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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 high school there 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 Integration. It's his job to be sure the mechanical parts get out to war fighters in the field, he said. To accomplish that, he expects to be doing a lot of computer work.

He also expects to be challenged and invigorated over it, especially in the post-Sept. 11 world of terrorism.

"The fact that (the attacks) hit

home changed my focus on what things are important and to prepare missions from (them)," he said. "It changes how you train. It changes the way you prepare people."

Unlike past wars, the enemy this time is not an organized army out on a battlefield.

"We were fighting a different beast," he said. "We're fighting terrorists."

Marumoto has had several other major assignments, including at Langley Air Force Base, where Air Combat Command is located, and then the Pacific Command.

Although the position at the Pentagon isn't one he was striving to attain, he said, it's one that makes sense to him.

Marumoto has visited the Pentagon before and said the place was so large he became lost. He

tried to exit the building at the end of the visit and found out he was on the wrong side of the building.

"It was so big," he said. "There are so many corridors."

He will miss his job at Beale, the officer said.

"Being a commander is one of those jobs everyone strives to be," Marumoto said. "It's a very 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 he 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." ■



Stuart Ishimaru Confirmed for Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Following a unanimous vote by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, Stuart Ishimaru's nomination for a seat on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) was confirmed Oct. 31 by the Senate.

As a new commissioner, Ishimaru fills the seat previously held by Paul Igasaki for a term to expire in July 2007. Ishimaru was recommended for the seat on the EEOC by Democratic Leader Tom Daschle in June, and the White House nominated him in early October.

The JACL hailed the confirmation of Ishimaru as a victory for civil rights and congratulated him on his appointment.

"JACL extends our congratulations to Stuart Ishimaru on his confirmation to the EEOC and thanks the Senate for their swift action," said JACL National President S. Floyd Mori. "We believe that Mr. Ishimaru will

serve the nation with distinction as a commissioner and we look forward to working with him in the coming years."

"Stuart Ishimaru brings years of experience and keen insight to the



commission and will be a strong voice for the civil rights community," added John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "We are thrilled at his confirmation and thank Democratic Leader Daschle, the White House and the Senate for their support of Commissioner Ishimaru."

Ishimaru, a long-time JACL member, is the only Asian Pacific American named to a federal civil rights commission. Ishimaru received his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley (1980) and his juris doc-

torate from the National Law Center, George Washington University (1983). He has many years of federal and community service and in the field of civil rights, including: research assistant to U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (1981); assistant to the director at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (1982-83); graduate course instructor in Equal Employment Opportunity at American University; assistant counsel to Committee on the Judiciary (1984-91) and professional staff to Committee on Armed Services (1991-93) for the U.S. House of Representatives; acting staff director for U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (1993-94); counsel to assistant attorney general (1994-99) and deputy assistant attorney general (1999-2001) in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. ■

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

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 spicy word, 'alleged spy,' with a Chinese face and Muslim religion," said Cecilia Chang, 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 scientist, was suspected of stealing what officials called the "crown jewels" of U.S. nuclear weapons

science with the intent of handing them over to China. Lee always denied he had passed secrets. After nine months in solitary confinement, 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 government officials provided private information about him to reporters.

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From the Midwest What Have We Learned? What Do We Believe In?

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 are concerned this Act will jeopardize civil liberties, and the JACL 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

Hasbro Files Lawsuit Against AA Maker of Ghettopoly Game

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

PROVIDENCE, R.I.—Hasbro Inc., has filed a federal lawsuit against the maker of a board game called "Ghettopoly," claiming the game violates Hasbro's trademarks and copyrights to the Monopoly real estate trading game.

The lawsuit against David Chang of Saint Marys, Pa., was filed in U.S. District Court Oct. 26. It alleges Ghettopoly has unlawfully mimicked Monopoly's packaging and logos, and has created "irreparable injury" to Hasbro's goodwill and reputation.

"While the genuine Monopoly game has become a wholesome and respected American icon that has been enjoyed by millions of adults and children for genera-

tions, the Ghettopoly knockoff has generated a firestorm of controversy for its highly offensive, racist content," the lawsuit states.

"Indeed, the NAACP has stated that the game promotes and capitalizes on 'negative aspects of society that cause great harm to individuals and to the African American community at large.'"

Ghettopoly mimics Monopoly, except game pieces include a machine gun, marijuana leaf, and a 40-ounce bottle of malt liquor. The game's "playas" build crack houses on Cheap Trick Avenue instead of hotels on the Boardwalk.

Instead of the "Mr. Monopoly" logo, featuring a man with his arms outstretched, Ghettopoly fea-

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Letters to the Editor

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 did not know that for the past five years Erin and Jill have been experiencing migraine headaches and numbness in their limbs. Bobby and Susan have taken the girls to many neurologists without any diagnosis of serious problems. It was a very insightful pediatric neurologist and a radiologist who noticed an abnormality in Jill'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 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 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 if successful 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, when Jill developed swelling in her brain, became lethargic and her extremities started to weaken. She eventually 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 and believing." 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/Ideishi Family" and sent to P.O. Box 221724, Sacramento, CA 95822. Questions may be directed to Steve Hamamoto at 916/375-4220.

Steve Hamamoto
via e-mail

Supporting Same-Sex Marriage

I enjoyed reading the heartfelt letters to the editor in the Oct. 3-16 *Pacific Citizen* regarding efforts to attract young people to the JACL. In Mr. Denny Kato's letter, 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 on the JACL.

In that I have just filled out a questionnaire regarding JACL membership efforts for my Berkeley chapter, please let me share some of my thoughts to a wider group of readers.

I am glad Mr. Kato supports same-sex marriage, because I certainly do. But I wish to show him and others why JACL should continue to support this goal: there are Japanese Americans and 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 San Francisco State University, I tutored students, some of whom were Japanese nationals who identified themselves as gay or lesbian. I know that these fine young Japanese men and women were involved with Americans in 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 relations. 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. What I have seen with two Japanese Christian churches in Northern California is a denial of the reality we live with; I fear this denial may be shared by some in the JACL.

Therefore, I believe 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 (NMDP) registry who are of Asian descent to make it possible to find life-saving donor matches. Many Asian patients will not be saved unless more Asians get on the registry soon.

This is purely a numbers problem. It takes a thousand or more people on the registry to find one donor; the more people, 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 and locations for getting on the registry. Click on the DONOR CENTER MAP for the locations near you. (asianmarrow.org can provide information in most Asian languages.)

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

I am sending you this letter because my wife, Wanida McDougale, who is from Thailand, has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. 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. Time is critical so please join the National Marrow Donors Program registry as soon as you can and spread this message to every person or group you know to get the word out as fast as we can.

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JACL Gala Dinner Tribute / Sen. Coble

First of all, thank you for your magnificent JACL Gala Dinner Tribute article (P.C. Sept. 19-Oct. 2) and its historic photo with some of the men who honor the JA community and the United States: Congressmen Mike Honda and Robert Matsui, Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, and especially veteran Senator Daniel Inouye.

Also, I want to manifest my strong support for your campaign against the offensive words stated by Senator Howard Coble of North Carolina. I think he forgot President Reagan signed in 1988 the Civil Liberty Act recognizing the tragic mistake of the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans. My message in this episode involving this senator is: "P.C. and JACL, ganbatte kudasai!!!"

Jorge Ueda
Sao Paulo, Brazil



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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 APA civil rights organizations such as JACL and OCA play in affecting public policy and pursuing civil rights legislation in the nation's capital.

"The JACL/OCA Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., is a wonderfully rewarding experience," said Alayne Yonemoto, JACL 2003 national gala dinner committee chair and PSW executive board member. "It provided me with the opportunity to see national civil rights organizations in action and to hone my advocacy skills. I

came away from the conference with new friends, a new perspective, and the motivation to take on new projects. The experience is something that I will never forget."

Added Shin Inouye, Washington, D.C., chapter board member, "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 JACL/OCA 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 JA community and to JACL. Each JACL district council may select up to two delegates and an alternate to attend the program. The \$800 tuition for the program, which includes housing, curriculum materials and some meals, is paid by the sponsoring chapter and district council.

Further 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—Immigrant advocates and attorneys say the government has failed to adequately notify men from mostly Middle Eastern countries that they must meet upcoming deadlines to reregister 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 photographing, fingerprinting and interviews.

Between last November and April, more than 83,500 men walked into immigration offices to register, according to the Department of Homeland Security. The government says the program is a way to track men from countries with an active al-Qaida presence or other terrorist organizations considered threats to the United States.

But many of the men may not know they have to reregister within 10 days of the anniversary of the date they first registered, advocates said. Those who fail to do so could be deported.

"I am concerned that the government appears to have made zero effort to let people know that they have this obligation," said Lucas Guttentag, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's

immigrants 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 Strassberger, a spokesman 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," Strassberger said.

