Federal Judge Says Part of Patriot Act Is Unconstitutional, Justice Department Finds No Abuses

By CAROLINE AOYAGI

Executive Editor

When Susannah Park, 21, first learned there was a restaurant in Philadelphia called “Chink’s Steaks” she thought her friend was joking around with her. 

Unfortunately her friend was serious. Established in 1949, “Chink’s Steaks” is a popular eatery famous for its cheesesteaks right in the small Philadelphia town of Wissinoming. 

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In a Philadelphia Daily News article Groh, 41, is quoted as saying, "It's been here 55 years and no one has ever complained." He also went on to mention that he would not change the name of the restaurant to accommodate any complaints.

According to the 2000 Census, the Tacony/Frankford neighborhood is 93.9% Caucasian, 0.3% African American, 0.1% Asian American, and under 0.1% Asian. In the past, there have been no conflicts related to the name of the restaurant.

The Tacony/Frankford neighborhood is a working-class neighborhood with a diverse population. The community is supportive of Groh, trivialisng the issue and considering it to be a non-issue.

In a recent Justice Department investigation into possible civil rights violations of library abuses under the Patriot Act, no abuses were found except for a few instances of wiretapping of a few African American and Arab people, mainly at U.S. prisons, according to a report released Jan. 12, 2004.

Among the 1,266 recent civil rights and civil liberties complaints received by June 14 and Dec. 15, 2003, only 17 involved Justice Department employees and merits a full investigation, according to the report by Glenn A. Fine, the department's inspector general.

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rather than thinking, "what's in it for me?" Trying to make a difference is something we can all do as well as improving our relationships and services to others, even when we feel we haven't had time or resources to cultivate the past of our battle. Of course, we are always going to do the best we can to understand the essence of the past cannot be ignored or will we ever escape our attention. The JACL community and are some of the most important and valuable resources we have to draw on. The JACL will continue to struggle for resources both financial and human.

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The fact that we take offense by the name is not relevant, we should do what we can to convince the owner to change the name," said John Takei, executive director of the JACL, "if the restaurant had been called, ‘Jap Noodles’ and had gone unnoticed by anyone who took offense for years, would we turn a blind eye to it? Hardly. We would demand a name change and I don’t think we’re over-reaching in the current situation with ‘Chink’s Steaks’.

I hope that Mr. Groh and the greater Westminster community will reconsider the name and see how much better off we have been for years, without a name change?"

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By Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The Senate's top Democrat joined a Republican colleague Jan. 21 in offering an immigration plan that would tie work to the prospect of legal residence for millions of people living in the country illegally.

The plan by Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., also would increase spending on border security and tackle backlogs of immigrant visas that keep families separated.

The senators proposed that undocumented workers and their families in the United States be given the chance to become "invested stakeholders" in the country by earning legal permanent residence through work.

"We would like to thank Senators Daschle and Hagel for acknowledging that hard-working immigrants, with roots in the United States must be given meaningful opportunity to come out of the shadows and earn their way towards becoming permanent, patriotic members of our society," said Traci Hong, immigration staff attorney for the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC).

Under the proposal, undocumented workers who have lived in the country illegally for at least three years in the country and one more year after the legislation is enacted. They also must pass national security and criminal background checks, and they would be required to have lived in the United States at least five years prior to passage of the reforms.

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In addition, the senators' proposal would remove limits on the number of spouses and minor children of legal permanent residents who can join family to come to the United States and apply for residency, treating them like the spouses and minor children of U.S. citizens.

"We can tighten and bring common sense to a patchwork of immigration law that makes no sense," Hagel said.

Daschle and Hagel said they are not offering amnesty for undocumented immigrants.

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His military attorneys have been charged with spying, even though military investigators first predicted he would be prosecuted.

"It's just his presence and aiding the enemy with capital offenses," said Patty Wada, competed against some of the prison camp's "invested stakeholders" in the country by earning legal permanent residence through work.

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COMMENTARY
Reassessing JACL’s Mission
By AL MURATSUCHI

JACL should reassess its mission to appeal to the changing needs of the Japanese American community, and to clearly articulate this mission to attract new life to the organization. The needs of the community have changed over the years, and JACL should be fully committed to its mission. The mission statement should reflect this long-standing relationship of JACL and all Americans while preserving our collective power toward the elimination of racism wherever it exists.

