationalists lost the war in 1949 and retreated to Taiwan.

Madame Chiang was born Soong Mei-ling on Dec. 12, 1897. Educated in America between the ages of 10 and 19, she started college at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, then attended Princeton University.

She married her husband in 1917. The couple had two children. Since the death of her husband, Madame Chiang had spent much of her time in semi-secu­larity in her Manhattan apartment.

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utes a caricature of a black man with outstretched arms, holding a submachine gun and bottle of malt liquor.

The game drew outrage from minority leaders last month, after it began selling at Urban Outfitters stores. The retail chain has pulled the product.

"I'm not upset," said Monis. "The concern here is we have a lot of calls from very upset people who are very concerned that consumers are not confused, Monis said.

"The problem appears on a space­ sensitive basis at no cost. Printed cir­ culations from your newspaper are well under 100,000. We charge $25 for a timely manner at the request of the family or funeral director, and are published at this rate of $16 per column inch. Text is inserted as received."

The appeal states Chang has never sold the game on the Internet, that he did not know how much money he has made off of the real game.

"Chang said he did not know how much money he has made off of the game," Monis said. "He is not a racist."
We at the National JACL Credit Union want to personally "THANK YOU" for having us in your lives. This year, together with you, we are celebrating the credit union's "60th Anniversary". We feel it shows our strength, endurance, and commitment to you as members of the credit union and the community in general.

For today and tomorrow, all things are possible... With your continuous trust, support, and loyalty, we will continue to serve you with dedication & integrity, knowing "We can make a difference in your life".

**SHARE (Savings) RATES**

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