But Guttentag said many are confused about 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 that they're supposed to come back in a year's time," said Jeanne Butterfield, executive director of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Some groups 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 them to publicize and clarify the re-registration requirements.

"We're working really hard to get the message out," said Anti-Discrimination Committee spokeswoman Laila 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 temporarily detained and 23 were still in custody as of Sept. 30, Strassberger said.

Butterfield said the program is "misguided" and will probably not make the country any safer.

"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 an American woman — Maude Farris-Luse — died in March at the age of 115.

Her doctor, Kiyoshige Niina, said she died of pneumonia.

Charlotte Benkner of North Lima, Ohio, is the nation's oldest person, according to the Gerontology Research Group. The German-born woman will turn 114 on Nov. 16.

Hongo was famous throughout Japan for her habit of sleeping for two days and then staying awake for two days.

She had been hospitalized in Kagoshima, on the southern island of Kyushu on Oct. 8, after complaining of loss of appetite and fever. She appeared to have been recovering when her condition worsened Oct. 31, Niina told a news conference.

Raised on a small, rural island on Japan's southern fringe, Hongo grew up tending cows and farming potatoes. The same island also produced the Japanese record-holder for longevity, a man, Shigechiyo Izumi, who died in 1986 at the age of 120.

Hongo symbolized the graying of Japan's society — a trend that elicits both pride and concern.

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

Japan's life expectancy — 85.23

years for women and 78.32 for men in 2002 — is the longest in the world. The average age of the population is also steadily rising.

Experts say the traditional Japanese diet — which is low in fatty foods — helps explain that longevity.

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




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 celebrated her 116th birthday on Sept. 16, 2003. A woman at center is not identified. (AP Photo/Kyodo)

An annual government survey released this year in conjunction 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.

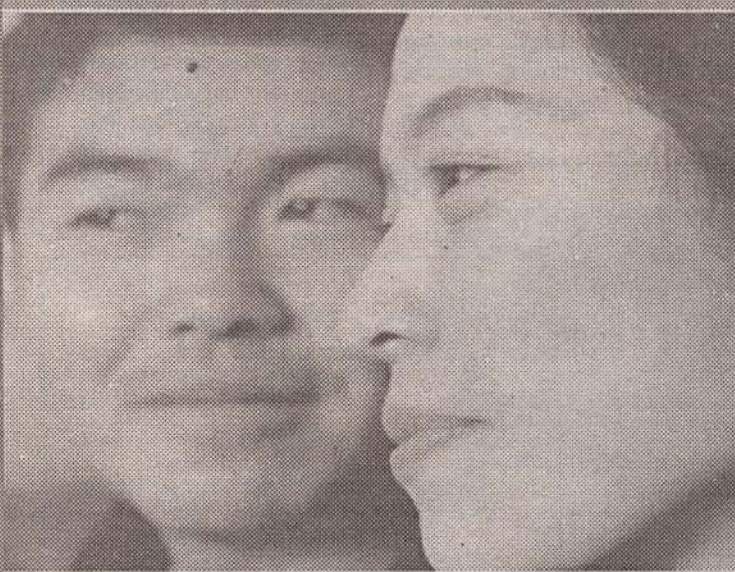
At the same time, Japan marked a record low 1.32 births per woman last year, a figure that has

by a population consisting of fewer people of working and tax-paying age.

It was not immediately clear who the world's oldest person was following Hongo's death. Japan's Health, Labor and Welfare Ministry said Mitoyo Kawate of Hiroshima — 114 years old — became the oldest person in this country. ■



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National Newsbytes

U. of Michigan

Students Host National Affirmative Action Day

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—University of Michigan students conveyed a serious message with the help of some comic relief during National Take Affirmative Action Day Oct. 30.

An NAACP panel titled "Evolution of Affirmative Action" was held, followed by a gathering featuring a Black Entertainment Television comic impersonating American Civil Rights Coalition chairman Ward Connerly.

Connerly and his Sacramento, Calif.-based group want to put a measure banning racial preference on Michigan's November 2004 ballot. The group hopes to collect nearly 320,000 petition signatures to get the initiative on the ballot.

"Him (Connerly) coming out and saying he's going to take this to Michigan is really part of a larger right-wing attack on many of the gains made during the civil rights movement," said Jackie Bray with Students Supporting Affirmative Action.

But Justin Jones, director of policy and planning for the American Civil Rights Coalition, said the group believes racial preferences are unjust.

In June, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a general race-conscious program at the University of Michigan law school, but struck down the university's undergraduate formula of awarding admis-

sion points based on race.

The university has since revamped its undergraduate policy. It gives the highest priority to academic achievement, but also retains race as a factor, to comply with the high court ruling.

Group Seeks Better Asian American Care

PHOENIX—An Asian American group is trying to provide better health care for the state's fastest-growing minority group.

Asian-Pacific Community in Action surveyed 300 Chinese and Vietnamese residents in the Phoenix area earlier this year and presented its findings Oct. 17.

The survey is a first step in learning about a community where little health information is known and where cultural and language barriers often impede effective care.

Kelly Hsu, who founded the advocacy group last year, said unlike Hispanics, Asians don't share a common language, and that many health care providers are not as aware of Asian cultures and lifestyles as they are of Latino cultures.

The Asian, AA and Pacific Islander populations remain small in the state, but it is the fastest growing.

A Chandler forum drew about 100 health professionals and other community leaders to Western

International University, where they learned about the survey and heard from three California experts on elder care, language and community outreach.

ACLU Urges Support for Patriot Act Challenge

McMINNVILLE, Ore.—The American Civil Liberties Union is urging Oregonians to back Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden in a challenge to parts of the Patriot Act that also is drawing some Republican support.

Jann Carson of the ACLU of Oregon criticized the Patriot Act during a public meeting in McMinnville on the Bush administration's "war on terror."

The act turned two years old recently amid signs of growing and diverse opposition, with bipartisan concerns about how far the law can be applied.

Three states and nearly 200 cities have approved resolutions urging Congress to repeal all or parts of the law. One such resolution was approved by the Oregon Senate earlier this year, with bipartisan support.

The ACLU is challenging the law and Attorney General John Ashcroft in court. Carson said the Act allows the government to search library records and conduct other forms of domestic surveillance, including secret detentions.

Carson said the Patriot Act was approved during heightened concern about security, similar to the government response that resulted in the Communist witch-hunts of the 1950s and the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, which later were criticized for broad violation of civil rights.

FBI to Investigate Harassment at Muslim Day-care Center

ST. LOUIS—The Egyptian-born owner of a St. Louis area day-care center has been subjected to harassing phone calls and

leaflets, and the center has been vandalized, prompting an FBI investigation into possible hate crimes, a Muslim official said Oct. 24.

The day-care owner is an American citizen who recently opened the business in Weldon Spring. Her name was not released. James Hacking III, director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations office in St. Louis said vandals have repeatedly placed dog feces near the front door of the center; damaged a fence surrounding a play area; and ignited fires on the front porch. Meanwhile, leaflets left at the building have included racist messages.

The woman said several potential customers have decided against sending their children to her after learning she was from Egypt. Currently, the woman is watching only one 2-year-old child part-time.

There have been other incidents of harassment against St. Louis area Muslims in recent years. An Islamic school and center in St. Louis County received threats shortly after the terrorist attacks. And earlier this year, a Hindu temple in St. Louis County was vandalized, apparently because the vandals mistook it for a mosque.

Nationwide, Muslim officials have reported several assaults, including an arson attack on a Georgia mosque, a cross burning at a Maryland Islamic school, and the stabbing of a Virginia woman called a "terrorist pig."

University of Colorado Falling Short on Diversity

BOULDER, Colo.—The president of the University of Colorado says the Boulder campus is falling short in faculty and student diversity, despite growing enrollment, fund-raising success and a record amount of research money.

Betsy Hoffman said CU in par-

ticular is failing to recruit and retain diverse faculty.

"Budget cuts will add to the challenge," Hoffman said Oct. 13 during a forum review of her "Vision 2010" plan. "Diversity is the one aspect of Vision 2010 where I have to say in all honesty that we're not making a whole lot of progress."

While CU made slight gains in diversity this year, its percentages of black and Hispanic students are still below state and national levels.

Black students make up just 1.5 percent of the student body, while Hispanic students make up 5.6 percent of the student body. Asian American students make up 5.4 percent.

"One of the challenges we face is that this is a very white campus and a very white town," Hoffman said.

Congress Considers Proposal To Push Police to Arrest Immigrants

PHOENIX—Congressional Republicans are pushing a proposal that would pressure local and state police departments to arrest illegal immigrants by forcing officers to demand proof of citizenship on routine traffic stops.

Passage of the legislation is uncertain at best, but Rep. Charlie Norwood, R-Ga., introduced the bill with 106 co-sponsors.

Immigrant advocates abhor the bill as do many police chiefs, who question whether it would do more harm than good.