Linda Carol Toyota was recognized recently among the 2003 YWCA of Houston’s Outstanding Women of Achievement (OWA). Toyota is the development officer of the Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH). The YWCA of Houston has its mission to empower women, girls and families of diverse racial, ethnic and social backgrounds and to enhance their quality of life through program services and education. In one important initiative to fulfill its collective power toward the elimination of racism wherever it exists.

JASON HIGASHI was recently appointed to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, California. The San Jose JACL, which sponsors a successful annual community service project, has attracted new business administration. Higashi is currently employed by the State of California. He served in the Army in 1969 and was elected to the position of JACL’s California Leadership conference in 2003.

Multicultural Fair at Notre Dame University. Hassan Aguilera was elected as the dịp của “civic organization”.

Midfielder of the South Bay chapter (near Los Angeles) in 2004. As a student, he has served on the roamer’s political experience having served as a political assistant to various political leaders. As a community member, he is part of the leadership team of the California Democratic Party, and serves on the board of directors of the Asian American Political Action Committee (AAPAC), which is a non-profit organization that promotes the rights and interests of Asian Americans.

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A Trip to the U.C. Berkeley Japan Culture Night
By ANDY NOGUCHI

Rolling 100 miles from the Sacramento Valley through rainstorms and fog, we arrived at the San Francisco Bay Area traffic — packed in mini-vans, SUVs, and cars; and hell-bent on conquering the Bancroft Avenue in one piece, 28 adventurous students (and parents) began their opening trip recently to the U.C. Berkeley Japanese American Cultural Center, sponsored by the Nikkei Student Union.

The Florin, Marysville and Florin, Marysville and Florin, Marysville, chapters organized this trip, co-sponsored by the Northern California JACL's (National Association of JACL Youth Council (DCYC).

Most of us made it to the Internment camp at Manzanar, 600 foreign and American students interested in international affairs and cultures, where we enjoyed dinner in the dining common. I House showed students one of the unique living and dining options available at U.C. Berkeley. It held special interest for my wife, Twila, since her father, Ralph, held a similar position at Berkeley while students who lived there while attending Cal in the 1950s.

From there we went on a four-way down the street to the Bancroft Hotel, site of the first Annual JA Culture Night organized by the Northern California JACL's 600 foreign and American students checking out the girls had my 91-year-old aunt Annie bursting out in laughter.

A touring performance by the San Francisco Taiko Rising All-Stars had everyone cheering. This collection of young, dedicated performers, all with at least 10 years experience, really stood out with their driving, complex, and tightly choreographed arrangements. Student performances also included some hard-hitting spoken word poetry by 'tale rider' playwright Rick Kitagawa, an NSU hip-hop group, and a loto duet by talented sisters Kim and Emily Yoshikawa.

All in the evening, the show was capable and aware group of college students. We received great comments on this trip from many students and parent in our group. My congratulations to the Nikkei Student Union, Culture Night Chairperson Sarah Sasaki, and Co-Presidents Lisa Masai and Kim Yoshitake.

Should the JACL Sponsor these Youth Activities?

I would strongly recommend that JACL chapters consider organizing this type of visit to college events, they are excellent opportunities to open the minds of high school students to Asian American Studies, living situations like Asian theme dorms; and have a lot of fun doing it too.

All it takes is some organization, dedicated carpool drivers, a minimal amount of funds, and a desire to reach out and involve young people. I'm glad our Place Contra Costa, Berkley, Marysville and Florin JACL chapters organized this trip — both for the students and us American and Japanese are synonomous. Only eight letters are different in our language, and we have so much to learn from each other.

Andy Noguchi is the youth co-advisor of the JACL Florinchapter.

L.A. Day of Remembrance to Recognize Fighters for Justice

A Day of Remembrance program will take place Feb. 21 at the Aratani/Japan America Theater in Los Angeles to honor those who have served in the service and com­raderie during this country's trying times.