Norwood argues that the 2,000 federal immigration agents cannot track down the millions of illegal immigrants without help. His bill would not require law enforcement agencies to track down undocumented immigrants, but those that refuse to cooperate could lose millions of dollars in federal funds.

But some police chiefs fear the measure will alienate immigrant communities and prevent investigation of more serious crimes. Immigrant advocates and civil rights groups argue that Norwood's bill would open the door to racial profiling. ■

APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Calif. Gov. Gray Davis has appointed **Michael Matsuda** as a member of the Curriculum Development Commission, which recommends to the State Board of Education the adoption of standards for courses of study in K-12 public schools. Matsuda is currently the coordinator for the Anaheim Union High School District Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program and has taught English and Multicultural Education for 12 years. Matsuda also teaches a diversity class for the California State Fullerton School of Secondary Education and is co-editor of the Vietnamese American Experience curriculum. Matsuda holds a graduate degree in public administration from the University of Southern California and a bachelor's degree in English from UCLA. He is a founding board member

and chair of the Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance and is a longtime member of the JACL and the Vietnamese American Public Affairs Committee.

At the 6th annual installation dinner of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA) of Los Angeles County Nov. 5, APABA's Public Service award was presented to **John Chiang**, member of the State Board of Equalization. Chiang is the highest-ranking APA state-elected official in California. He represents 8.46 million persons in the 4th Equalization District, which is comprised of Los Angeles County. Chiang currently serves as a member of the Council of Regents of the American Lung Association of Los Angeles County and as a board member of the Ethnic Coalition.



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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 Susan V. Berresford. 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. ■

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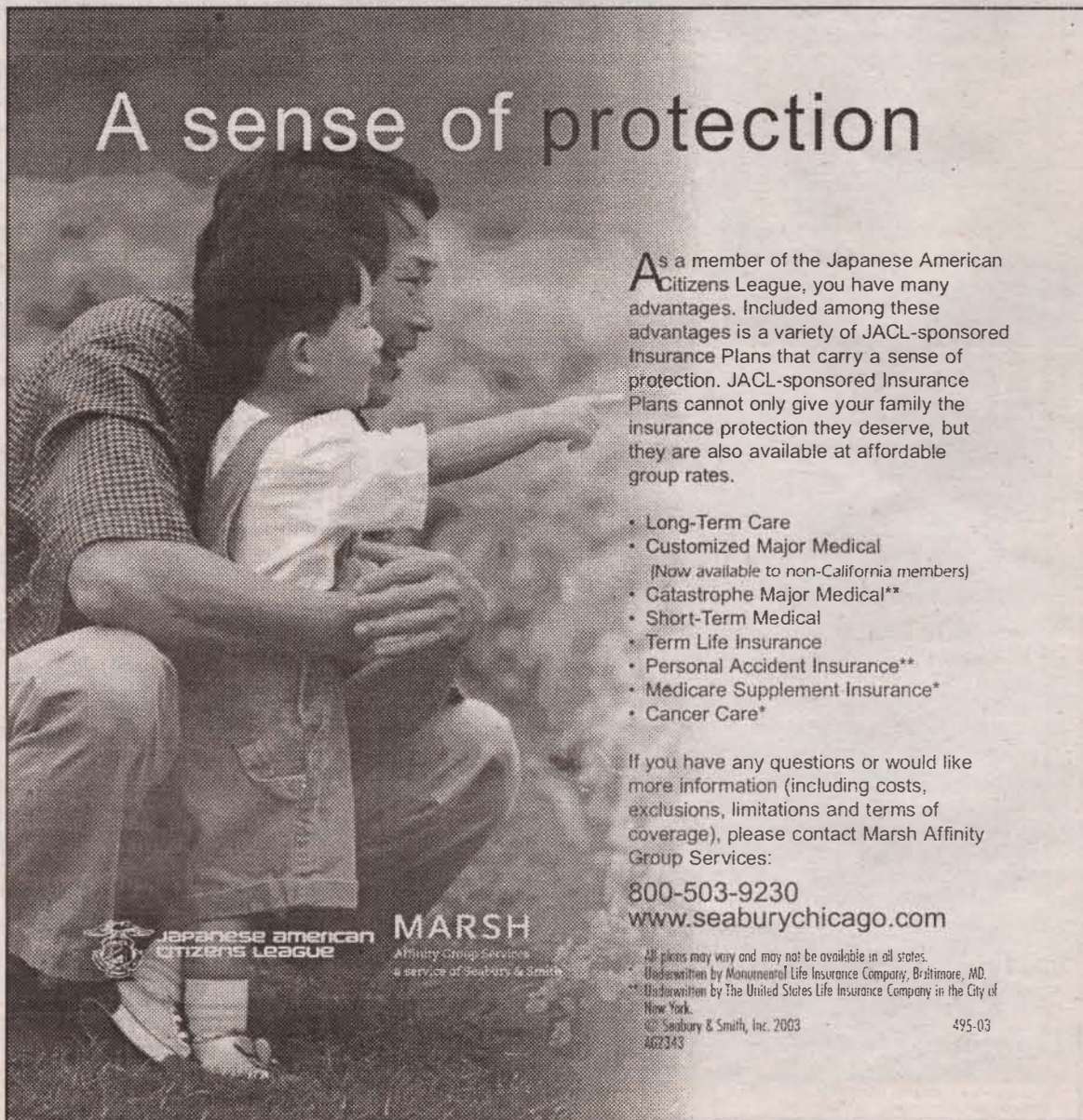
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CCLPEP Announces Informational Meetings for Interested Grant Applicants

The California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP), is launching a series of informational meetings in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento to provide individual assistance to those interested in applying for funding for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

In August 2003, legislation was passed to remove the termination date of the CCLPEP. Originally CCLPEP was scheduled to sunset at the end of this fiscal year, in June 2004.

CCLPEP hopes to continue to provide important projects and programs about the Japanese American experience during World War II until the goal of informing and educating all Californians about this period of history is achieved.

Due to budget restrictions, there will not be any scheduled meeting outside the given locations. However, individuals can contact Lisa Turgeon-Staggs of the CCLPEP office to arrange some type of meeting to answer inquiries.

The following is a tentative list of times and places where the informational meetings will take place. Call the CCLPEP Office prior to each of the scheduled meetings to confirm the time and date, as they are subject to change at the last moment.

Contact Lisa Turgeon-Staggs at either 916/653-5862 or at Lturgeon@library.ca.gov with

any questions or to schedule a time for an individual meeting with Diane Matsuda.

Calendar of Information Meetings

Nov. 13—San Francisco Public Library Western Addition, 1550 Scott St. (at Geary), San Francisco, CA 94115; group meeting: 2:30 p.m.–5 p.m.

Nov. 17—California State Library, Library & Courts Bldg. II, 900 N St., Room 302, Sacramento, CA 95814; individual meetings: 10 a.m.–4:15 p.m.

Nov. 18—California State Library, Library & Courts Bldg. II, 900 N St., Room 302, Sacramento, CA 95814; individual meetings: 10 a.m.–4:15 p.m.

Nov. 19—Los Angeles Public Library, Central Library, 630 W. Fifth St., Los Angeles, CA 90071; individual meetings: 10 a.m.–4:15 p.m.

Nov. 20—Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Suite 505, Los Angeles, CA 90012; group meeting: 3–6:15 p.m.

Jan. 5–6—San Francisco: various locations; individual meetings at various times.

Jan. 7–8—Los Angeles: various locations; individual meetings at various times.

Jan. 12–13—Sacramento: various locations; individual meetings at various times. ■

‘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 Japanese 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,

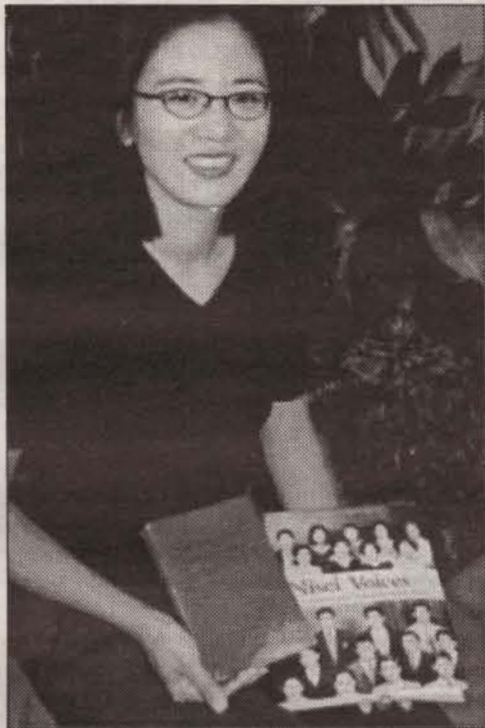
Manchuria and Taiwan during the war.