The DOR program will also premiere the film "Stand Up For Justice", a 30-minute drama which tells the true story of 16-year-old Ralph Lazo, a Mexican/Asian Belmont Heights High School student who was fear­lessly over two years at Manzanar concentration camp.

As the only non-Asian to be included in a concentration camp who was not a sponsee, Lazo was a shining example of someone who stood up for what he believed in, but his story was one of the few to be told. This film is not the first attempt to bring the story of Lazo to the screen, but with so much courage and determination, the completion of the film is a significant step forward in bringing the story of Lazo to the public.

Candles will be lit in memory of Lazo, who passed away in 1989, and a moment of silence will be held in his memory.

For more Day of Remembrance events across the nation, please see page 10.

The first annual Hitoshi "Moe" Yonemura Scholarship Award Luncheon will take place Feb. 8, at noon on the UCLA Campus at the Atmos West Alumni Center.

The Class of 1942 began an effort to establish a scholarship honoring Yonemura at their 60th Reunion in October 2002. This long overdue recognition of one of their classmates will be awarded annually to the UCLA junior or senior who best exemplifies Yonemura's finest qualities — leadership, class and campus involvement.

This year's recipient is Matthew Foster. Before entering UCLA Foster served for four years with the U.S. Marine Corps as an Army ROTC Cadet Battalion Commander for the Army ROTC, has attained a 3.9 grade point average, and is active in church and other community activities.

Maya Yamazaki is the current JACL national youth council chair.

UCLA Hosts Inaugural Hitoshi "Moe" Yonemura Scholarship Award Luncheon

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO—More happy, dippy jokes about California might be the way thanks to a state lawmaker who wants building codes to consider the sea level rise.

State Assemblyman Leland Yee, D-San Francisco, has introduced a resolution that urges public building officials to accommodate for sea level rise.

"This is just one more example of how we're facing a growing problem," Yee said. "We can't afford to ignore the threat of rising seas and rising temperatures and refusing to adapt.

The resolution isn't meant to foster restrictive legislation, Yee said. It would bring attention to the issue and encourage officials to work with developers to ensure buildings can withstand rising seas.

The resolution was introduced at the request of the California Coastal Commission, which recently issued a report on the effects of rising sea levels in California. The report found that sea levels could rise by as much as 8 feet by the end of the century, with the greatest impact on coastal communities.

Yee's resolution calls on the Coastal Commission to consider sea level rise in its planning and decision-making processes, and for building officials to consider the effects of rising sea levels in their work.

Yee, a member of the Coastal Commission, said he introduced the resolution to help ensure that California's buildings are designed to withstand the effects of rising sea levels.

"We need to be proactive and plan for the future," Yee said. "This resolution is a small step in the right direction."
Thin Cities Chapter
Animator virtuoso lwao Takamoto, best known as the creator of "Scooby-Doo," presented the keynote speech at the 57th Annual Chrysanthemum Banquet of the Twin Cities chapter recently. Maya Nishikawa, WCCO-TV reporter, served as emcee of the event.

Takamoto also presented an informal program for children, sketching several well-known animated characters and discussing how they were brought to life.

Takemoto began sketching while interned as a young man at Manzanar. He worked at Walt Disney Studios for 15 years and designed Scooby-Doo at Hanna-Barbera. Currently, he is vice president of creative design at Warner Bros. Animation.

Greater L.A. Singles Chapter
The Greater L.A. Singles chapter board members and officers were recently installed. Past presidents were also honored at the installation: Midori Watanabe, Tom Shimazaki, Kaz Yoshitomi (not yet), Karl Noboyuki, Meriko Mori, Kei Ishigami, Janet Okubo, Christine Ishida, Miyako Kadogawa and Janet Okubo.

Gilroy, San Benito County, and Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapters
Hold Joint Installation
More than 60 members and guests attended the joint installation of JACL officers at the Gilroy, San Benito County, and Watsonville-Santa Cruz chapters installation banquet.

Tony Boch of San Benito County JACL emceed the event at the San Juan Oaks Golf Course Lodge in Hollister, Calif. The newly installed chapter presidents are: Paul Kaneko of Watsonville-Santa Cruz, Michael Hoshida of Gilroy, and Tony Boch of San Benito.