After gathering information about the students, as well as many photographs, Hirohata added the material she collected to

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 (JCCNC) is cosponsoring a party and book-signing in San Francisco on Nov. 15 from 3–5 pm. Hirohata will speak about her experience preserving her grandfather's work, and Bay Area Nisei featured in the book — Pearl Kurokawa Kimura of San Francisco and Joe



Joyce Hirohata holding her grandfather's 1935 edition of "Orations and Essays" and a copy of the just-released "Nisei Voices."

her grandfather's original book. Creating a new, expanded edition, Hirohata rechristened the publication, "Nisei Voices: Japanese American Students of the 1930s — Then & Now."

Keeping with her grandfather's tradition, Hirohata, who has a design background, decided to self-publish "Nisei Voices." Through donations from relatives, friends, and a grant from the

Masao Nakanishi of San Jose — will also make special appearances.

The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested. To RSVP, call JCCNC at 415/567-5505. 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. ■

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Korean War Vets to Add Mixed Japanese Heritage KIAs to Monument

The Japanese American Korean War Veterans (JAKWV) Memorial Monument Committee has changed their prior policy of listing only Americans of Japanese heritage with Japanese surnames on their war memorial monument honoring those killed or missing in action and those who died while prisoners during the Korean War.

The JAKWV is now seeking names of those of mixed JA heritage for inclusion on the existing memorial monument in the National Americans of Japanese Ancestry 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 surnames, but the committee has unanimously agreed to add the names of the KIAs and MIAs (missing in action) who are verified as being of Japanese mixed ancestry.

The JAKWV is still seeking additional names of Americans of Japanese ancestry who served anywhere in the world during the Korean War era (June 1950 – January 1955). The names are to be included in a booklet about the Americans of Japanese ancestry veterans' role in the Korean War. All available names of Korean War era veterans are to be published in the book.

Those who served anywhere in the world, whether it was stateside, Japan, Europe, Korea, Alaska, etc., are considered Korean War veterans. This also includes women who served in any of the branches of the armed services. Veterans of World War II who also served during the Korean War era are especially important, and JAKWV is seeking their names as well.

JAKWV would like friends, relatives, and fellow vets to submit the names as soon as possible, so the

publishing of the book memorializing the 247 KIAs along with the additional names of those of mixed heritage and the listing of all Americans of Japanese ancestry veterans who served during the Korean War era can be completed with as accurate a list of names as possible.

Many of the Korean War veterans who served during this period were from WWII internment camps. Most were the younger brothers or sisters of veterans who served with the 100th/442nd and MIS. Others served in both wars, such as Hershey Miyamura, recipient of the Medal of Honor during the Korean War. The majority of Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in the early part of the war were from Hawaii and were with the first units to be sent to Korea, sustaining heavy casualties.

The JAKWV is also requesting 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 combat or non-combat related. Use of any story or publication will be at the discretion of the "Japanese Americans in the Korean War" Booklet Committee.

When providing names, JAKWV requests the name of the veteran, years served, where served, rank, address and telephone number, along with a copy of the veteran's DD214 if available. If the veteran is deceased, JAKWV would like the name and address of the person providing the information. If any requested information is unavailable, the JAKWV will still publish the name of the veteran.

Information may be submitted to Frank Takeyama, 16923 Haas Ave., Torrance, CA 90504-2206, telephone 310/329-9469, or call Co-Chairman Paul Ono, 310/532-2495, or Robert Wada, 714/992-5461. ■

Workshop Scheduled for Proposed Bainbridge Island JA Memorial

The National Park Service (NPS) held public workshops Nov. 5-6 on Bainbridge Island and in Seattle, Wash., to obtain public input about the preliminary planning for the former Eagledale Ferry Dock site.

The Eagledale Ferry Dock was the departure site of the first group of Japanese Americans, who were from Bainbridge Island, to be forcibly removed from their homes and sent to camps during World War II. Eventually 120,000 JAs were confined in 10 remote camps throughout the West.

In 2003, the U.S. Congress directed the NPS to study the site of the former Eagledale Ferry Dock at Taylor Avenue for national significance, suitability, and feasibility of designating it as a unit of the National Park System. A planning team comprised of citizens and government officials of Bainbridge Island, members of the NPS, and professions in the fields

of landscape architecture, architecture and environmental analysis is guiding the study process.

A public workshop is scheduled for the summer of 2004 at which time the public can offer comments on the draft study. When the study is completed in the fall of 2004, it will be sent to the Secretary of the Interior with a final recommendation and then forwarded to Congress, who will determine what action they wish to take in developing a memorial.

Meanwhile, the city of Bainbridge Island, the Bainbridge Island Park District and the Bainbridge Island WWII Nikkei Internment and Exclusion Memorial Committee will continue their efforts in purchasing the former Eagledale Ferry Dock site and construction of a memorial.

For additional information, photographs, captions, and newsletter, contact Anna Tamura at Anna_Tamura@nps.gov or 206/220-4157. ■

JACL Corner

Greater L.A. Singles Chapter and Orange County Sansei Singles Host Conference

Over 200 singles attended the Tenth National JACL Singles Conference co-hosted by Greater L.A. Singles chapter and Orange County Sansei Singles at the Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo on Oct. 11.

J.D. Hokoyama, president of

participated in a two-day conference of the Idaho Council for History Education in early October, with history and social science educators from Idaho and Oregon. Chapter representatives set up display tables about the Japanese American experience in Idaho; a large section of the display was devoted to the Minidoka internment camp and the efforts to preserve the site as a part of the



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National JACL Singles Conference Chair Miyako Kadogawa stands between workshop panelists Lianne Urada, and Dr. Alan Oda; seated are panelists Harvey Hanemoto and Clara Young.

Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, Inc. opened the conference with the 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, focusing on changes needed for successful relationships; "Using the Mind as Medicine," with Dr. Tatsuo Hirano, demonstrating "Modern Medical Chi-kung" for relief of pain, anxiety and depression; "Zen Relationships," with Zen coach Michiko J. Rolek, on the principles and process that awaken a clear mind and peaceful heart; "The Ultimate Survival Guide for Single Women," with psychologist Clara Young; and "Life, Love, and the Single Asian Pacific Male (Not Just for Guys!)," with Alan Y. Oda, Ph.D.

Conference arrangements, coordinated by Miyako Kadogawa of the Greater L.A. Singles chapter, also included a lunch, banquet, dancing, and a workshop on the jitterbug.

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Tournament

The eighth annual JACL benefit golf tournament was held in Salt Lake City at the Old Mill Golf Course on Sept. 27.

Winners were:

Mens A Flight, first to fifth place: Richard Hoki, Roland Shimada, Logan Hunter, Paul Imamura, Chris Sato.

Mens B Flight, first to fifth place: Ron Mano, Chris Howe, Harry Imamura, Ted Makris, Ron Aoki.

Ladies A Flight Teams, first to third place: Yuki Namba and Kaye Watanabe; Pam Makris and Dawn Nodzu; Mieko Hashimoto and Mabel Okubo.

Ladies B Flight Teams, first to third place: Sego Matsumiya and Ruthe Okawa; Betty Kubota and Nats Nishijima; Lynne Ward and Suzan Yoshimura.

JACL National President Floyd Mori chaired the tournament, assisted by Silvana Watanabe, Dot Richeda, Carolyn Valentine, Diane Akiyama, Rick Shew, Irene Mori, Laurie Noda, Shelley Doi, Marc Stillman, Ryan Akimoto, Chris Takeda, Nick Ushio, Branden Ushio, Lindsay Mueller, Joey Miya and Jaclyn Hori.

The tournament benefits the youth scholarship and leadership programs of the three Utah JACL chapters.

Sponsors, donors, and prize contributors for the event were National JACL Credit Union; Reagan Outdoor Advertising; Associated Foods; Cummins Intermountain, Inc.; Ken Nodzu; Brad and Amy Mayeda; Salt Lake JACL; McKay, Burton & Thurman; Laurie Noda; Mark Minaga; Fairways Golf; GreenKeepers, Inc.; Peppermill, Montego Bay and Rainbow Casinos; Les Olson Company; and Hunter Management. ■

National Parks Service.

Sharon Ishii-Jordan and Greg Marutani of JACL's national education committee presented a workshop about the internment experience following the Dec. 7, 1941, attack at Pearl Harbor and parallels as well as differences with the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center were also discussed.

Hero Shiosaki of the Boise Valley chapter was instrumental in scheduling JACL's inclusion in the conference. Participants also included Maya Hata Lemon, Walter and Kimberly Hirai, Patty Kawaguchi, Patty Koyama, and Dr. Robert Sims.

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In Sports

\$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 Morioka 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."

Morioka, a Japanese citizen hired in February 2002, said that until her termination in May she was repeatedly subjected to an "unreasonable, offensive and demeaning anti-Japanese and anti-Asian hostility that pervaded the entire International Department."

Morioka said in the lawsuit that after she complained that ethnic slurs made it difficult for her to work, an executive she had complained about retaliated and she was fired.