The keynote speaker was Santa Clara County Supervisor Don Gage who spoke on the financial crisis facing the residents of Santa Clara County. Superior Court Judge Joseph F. Biafore, Jr. administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers and board members of the three chapters. Judge Biafore has administered the oath for the past 29 years.

Ogata Gets Purple Heart After 51 Years
By Associated Press and Pacific Citizen Staff

PETALUMA, Calif.—It took more than half a century, but a Petaluma man is finally going to be awarded the Purple Heart for his service in the Korean War.

After 51 years, Kensei Ogata, 72, was awarded the Purple Heart and other medals Jan. 13. Ogata was an Army corporal when he was wounded by a shell from an enemy tank while giving a report by telephone to headquarters.

"Ken Ogata was a forgotten hero of a forgotten war," said U.S. Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Petaluma, in a Los Angeles Times report. "This is a small step to set things right with history." In 1952 Ogata was an American soldier fighting on the Korean front lines when he was severely wounded in the face by a Chinese army tank. The half-century oversight began when Ogata was placed in a South Korean hospital where he was mistaken for a Korean soldier. When the mistake was realized, Ogata was transferred to an American hospital.

But his military records were lost when he was sent to the new hospital. The medals he should have received while recovering— the Purple Heart, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge—never arrived.

Ogata was still humble, more than a half-century later. "I don't want to take all the glory from the other soldiers," said Ogata. "Mine was just one in a million stories."

Ogata's son Sho was responsible for contacting Woolsey's office and pushing for his father's long overdue recognition. Sho, 42, is himself a U.S. Army veteran. "My father has been my hero my whole life," said Sho to the L.A. Times. "He never asked for this. I just felt it was something he deserved."
Yao Ming to Start in NBA All-Star Game; Still Working on Becoming More Powerful Force

HOUSTON—The Houston Rockets are trying to help Yao Ming change his playing style. China's 7-foot-6-inch center was not slow to adapt to the rim-running, in-your-face play of the NBA. He's a big man with a finesse, and the Rockets would like him to be more of an aggressive force.

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Commodore Perry and the ‘Black Ship Scroll’ Revisited

As a vice president of membership, I’ve created fundamental changes that not only help the foundation establish a solid foundation toward continuously gaining new members. We have been able to institute the practice of actively recouping lapsed members, as well as giving and offering gift memberships.

One fundamental technique that I would like to encourage every chapter to do is one that I will refer to as the “three-step contact system.” The Portland and Washington, D.C. chapters have achieved real success with this technique - I’ll give here are others out there that are successful at this.

In this three-step contact system, a JACLer meets non-members and tells them about the organization. At the end of this conversation, if the non-member has not committed to joining, the JACLer gets that person’s information — most easily done by asking for their business card.

After one or two weeks, a follow-up call is made to the chapter, sometimes a different person from the one who made the initial contact. Regardless, the follow-up person is someone who is specifically designated to do this task on a monthly or semi-monthly basis. Elizabeth Williams, Washington, D.C. chapter membership chair, describes of this comments: “Craig Uchida [D.C. chapter president] meets a lot of folks and always encourages them to join, then I follow up immediately with a small mailer letter and a few brochures about JACL. We also enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for return. If I don’t hear back in a couple of weeks, I try to call them personally. After they send in their membership, I call to thank them and tell them about the next event.”

Added Craig Uchida, Washington, D.C. chapter president: “Getting new members requires aggressive and some comprehensive behavior. I am always willing to approach a new face at one of our events and give them the JACL pitch. At other D.C. events (of which there are quite a few) I do the same thing. I’ll get names, phone numbers, business cards, and Ellen will follow up with calls, letters, etc. This seems to work pretty well.”

I encourage you to try this for a year. Find a minimum of three events for your chapter to have a booth at in 2004. Aggressively attract people to your booth — a free drawing for some sort of prize is a great idea for an initial “hook”. Tell each person about the JACL, ask for their membership, and get their contact information if they don’t immediately sign-up. Make sure you follow-up with these people within a timely time frame where they remember stopping by your booth.

Four simple, but required points: 1. Make JACL highly visible at events; 2. Aggressively attract people to your booth — give the person a “hook” (a reason to stop); 3. Get their contact info; and 4. Follow-up in a personalized, timely manner.

It will require some work to do these events if you haven’t done so before, but I truly believe this as a “best practice” I believe it will become easier with time. We can never lose sight of the fact that we are a membership-based organization entirely dependent on the number of people to be involved. Gaining members is hard work, but we will always pay dividends down the road.

So now review these steps should be done, at a bare minimum, three basic things: 1. Laparotomies once a month; 2. Gift memberships — should always be offered and effort to be more aggressive around the holidays; and 3. Three-Step Contact System. Execute these three steps consistently and you will get results. It takes work and people, but neglecting membership duties in a membership-based organization IS NOT an option. Find someone to do it. If there are no current volunteers, I encourage other members that can do it, find people outside of the chapter to do it. The number of excesses are nitpicky, but our time to halt the ever decreasing membership numbers of this organization are not. Let’s focus and let’s have a great 2004!

By the Board
Ryan Chin, V.P. Membership

Three-Steps for Marketing Success

The JACL, along with Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment and the Washington, D.C. chapter recently announced a new Health Policy Fellowship program providing a young professional with the opportunity to work for six months in the offices of the JACL on issues of public health policy and civil rights.

Applications are now available through the JACL website at http://www.jacl.org/fellowship.html and are due by Feb. 27.

Fellowship is a departure from APPEAL, a national social justice network of organizations and individuals fighting for the rights of the tobacco-free Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. This fellowship will learn first-hand about policymaking in our nation’s capital by working on projects related to tobacco access, tobacco-control and civil rights in health policy. Intrinsic to the fellowship is the opportunity to learn about and contribute to a national movement by advocating for the rights of tobacco-free folks and always encouraging the fellow’s home to Wash., D.C.

Eligibility criteria for this program include: undergraduate degree required and work towards advancing social justice in health policy or related field preferred; strong sense of self-motivation with maturity to complete assigned projects with minimal supervision. As this fellowship is specifically focused on national policy issues facing the API communities — particularly those related to tobacco use control and aging issues — interest and experience in these or other health-related fields is essential to the success of the fellowship. Awareness of issues facing the API community is preferred, but not required. The successful candidate must support the goals and missions of both APPEAL and JACL.

Interested persons should visit the JACL website at http://www.jacl.org/fellowship.html for further information and an application or contact the JACL office at 202/222-1240, or by e-mail to: info@jacl.org.
Go For Broke Celebrates Opening of Resource Center

The Go For Broke Educational Foundation (GFB) celebrates the opening of its Resource Center Feb. 5, at an open house in Torrance, Calif. The Resource Center is dedicated to educate the public, especially students and teachers, about the contributions of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and the other Japanese American units during World War II.

The new Resource Center is the web-based Oral History Video Archive showcasing 57 interviews of JA WWII veterans from across the country. The interviews, which were conducted by the foundation’s HIJACK! Action Team, are available for viewing at the foundation’s website. These interviews are some of the last primary sources of JA WWII veterans.

Patrons can also read the center’s collection of out-of-print and uncommon books and reference materials, archival photos, personal essays, and journals, as well as rare interviews. The Resource Center will be open to the public Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE PROGRAMS

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Tues., Feb. 10—7 p.m.; Anchorage Museum of History and Art; two short films, “Your Issei” and “A Family Gathering,” will be shown; sponsored by the AlaskA JACL. Info: jachska@yahoo.com.

CHICAGO, Sun., Feb., 15—2 p.m.; DePaul University Student Center, 2250 N. Sheffield; Japanese Americans and Arab Americans join to discuss “Acts of Kindness” during times of adversity. Free and open to the public. Parking is available at the Sheffield Garage just south of Fullerton. Info: Debbie Burns, 773/225-0997 ext. 24, archives@jacs-chicago.org or Sharon Harada 773/225-0997 ext. 29, programs@jacs-chicago.org.

LAYTON, Utah, Sat., Feb., 28—2-5 p.m.; Northridge High School, 2430 North West, a small cultural center dedicated to celebrating and honoring Japanese Americans; includes bento lunch; sponsored by the three Utah JACL chapters. RSVP: National JACL Credit Union, 801/355-8400.