The lawsuit seeks compensatory and punitive damages, back pay and lost future earnings. ■

Ohno Wins Men's 500-meter Speed Skating Event

MARQUETTE, Mich.—American **Apolo Anton Ohno** won the men's 500-meter World Cup short track speed skating event Oct. 25.

Ohno held off Koreans **Hyun-Soo Ahn** and **Seung-Jae Lee** on the final lap to win the gold medal with a time of 42.832.

"They were closing in on me," Ohno told *The Mining Journal*. "There was a bump there on the second-to-last turn. 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 lane 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. ■

Nuggets Waive Japanese Player

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

He appeared in three games during the preseason, averaging 3.0 points and 2.7 assists in 7.3 minutes.

Tabuse played at BYU-Hawaii. ■

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."

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.

A good move in signing Yao. Reebok, originally a European brand, has traditionally had a weak presence in China, the world's largest market, he said.

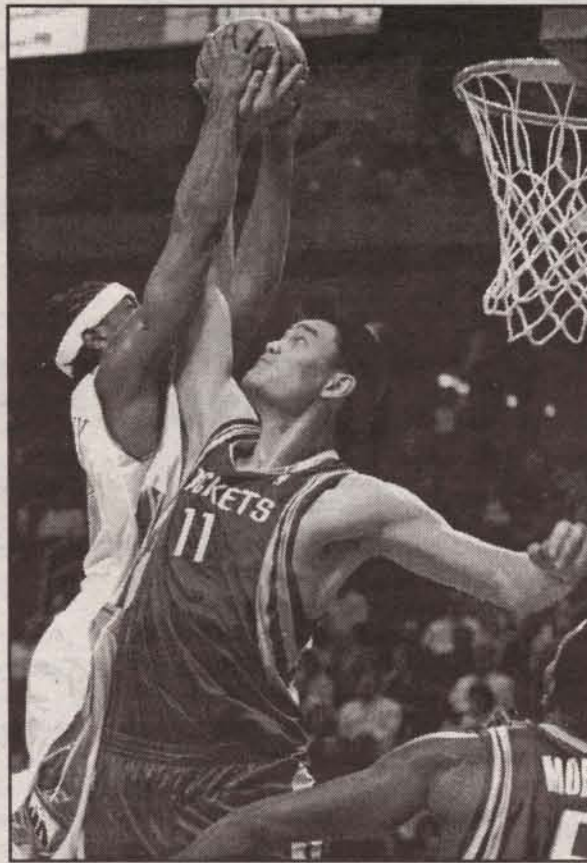
"The Chinese market is expected to grow very, very quickly, partly because of the economy and partly because of the Beijing Olympics in 2008, and Yao Ming is just huge over there," Horan said. "I think they see this as really their way of getting into that market in a big way."

Yao, the No. 1 pick in the 2002 draft, averaged 13.5 points and 8.2 rebounds for the Rockets in his rookie season. His official footwear and apparel line will be introduced in fall 2004.

"I look forward to the fun and the challenge of promoting basketball worldwide with a legendary company like Reebok," he said in a company release.

Currently, Reebok's leading endorser among NBA players is Allen Iverson of the Philadelphia 76ers.

Reebok shares closed up 51 cents at \$37.75 in trading Oct. 23 on the New York Stock Exchange. ■



Houston Rockets' Yao Ming of China (11) blocks a shot by Denver Nuggets' Carmelo Anthony during the first quarter Oct. 30 in Houston. (AP Photo)

John Horan, publisher of Sporting Goods Intelligence, of Glen Mills, Pa., said Reebok made

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 Nov. 2 to capture the CJ Nine Bridges Classic.

Ahn, a 19-year-old South Korean competing in her first LPGA tournament, eagled the 18th hole and finished at 12-under 204. She was three strokes ahead of defending champion Se Ri 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 birdied 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. Pak 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. ■

Morita Inducted Into Volleyball Hall of Fame

HOLYOKE, Massachusetts—Japan's **Jungo Morita** was inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame Oct. 24 at ceremonies in Holyoke, where the game was invented in 1895.

Known as an innovator, Morita played for the Japanese national team that won a gold medal at the 1972 Olympics.

Also inducted were beach volleyball great Sinjin Smith and coaches Julio Velasco of Italy and the late Givi Akhvediani of Russia. ■

JOB OPENING

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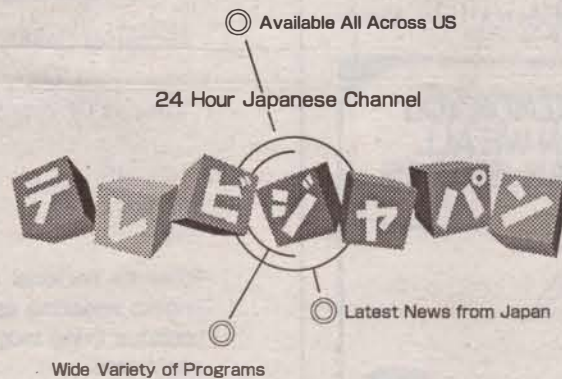
The Pacific Citizen Newspaper, a national publication of the JACL, is currently seeking an assistant editor for its office in Monterey Park, CA.

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

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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 change in 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 is the subject of a new documentary, "A Most Unlikely Hero."

Honolulu's largest newspaper called the film, "a compelling hour (on) a shocking but all-too-common injustice, and later a historic fight for remediation, with much of the skill and clarity the officer-candidate-turned-civil-rights-icon 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 for everyone committed to justice, equality, and human dignity," said Honolulu 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.CustomFlix.com/205161 and use the JACL discount code UN3CFFSP to purchase the film on VHS or DVD for \$39 plus shipping and handling. Chapters can also go to the CustomFlix website at www.customflix.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: screenings@unlikelyhero.org, or call Steve Okino at 808/677-4097.

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 program, arranged by Chuck and Dorie Kobayashi, included a display of old photos of baseball and basketball teams, groups and individuals, compiled by Grace (Sunada) Miyamoto. Akio Seo had prepared identification badges with photos of all Placerites in their youth. By banquet time, 174 reunion attendees had signed in; the oldest was 1935 Placer High School graduate Shigeo Yokote. About 72 people attended the farewell event Sunday morning where a mixed

culture breakfast was served, appropriate for the mixed culture upbringing of Placer Nikkei.

Reunion plans started almost a year earlier when co-chairs Miyamoto, Akio Seo and Tomio Masaki gathered volunteers to plan the event, with about 20 committee members meeting four times during the year.

Kenso Masaki, Yuji Kaneko and Frank Hirota co-chaired the golf tournament committee; the registration committee included Sumi Kozaike, May Nimura, Lucy Masaki, Betty Matsuura and Yuki Tsujimoto, chaired by Satoko Ikeda; and Roy Doi, Nob Watanabe and Ben Seo co-chaired the banquet committee. Tak and Bob Kawamoto chaired the finance committee. The entertainment committee included Eve and Ray Baishiki, chaired by Harry Hamada.

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



By the Board

Ryan Chin, V.P. Membership

The Payoff

The latest membership numbers are nothing short of astonishing. Since the JACL made a concerted effort to recoup the memberships that lapsed over the last five years at the end of May, the organization has experienced a net increase of over 500 paid members! Our membership revenues for this year through September exceeded our budgetary expectations by 108 percent. It just goes to show that we can achieve results when we make a concerted effort!

Other Key Membership Notables

Campaign Results — Here are the results of our membership campaigns for this biennium thus far: new members — 664; gift memberships — 343 recovering past national scholarship winners — 27.

New Membership Brochures — After more than 30 revisions and six months of efforts, the new membership brochure has finally arrived. The "standard" version of the brochure is double-sided with the outside consisting of the cover and contact information for the JACL, then text on the inside describing the national organization.

Because of the foresight of designer Scott Sakamoto of Ronin Studios (www.roninstudios.com), we also have another version of the brochure which has the cover and contact information but also a blank inside. The plain side allows for chapters and districts to personalize the text by printing on them using home computers. For example, chapters and districts can: make the text more locally focused, list chapter or district accomplishments instead of national ones, or indicate benefits specific to the members of these chapters. Chapters and districts can request brochures by contacting JACL headquarters at 415/921-5225 or mbr@jacl.org.

JACL Credit Union Membership Programs

With heavy financial support and innovative ideas, the JACL Credit Union (www.jaclcu.com) has easily been the biggest supporter of the organization's membership programs this biennium. The partnership not only allows

for an increase in the membership of the JACL, but 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 and the Hawaii Trip Package. The \$100/100 donation program offers both the chapter and national JACL each \$100 when a chapter delivers five new JACL Credit Union members. The Hawaii Trip Package will be awarded to the chapter with the biggest growth in paid memberships 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 coming weeks, will include one of the new brochures accompanied by a cover letter endorsing the organization signed by some of the most famous JAs alive: the Hon. Norman Mineta, the Hon. Daniel Inouye, Gen. Eric Shinseki, and world champion skater Kristi Yamaguchi. Many thanks to John Tateishi, JACL executive director, and Lucy Kishiue, membership director, for making my vision of a "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 sole sponsor of our new ability to process credit cards at headquarters, the printing of our new brochures, and the mailing costs of our direct-mailing membership

drive.

A great deal of time was invested by Scott Sakamoto of Ronin Studios in designing the new membership brochures, working with me during several modifications. Lucy Kishiue and Tomiko Ismail 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 thanks 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 — namely 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 do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns (206/228-7926 or vpmembership@jacl.org).

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MIDWEST

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passed the Patriot Act, and the president signed it into law on Oct. 26, 2001. This swift action was spurred on by a sense of urgency at a time when vigorous dissent may have appeared unpatriotic. The concern is that many provisions in this law fail to provide for a system of checks and balances to safeguard civil liberties.

On its website, the Department of Justice says the Patriot Act provides incremental changes to laws that were already being used to investigate organized crime and drug trafficking. The ACLU sees it differently, stating that the Patriot Act is “an overnight revision of the nation’s surveillance laws that vastly expands the government’s authority to spy on its own citizens, while reducing checks and balances on judicial oversight and the ability to challenge government searches in court.”

One provision of the Patriot Act permits the government to obtain records from places like bookstores and libraries as well as medical and business records. The government only needs to show that the information is relevant to a terrorism investigation rather than having to show “probable cause,” a higher legal standard. Further, the law prevents anyone from disclosing that these records have been obtained.

While in Detroit recently, I visited the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), an organization that provides an array of health, education and employment services to the Arab American community in Michigan. ACCESS is also a plaintiff in the ACLU lawsuit challenging the Patriot Act. As Deana Rabiah, ACCESS’s education outreach coordinator explained to me, ACCESS believes the FBI has used the Patriot Act to obtain sensitive records about the organization and its clients.

As an example, ACCESS points to the case of Ahmed Ali Ghosn, a permanent resident whose application for citizenship has been pending for seven years. He’s been through a bureaucratic nightmare

where the INS lost his application causing him to have to re-file, and where he’s been fingerprinted several times — all without receiving an interview from INS on his naturalization.

During his most recent fingerprinting he was questioned for two hours by FBI agents about his connections with various individuals and organizations. He was warned that if he did not cooperate, his children would be seized and placed in foster care. He also turned down a request by the FBI to do surveillance in his community. Mr. Ghosn believes the FBI may be using the Patriot Act to gain access to his private records.

So, what have we learned? During World War II, the government conducted unwarranted searches and seizures in the homes of Japanese Americans. Our community was deprived of its liberty

WEN HO LEE

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His ordeal inspired a wave of AA activism that extends today to cases like Yee’s. Activists say they don’t know whether the charges against Yee are true, but vow this time they’ll speak up more quickly and loudly to ensure he is treated fairly.

Raul Duany, a spokesman for United States Southern Command, said the government is not targeting anyone based on ethnicity or religion.

“It just happens that’s his ethnicity,” Duany said, noting that of the others arrested in the Guantanamo probe, “one is Egyptian and the other is Syrian. It’s not because they’re Chinese or of Asian heritage.

“We’re not saying, ‘Oh, you remember that case, let’s see how we can do everything the same way.”

There also are notable differences between Lee and Yee. Lee is a Taiwanese immigrant who became a naturalized citizen. Yee, the American-born son of Chinese immigrants, was raised in a New Jersey suburb and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy. He goes by the first name Yousef.

Still, Chang, president of Justice for New Americans, plans to visit

and property without due process. The violation of these same principles forms the basis for the ACLU lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of a provision of the Patriot Act.

And what do we believe in? The lone dissenting vote in the Senate on the Patriot Act was cast by Russ Feingold from Wisconsin. He stated: “Protecting the safety of the American people is a solemn duty of the Congress; we must work tirelessly to prevent more tragedies like the devastating attacks of September 11th ... But the Congress will fulfill its duty only when it protects both the American people and the freedoms at the foundation of American society. So let us preserve our heritage of basic rights. Let us practice that liberty. And let us fight to maintain that freedom that we call America.” ■

Washington this weekend to urge Congress to monitor Yee’s case. L. Ling-chi Wang, a University of California, Berkeley professor, said he intends to work with religious groups.

Activists note that news stories described Lee as a suspected spy. But the government’s case against him ultimately fell apart and he was never charged with espionage.

In Yee’s case, initial reports last month said he was charged with sedition, aiding the enemy, spying, espionage and failure to obey a general order.

So far, however, Yee has only been charged with taking classified material to his home and wrongfully transporting classified material without the proper security container or covers. The Army is still investigating his conduct and could file additional charges.

“These things happen against a certain type of background. In the Wen Ho Lee case, it was the paranoia about China being able to build certain weapons,” said Ivy Lee, president of the Chinese American Political Action Committee, a Sacramento-based group that was created after the Lee case.

In Yee’s case, there “are much more powerful forces. The public tends to respond much more to threats against U.S. security, the fight against terrorism.” ■

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East Coast

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Tues., Nov. 25—Anne Namba “Trunk” show; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd.; showing one-of-a-kind garments made from vintage kimono and obi. Info: 561/495-0233.

NEW YORK CITY

Wed., Nov. 19—NYU Brown Bag Lunch Series: “Migrancy, Citizenship, & New York City” with May Joseph, A/P/A Studies visiting scholar; 12 noon-2 p.m.; A/P/A Studies Conference Room, 269 Mercer St., Suite 609. **RSVP by Nov. 17:** 212/992-9653; apa.rsvp@nyu.edu.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sat., Nov. 22—Washington, D.C., JACL Family Day/Game Day; 1-4 p.m.; bingo and much more; Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church. Info: Ellen Horiuchi Williams, 301/587-6077, international_williams@yahoo.com, or Michelle Amano, 301/656-4739.

Sun., Dec. 14—Washington, D.C., JACL Mochizuki and General Meeting; 1-4 p.m.; Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church. Info: Clyde Nishimura, 703/719-6720.

Midwest

CHICAGO

Fri., Sun., Nov. 14-16—Seminar: “The Constitution on in Times of Crisis”; at the Nation Conference for the Social Studies (NCSS), 83rd National Conference, Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel, Wacker Drive and Michigan Avenue; exhibit of the JACL Curriculum Guide and teaching aids; sponsored by the Midwest district council. Registration info: www.social-studies.org.

CLEVELAND

Through Jan. 4—Exhibit, “Yoshitomo Nara: Nothing Ever Happens”; Museum of Contemporary Art, 8501 Carnegie Ave. Info: 216/421-8671; www.MOCAcleveland.org.

MILWAUKEE

Fri.-Sun., Nov. 21-23—Holiday Folk Fair; State Fair Park, West Allis; Info: Carole Shiraga, 262/794-0197, or Sandy Van Engle, 262/242-3628.

Sun., Dec. 7—Wisconsin JACL Christmas party/potluck; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Zablocki Park, 3717 W. Howard Ave. RSVP, info: Sandy Van Engle, 262/242-3628, or Carole Shiraga, 262/794-0197.

Mountain Plains

DENVER

Sat., Nov. 8—Colorado JACL (Arkansas Valley, Ft. Lupton and Mile-Hi chapters) 2nd annual gathering and sushi party; 12 noon-4 p.m.; sushi making and instruction by Kimiko Side; Tamai Tower Penthouse. Info: Sumi Takeno, 303/355-5040, or Frank Sakamoto, 303/694-4790.

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SEATTLE

Sat., Nov. 15—21st Annual Ayame Kai Holiday Craft Fair; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St.; craft designers from Washington, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Canada; home-baked good and Asian food. Info: 425/827-4930.

Through December—Bruce Lee Collectors Exhibit 2003: “The Beginning of a Legend, the Story of a Man”; Tuesdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; 519 Sixth Ave. S. (in the former Uwajimaya building); includes a re-creation of Lee’s Seattle *kwoon* (martial arts studio); proceeds to go to a new low-income housing development in Seattle’s International District and to the Bruce Lee Foundation. Info: 206/277-9437; www.brucelee-exhibit.org.

Northern California

BERKELEY

Fri., Nov. 14 (date and time change)—UC Berkeley Nikkei Student Union’s First Annual Japanese American Culture Night; 7:30-10 p.m.; Bancroft Hotel, Great Hall, 2680 Bancroft Way (next to Café Estrada); celebrating four generations of Japanese American history. RSVP, info: Sarah Sasaki: ssasaki@uclink.berkeley.edu or Lisa Masai, lmasai@uclink.berkeley.edu.

MONTEREY

Thurs., Nov. 13—The Monterey Peninsula JACL will be honored at a National Philanthropy Day observance; 11:30 luncheon; The Inn at Spanish Bay. Tickets: Kelly, 831/622-2790.

SACRAMENTO

Fri., Nov. 14—“Traditional Japanese New Year the American Way”; 7 p.m.; Asian Community Center, 7375 Park City Dr.; presented by Jan Ken Po Cultural Association with Marlene Itagaki. RSVP: 916/417/8108 or 916/489-1291.