REDWOOD CITY, Sun., Feb., 29—1-4 p.m.; San Mateo County Historical Association Museum, 777 Hamilton Street, Redwood City, San Mateo JACL Day of Remembrance and Celebration; Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston is the featured speaker. Tickets; info: includes bento lunch. RSVP by Feb. 25. Info: Kate Mosoyama. 650/794-7272.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sat., Feb., 18—1-3 p.m.; Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 1801 J Street, Sacramento; Peter Suzuki, Esq., past president of National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, will speak on “Remember what your parents taught you — be proud of your Japanese Heritage!” refreshments, free admission. Info: Joyce Henry, 610/825-8581.


WOODLAND, Calif., Sat., Feb., 18—1-3 p.m.; Woodland Public Library, 101 University Ave. S. “Remembering: Voices of the Internment.” Community members with first-hand experience related to the internment share their stories; program includes historical overview, panel presentation and open forum. North Sacramento JACL. Info: 916/638-0454 or jaro@asiantimes.com.


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OBITUARIES

All the towns are in California except as noted.

AKI, Miki, Claremont, Nov. 12, survived by husband George (the last surviving 442ndRCT chaplain).

DATI, Kedji Ken, 88, Reno, Nev., Jan. 7; Washoeville-born; survived by wife Mary; daughter Jean Ann of Berkeley; and brother Frank of Reno.

This compilation appears on a space available basis at no cost. Printed obituaries from your newspaper are not included.

Chu, Howard, who appeared in a flurry of obituaries of the famous and deceased, have been published in this issue of the Pacific Citizen.

FUCHIGAMI, Bill, Honolulu, Oct. 7, Mauiville-born; Amache internee; WWII U.S. Army MIS veteran; survived by wife Gladys; sons Brian and Randall; brothers Walter and Robert.

FUCHIGAMI, Kazuko, San Jose, Sept. 9; Marysville-born; Minidoka internee; survived by brothers Bill, Walter and sister Mae Fujita; predeceased by wife Joy.


HAYASHI, Isao, 99, Fresno, Calif., Dec. 9; Okyakama-ken, Japan-born; she was the last of the pioneering Issei generation in French Camp; survived by sons Ken and Yoshiho Monjo; sister-in-laws Sally and Ada.

HIDAKA, Kunie, 81, Chicago, Ill., survived by husband George; sons William (Terri), Victor, James (Anna) and June Hidaka, daughter JoAnn (Alan) Stankevitz; 8 gc.; brother Kenneth Morishita.

HiSHI, Teddy, 86, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 29; WWII U.S. Army Artillery Field Artillery, 442nd RCT, veteran; survived by wife Jean; sons Tom (Sak), H. Wern, Tom (Evelyn); daughter Susan (John) Ridge; 7 gc.; siblings Akira (Kim), Ken (Aki), and Mary Hirata; sister-in-law Toshi. HOSHIYA, Haruye “Margie,” 94, San Jose, Nov. 28; Santa Clara County-born; survived by Shunji Kenneth and daughter Akemi Joyce Hoshida; 1 gc.; and 1 ggc.

Hotta, Dr. Shouichi Steven, 74, Falls Church, Va., Nov. 2; survived by wife Mary; sons Gregory and Stephan H. Miller; 3 gc.; daughters Emiko (Junichi) Fuchigami, Kazuko, San Jose, Angeles-born; survived by daughter Emiko (Junichi) Fuchigami, Kazuko, San Jose, Angeles-born; survived by daughter Haruko Sue; son David (Cind) and sister Marilyn Tanaka.

Kaneko, Fujio, 97, Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 23; Bakersfield-born; Japanese-educated; survived by wife Aiko; daughter Mary; sons Muneyuki and Munehide. KAWAOUCHI, Stanley Tokio, 90, San Francisco, Jan. 16; Portland, Ore.-born; Minidoka internee; survived by brother George and son Mark; daughter Joyce Hoshida, Haruye “Margie,” and daughters Cheryl (Curtis) Koga of Saticoy, Calif., and Eiko (Hide) Nagai.

KAYA, Matsuyue, 85, Spokane, Wash., Jan. 8; Portland, Ore.-born; Minidoka internee; survived by brothers Ben (Mary) and James (Helen); and 2 gc.