Sat., Nov. 15—Benefit performances of “Flower Drum Song”; 2 p.m. matinee, 8 p.m. evening performance; Sacramento Convention Center Community Center Theater, 1301 L St. Tickets, Info: JACCNC, 415/567-5505.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat., Nov. 8—Archival workshop, “How to Care for Your Photographs and Documents”; 10 a.m.-12 noon; NJAHS Gallery. Info: Judy Hamaguchi, 415/921-5007, Judy@njahs.org.

Sat., Nov. 15—Reception and book signing for “Nisei Voices”—Japanese Valedictorians of the 1930s, their orations and essays—then and now; with Joyce Hirohata; 3-5 p.m.; JCCNC, 1840 Sutter St.; Bay Area Nisei featured in the book will also appear. RSVP: 415/567-5505; www.jccnc.org.

SAN JOSE

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

SAN MATEO

Sat., Nov. 15—Tomodachi Holiday Boutique; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; San Mateo Gardeners Hall, 503 Fifth Ave. at Claremont. Info: 650/343-2793.

Sun., Nov. 23—Sunday Movie Matinee, “The Story of Qiu Ju”; 1:30 p.m.; JA Community Center, 415 Claremont St.; Chinese with English subtitles. Info: 650/343-2793.

SEBASTOPOL

Sat., Nov. 15—Sonoma County JACL’s Sushi Fest; 5 p.m. to sell-out (usually around 7:30 p.m.); Enmanji Community Hall, 1200 Gravenstein Hwy. South; ala carte nigiri sushi, potstickers, miso soup, namasu, beverages, dessert table, all \$1 each.

Central California

FRESNO

Sun. Mon., Nov. 9-10—Asian Accents Fashion Fundraiser; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday; Fresno Buddhist Temple gymnasium; to benefit the Nikkei Foundation. Info: Nikkei Service Center, Donna Ishii, 550/237-4006, or Asian Accents,

949/854-8822.

Southern California

ALHAMBRA

Sat., Nov. 8—Orange County Sansei Singles’ first annual “Obay” Live Auction Night; 6-11 p.m.; Zocala Restaurant, 118 W. Main St.; auction “your unwanted new stuff for other cool stuff”. RSVP, info: Bunky, bunkymar@lycos.com.

BUENA PARK

Through Jan. 20—Exhibit, “The Society of Six 2003”; Sequoia Conference Center, Grand Corridor, 7530 Orangethorpe Ave.; includes work by Yayoi Ailene Shibata. Info: 714/670-4425.

GARDENA

Sat.-Sun., Nov. 22-23—Exhibit, “Modern Masters of Japanese Art”; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 1964 S. 162nd St.; featuring works by Koji Mizutani and Hisashi Otsuka. Info: Four Seasons Fine Arts, 310/640-1030.

LONG BEACH

Sat., Nov. 8—Go For Broke’s 2nd Annual Dinner, “Evening of Aloha”; Hyatt Regency, 200 S. Pine Ave.; recognizing the 60th anniversary of the 442nd RCT; award-winning Hawaiian chefs, Polynesian dance group, ukulele master; Miss Universe 1997, emcee. Tickets, info: 310/328-0907, www.GoForBroke.org; special hotel rates: 562/491-1234 or 800/633-7313.

Sun., Nov. 16—18th Annual Koi Auction; 11:30 a.m. preview, 12 noon auction; Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden, Earl Warren Drive near the Bellflower Blvd. entrance to Cal. State Long Beach. Info: 562/985-8410.

LOS ANGELES

Sun., Nov. 9—Slide lecture, “Who is the Goddess of Rice?” 1 p.m.; Fowler Museum of Cultural History, UCLA, North Campus; in coordination with exhibit, “The Art of Rice: Spirit and Sustenance in Asia”; Free. Info: 310/825-4361.

Sat., Nov. 8—32nd Little Tokyo Community Health Fair; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Union Church of Los Angeles, 402 E. Third St. at San Pedro, Little Tokyo; flu shots, medical screenings, dental, podiatry, vision checks, etc. Info: Isabelle Miyata, Little Tokyo Service Center, 213/473-1602.

Sat., Nov. 8—Slide show, “Mago’s: Feeding a Generation of Japanese American Activists”; 2-4 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum, 369 N. First St., Little Tokyo; the history and life of “Mago’s Famous Hamburgers” fast food place; includes a cooking demonstration. Info: 213/625-0414, www.janm.org.

Mon., Nov. 10—Los Angeles Garden Club Meeting; 9 a.m. coffee, 10 a.m. meeting; Elysian Masonic Lodge, 1900 N. Vermont Ave.; speaker Ron Lorentzen, superintendent of L.A. County’s Tree Division; non-members and guests are welcome.

Nov. 12-Dec. 6 (preview performances Nov. 8-9)—East West Players presents “Masha No Home” by Lloyd Suh; a community fund for Korean immigrants to use becomes a hot potato and a test of character; David Henry Hwang Theater, Union Center for the Arts, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo; American Sign Language

interpretation, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.; senior, student and group discounts available. Tickets, schedules, info: 213/625-7000 ext. 20.

Sun.-Tues., Dec. 7-9—See LAS VEGAS for buses to the Military Intelligence Service Club of Southern California’s M.I.S. *Bonenkai* 2003.

Through Jan. 4—Exhibit, “From the Verendah; Art, Buddhism, Presence”; UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History. Free admission, \$7 parking in Lot 4. Info: 310/825-4361.

Through Jan. 4—Exhibit, “Drifting: Nakahama Manjiro’s Tale of Discovery: An Illustrated Manuscript Recounting Ten years of Adventure at Sea”; Japanese American National Museum, 369 N. First St., Little Tokyo; tells the true story of the 14-year-old, his exploration of a new land, and his role in setting the course of U.S.-Japan relations. Info: 213/625-0414, www.janm.org.

Through Jan. 4—“Object Lessons: Exploring the Permanant Collection”; Weingart Foundation Gallery, Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo. Info: 213/625-0414.

Through April 25—“The Art of Rice: Spirit and Sustenance in Asia”; Fowler Museum of Cultural History, UCLA, North Campus; examines the interplay between rice and culture in Asian society through visual arts, including works from China, Japan, India, Indonesia, Korea, Thailand, the Philippines and other Asian countries. Free. Info: 310/825-4361.

PASADENA

Through Feb. 1—Exhibit, “Korean Costumes through the Ages”; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave. Info: 626/449-2742 ext. 19, www.pacificasianmuseum.org.

SAN DIEGO

Through Feb. 8—Exhibit, “Origami Masterworks; Innovative Forms in the Art of Paper Folding; Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado; includes works by 42 artists from Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, Israel, Korea, Japan, Russia and the United States. Info: 619/239-0003; finmgr@mingei.org.

VENICE

Sun., Nov. 16—Venice Culver JACL’s 4th Annual Frances Kitagawa Leadership Development Program Luncheon; 12 noon; Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr.; Santa Maria-style BBQ; guest speaker, Dr. Mitchell T. Maki, acting

dean, College of Health and Human Services, Cal State L.A. **RSVP by Nov. 7:** Sharon Kumagai, 310/719-2364, or Florence Ochi, 323/291-1450.

Arizona - Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Sun.-Tues., Dec. 7-9—Military Intelligence Service Club of Southern California’s M.I.S. *Bonenkai* 2003; Four Queens Hotel, downtown Las Vegas; bus departs from Gardena Hotel at 7 a.m., from WLA Stoner Playground at 7:40 a.m., and from Fukui Mortuary parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Info: Cathy Tanaka, 213/626-0441 ext. 21, or George Kanegai, 310/820-5250.

PHOENIX

Sat., Nov. 8—Oral history workshop, “The Importance of Oral History in Recording the Experiences of Japanese Americans in Arizona”; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; ASU Downtown Center; featuring Valerie Matsumoto of UCLA, Andrew R. Russell of TVI, and Thomas K. Nakayama of ASU. Info: Dr. Karen J. Leong, 480/965-6936. **RSVP by Nov. 1:** Doris Asano, dfolder@aol.com or Dr. Leong, kleong@asu.edu.

RENO

Sun., Nov. 16—Reno JACL Annual Mochitsuki Potluck; 11:30 a.m.; Knights of Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St. Info: Mimi Fujii-Strickler, 775/853-8850.

TEMPE

Permanent Exhibit—About Japanese Americans in Arizona before, during and after WWII, including Poston and Gila River detention camps; Arizona Historical Society Museum at Papago Park, 1300 N. College, Tempe. Info: 480/929-0292; Tour info: Mike Steinberg, ext. 137.

Hawaii

2004: Tues.-Sat., Aug. 10-14—National JACL 75th Anniversary Convention: Waikiki, Hawaii; Honolulu chapter hosts say, “Come early and enjoy an extra day.” ■

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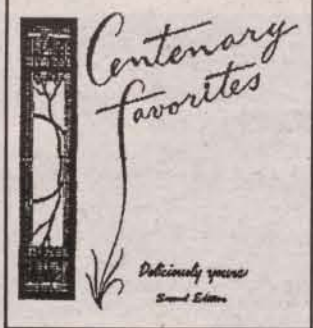
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The National Japanese American Historical Society and nationally known playwright and filmmaker, Lane Nishikawa, are launching “Only The Brave,” a feature-length film about the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team’s heroic rescue of the “Lost Battalion,” members of the Texas 141st Regiment.

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OBITUARIES

Arthur Barnett, Lawyer Who Fought WWII Internment, Dead at 96

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, Wash.—Arthur G. 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.

Barnett helped represent Gordon Hirabayashi, a University of Washington student who defied curfews on JAs 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 convictions and the government did not appeal. In 1988, at the urging of Barnett, Hirabayashi and others, Congress approved compensation for surviving JA internees.

Survivors include Virginia Norwood, his wife of 67 years; sons Gordon Barnett, John Barnett and Frederick Barnett; daughter Molly Barnett; nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. ■

Madame Chiang Kai-shek Passes at Age 105 in Manhattan

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK—Mourners who remembered Madame Chiang Kai-shek as a glamorous woman, 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 temporarily stored in a mausoleum until she can be buried with her husband, family spokeswoman Chiang Fan Chih-y said.

It was not known where Madame Chiang will be buried. 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. Fluent in English, Madame Chiang served as her husband's diplomat, successfully persuading 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 Feb. 12, 1898. Educated in America between the ages of 10 and 19, she started college at Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga., but transferred to Wellesley College near Boston and graduated with honors in 1917.

She married her husband in 1927. The couple never had children. Since the death of her husband, Madame Chiang had spent much of her time in semi-seclusion in her Manhattan apartment. ■

Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Akamatsu, Yoshiko Ruth, 87, Seattle, Sept. 19; survived by son Dr. Toshio (Suzanne); daughter Hideko (Richard) Tachibana; 7 gc.; 3 ggc.; sister Jane Kihara; predeceased by husband William Jiro.

Asamoto, Noboru B., Cleveland, Sept. 13; survived by wife Helen Sato; sons Wayne (Hyun), Bruce (Kim), Dave (Antonia), Roy and Rick (Nagila); 5 gc.; brother Sam; sister-in-law Hazel Asamoto; predeceased by sister Jean Ogino and husband Tak, brother Ken, and sister-in-law Maria Asamoto.

Baba, Emiko, 82, San Francisco, Sept. 16; Mt. Eden-born; survived by son Henry Wataru Baba; sister Sachiko Miyoshi; predeceased by husband Minoru.

Burge, Chiyoko "Kassy", Cleveland, Sept. 22; survived by husband Marvin Sr.; son Marvin Jr.; daughters Yukari Drucker and Yukiko (Yukio) Ogawa; 5 gc., 6 ggc.

Dobashi, Shizue, 79, Monterey Park, Oct. 5; San Marino-born; survived by husband Masao; sons Mark (Michi) and Kirk; daughters Gayle (Dr. Randy) Yonai and Liz (Wade) Kato; 6 gc.; sisters Shigeko Morishita and Yoshiko (Tom) Mishima; brother-in-law John (Miya) Mitoma; sisters-in-law Aiko Nishijima, Chizuyo Dobashi of Fresno, Chizuru (Mas) Nishikawa, Ikuye Dendo of Santa Maria and Mary (Bill) Inouye of Livermore.

Fukuoka, Kowji, 74, San Francisco, Oct. 10; San Francisco-born; Korean War U.S. Army veteran; survived by wife Lily.

Gay, Samuel R. Jr., retired Major General, National Guard; 83, Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 29; Cumberland, Md.-born; WWII U.S. Army 442nd RCT veteran — 1st Lieutenant at Camp Shelby; survived by wife Phyllis Opplerman Gay; son Samuel R. (Betty) Gay III of Richmond, Va.;

1 gc.; brothers Garland M. (Peggy) Gay and H. Hamner (Martha) Gay, all of Lynchburg.

Kransberger, James Richard "Jim," 76, Spokane, Wash, Oct. 8; Temperance, Mich.-born; U.S. Air Force veteran; survived by wife Sumiko; daughter Martha A. (Mark) D'Agostino; brother Arthur.

Kurihara, John, 80, Orosi, Oct. 2; Tulare-born; Poston Camp II internee; survived by wife Ruth; son Rick of La Canada; daughter Sydney Furtado of Orinda; 5 gc.; brother Walter of Dinuba; sisters Marie and Velma Kurihara and Betty Ozawa of San Francisco; predeceased by brother Don.

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

Matsumoto, Ikuko (Nishikawa), 84, Spokane, Wash, Oct. 15; Puget Sound area-born; Tule Lake internee; survived by husband Sumio; son Gary; daughters Ellen and Melissa; 5 gc.

Nakamura, Betty Aiko, 75, Monterey Park, Oct. 5; Hanford-born; survived by daughter Tracy N. (David) Droste; sisters Billy Tanigoshi and Mary Shitara; brother George (Jane) Shitara.

Nakamura, Kaoru, 78, Fremont, Oct. 9; survived by sons

Wayne (Sharon) of Fremont, Norman (Michelle) and Kenneth (Virginia); 5 gc.; predeceased by husband Yoshi.

Nakamura, Suminori "Sam," 81, Anaheim, Oct. 5; Kagoshima-born; survived by wife Himi; sons Steve (Emyko) and Akira; daughter Minako Nishi; 3 gc.; brother Teruo (Kiyoko) Nakamura of Japan; sisters Taya (Tatsuo) Uyemura, Tane Nakamura and Yoshiko (Mitsuru) Shinbara of Japan.

Takeda, William "Bill," 79, San Jose, Sept. 29; survived by wife Mary; daughters Carol Takeda, Janice (Calvin) Takeshita and Cindy Takeda; sons Mark (Beverly), Kenny and Dale; 7 gc.; sisters Sue Matsumura, Thelma Higuchi and Beverly Takeda; brothers Herb (Chiye) and Ed (Florence).

Yamazaki, Warren T., 91, San Francisco, Oct. 21; survived by daughter Betty J. Yamazaki; brother William Toshi Yamazaki; sisters and brothers-in-law. ■

DEATH NOTICE

FRANK HIROMI KAWASHIMA

PORTLAND, Ore. — Frank Hiromi Kawashima, 82, passed away Oct. 11. He was born April 16, 1921 in Tacoma, Wash., and was in the oyster business in Washington and Oregon for over 50 years. During World War II, he served in the United States Army and was stationed in Japan during the occupation. He was preceded in death by his wife Austa Nakao Kawashima, sister Aiko Janet Matsuyama and his mother Hatsune Kawashima. Frank is survived by his brother Fred, daughter Betty Jean Moore, his son Frank Bruce Kawashima and 3 grandchildren.



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GHETTOPOLY

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tures 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 game from its shelves and Yahoo! and eBay have notified Chang they would halt online sales.

"The concern here is we have had a lot of calls from very upset consumers who are very concerned that we might somehow be associated with Chang's game," said Mark Morris, a spokesman, for Hasbro U.S. Games.

In the complaint, Hasbro stated Chang violated Hasbro's trademark rights and copyrights to the Monopoly game, which has been a Parker Brothers game since 1935. Hasbro, based in Pawtucket, is the parent company of Parker Brothers.

Hasbro is seeking unspecified damages, attorneys' fees and costs, and wants the court to order Chang to stop producing and selling Ghettopoly or any other game that could cause confusion with Monopoly. The toy maker also wants distributors to recall the product.

"I just can't believe they are doing that," Chang, 28, told The Associated Press. He said he

intends to fight the lawsuit.

Chang, who said he is Asian, said he got the idea for the game while watching "MTV Cribs," a television show that often features the homes of various rap artists.

"I came up with something that has an urban edge," he said. "I didn't make the game to offend anybody," he said, adding that the game also features references to Asian, Irish, Jewish and other cultures. "I'm not a racist."

He said he sent a mock-up of the game to Hasbro several months ago for permission to sell it and he never got a response. Morris said Hasbro has no record of Chang contacting them. The lawsuit states Chang has never received a license or permission from Hasbro for Ghettopoly.

Chang began selling the game on the Internet in April, and once it garnered publicity, Urban Outfitters contacted him about selling it in their stores, he said. Chang said he did not know how much money he has made off of Ghettopoly so far.

Hasbro has licensed many variations of Monopoly — a company called USAopoly Inc., has produced Monopoly editions featuring The Simpsons, Scooby-Doo, or the Muppets, Morris said.

"They are Monopoly editions," Morris said. Other games that allow people to create their own "opoly" distinguish themselves enough from the real game so consumers are not confused, Morris said. ■

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