KAYOKO, Matsu, 40, Stockton, Calif., survived by wife Toshiye; daughters Lynda (Shin) Shigihara, and daughter Cheryl (Curtis) Koga of Saticoy, Calif., and Eiko (Hide) Nagai.

Kawasaki, Stanley, 60, Cotati, Calif., survived by wife Toshie; daughters Lynda (Shin) Shigihara, and daughter Cheryl (Curtis) Koga of Saticoy, Calif., and Eiko (Hide) Nagai.

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In Full Bloom
by Caroline Hwang
Dutton
304 pp., $23.95

Caroline Hwang's debut novel packs the fun of a chic woman's quest for love and fulfillment into a poignant tale of families and her mother's ideas about her career and love. Before Lee's Korean husband before Lee's "bloom" fades, things take a hilarious turn. Lee sabotages the dates her mother who goes to New York to be someone to her young daughter. Her mother doesn't quite see it the same way. When Lee's mother shows up on her doorstep determined to stay and find her a nice boyfriend, things take an unexpected turn. But she is tripped up by disastrous office politics. Her confidence shaken, Lee starts listening to the only advice that makes sense: her mother's. As Lee comes to grips with her own prejudices, she finds that it is only by embracing her mother and Asian roots that her happiness will blossom. The Lyric Journey: Poetic Paintings in China and Japan
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In this illustrated book, James Cahill looks at three exemplary traditions in this genre, works from three very different times and places, bringing new understanding of the paintings and of the relationships between the art and the societies that produced it. Cahill surveys the first great flowering of this genre among artists working in the Southern Sung capital of Hangchou. He shows us the revival of poetic painting in the late Ming artists working in the prosperous city of Suchou. And we learn how artists in Edo-period Japan transformed the style into a uniquely Japanese vehicle of expression.

The Chinese in America: A Narrative History
by Iris Chang
Viking
496 pp., $29.95 hardback

Iris Chang made headlines in 1997 with the publication of "The Rape of Nanking," which examined the sacking of that city by Japanese soldiers during World War II. With her third book, Chang explores more than 150 years of Chinese coexistence in America. In the next 50 years, showing the challenges that these fluctuating economic and political times brought to the people of Japan. Other questions emerge such as the role of women, who legally have the same rights as men but are kept dependent on their husband's fathers, and the waves of immigrants gravitating to an overcrowded Japan.

The Making of Modern Japan
by Marius B. Jansen
Harvard University Press
871 pp., $18.95 paperback

This book, first published in hardback in 2000, traces Japan's history from 1600s when the country underwent three periods of social and institutional change - the imposition of hegemonic order on feudal society by the Tokugawa shogun, the opening of Japan's ports by Commodore Perry; and defeat in World War II. Throughout, the book gives voice to the individuals and views that shaped the actions and beliefs of the Japanese, with writers, artists, and thinkers as well as political leaders given their due. The story this book tells is also one of consistency, in which contemporary events weigh upheavals in the development of society, and successive waves of outside influence have only served to strengthen a sense of what is unique and native to the Japanese experience. A Decade of Faith: The Journey of Japanese Christians in the USA (1936-1946)
by Rev. Sumio Koga, D. Min.
Vantage Press
160 pp., $12.95 paperback

Dr. Sumio Koga, a former World War II camp internee, writes about how Japanese American Christians during the war found renewed faith in God and the role of faith played in surviving troubled times. The author also discusses hibakusha, the way of the survivor, which may have influenced those Nikkei who felt the need to prove one's loyalty to America. He notes this need resembles the relationship between master and disciple or parent and child, which also war Two camp internees experienced. The Chinese in America have a long history of activism, from a week-long strike by Chinese railroad workers in the 1800s to the joint efforts of the Chinese American community in the Deep South, where for generations they have lived side by side. Among those interviewed for this section is broadcaster Sam Chu Lin, who grew up in Mississippi. Perhaps less known is the frequency of intermarriage between Chinese men and women of other ethnicities in the 19th century. A popular play at the time even mocked Chinese-Irish unions. We Can Make A Difference In Your Life

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