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## AT&T Wireless and 'Channel Guide Magazine' Criticized for Use of 'Jap'

By CAROLINE AOYAGI  
Executive Editor

AT&T Wireless and the "Channel Guide Magazine" were loudly criticized by JACL and other Asian American groups for their use of the racial slur "Jap" as the abbreviation for Japan, prompting quick apologies and promises to remedy the errors.

In national, full-page ads — including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, and the *Los Angeles Times* — AT&T Wireless promoted their international cellular phone rates to various countries including France, Mexico and Japan. The ads feature an Asian woman getting out of a car and just below her face is the word "Jap" to promote wireless service to Japan.

Several JACL members contacted national headquarters in San Francisco and the various regional offices across the country to express their shock and unhappiness with the use of the racial slur.

Bill Yoshino, Midwest regional director, contacted AT&T wireless representatives immediately, expressing their concerns. "The term is a racial slur with a history of demeaning use. It's been our experience that wherever the slur has been directed, Japanese

Americans and Asian Americans have paid a price for the emotional message," he wrote. "Our concern is that even its use as an abbreviation may bring unwarranted credibility to the term."

"I have no doubt that Japanese Americans and others seeing your use of the term will be repulsed and disinclined to use your international wireless."

Rosa Alonzo, director of international marketing for AT&T Wireless, immediately called JACL representatives to express the company's apologies for the ads, promising to pull them immediately and change the abbreviation for Japan to the accepted "Jpn." The company has also set up a review process for ads dealing with Japanese Americans, Japan, and Asian Pacific Americans, so this type of mistake does not happen again.

"As soon as we learned of the error, we immediately instructed our advertising agency to fix the ad," wrote Alonzo, in a letter of apology to all JACL offices. "The abbreviation for Japan will now appear as 'JPN.' In addition to my personal apology, we have also made a public apology via a statement released to the press."

"We deeply regret any offense

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## OBITUARIES

### Community Mourns Passing of Jeanne Honda, Wife of California Congressman, and Fred Hirasuna, JACL Leader

Jeanne Honda, wife of U.S. Representative Mike Honda, D-Calif., passed away at the age of 61 on the morning of Feb. 14.

Jeanne had been diagnosed with a rare cancer in March 2003. Family members were with Jeanne at the family home in San Jose when she passed



away on Valentine's Day. She and her husband Mike would have celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary in June.

Jeanne was born in Hiroshima, Japan on July 14, 1942, and at the age of three witnessed the atomic bombing. She and her family eventually moved to San Mateo, Calif. where she attended San Mateo High School and San Jose State University.

Jeanne began her teaching

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## Japanese Canadians Recall WWII Experience, Lessons For Today

By CAROLINE AOYAGI  
Executive Editor

Renowned Japanese Canadian journalist Frank Moritsugu was born and raised in British Columbia, and although he loves to visit the beautiful Canadian province he can no longer live there.

"There are too many memories up here," he says, pointing to his head. "I have love for the Pacific Coast but I can't live there anymore."

Moritsugu was one of 23,000 Canadians of Japanese ancestry imprisoned in internment camps throughout the Canadian West Coast during World War II. Although it's been more than sixty years since his entire family,

including his parents and seven siblings, were forcibly interned, the memories of that time still linger on.

Moritsugu was 19 years old, the eldest son, when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. Shortly afterwards

ferent from the Japanese American experience. We were treated so much worse," said Moritsugu, who was a speaker at a JEMS (Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society) panel discussion Feb. 5 about the Canadian WWII experience.

Joining him was Rev. Eddie Yoshida, pastor of the Wesley Chapel Japanese Fellowship in Toronto.

Although the U.S. government generally kept JA family members together in the camps, Moritsugu noted that Japanese Canadian families were split



PHOTO: CAROLINE AOYAGI

(L-r): Rev. Sam Tonomura of JEMS; Rev. Eddie Yoshida of Toronto; Harry Honda, *Pacific Citizen* editor emeritus; and Frank Moritsugu of Toronto.

both the U.S. and Canadian governments ordered mass evacuations of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast into desolate internment camps, forcing them to leave behind homes and most of their possessions. They were now labeled "enemy aliens" by their respective countries.

"In some ways the Japanese Canadian experience was very dif-

up by the Canadian government. Married men and sons were sent to work in road camps and on sugar beet projects while their wives and children resided in one of six camps in various inner B.C. towns, including Greenwood, Sandon, New Denver and Slocan. Those who resisted the government's wishes were rounded up by the

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## COMMENTARY Hate Finally Hits Home

By ANDREA K. PARKER

I had been trying to think of a good topic to write about for a submission to the "Youth Forum" for almost two weeks when I opened the front door of my apartment recently and saw one staring me right in the face.

As I reached down to grab our school newspaper, *The Daily Iowan*, from the porch, a big, bold, top-of-the-front-page headline glared at me: "OFFICIALS INVESTIGATE ALLEGED I.C. HATE CRIME."

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## Feeling Overlooked, Asian Americans Try to Raise Political Profile

By DEBORAH KONG  
AP Minority Issues Writer

They've watched presidential hopefuls woo NASCAR dads, blacks in South Carolina and Hispanics in New Mexico, and now some Asian Americans are wondering: What about us?

Saying they're tired of being overlooked, AA activists are trying to make their voices heard by candidates and political parties. Eighteen groups jointly released a first-of-its-kind platform of their priorities for presidential candidates Feb. 12, while a separate effort is in the works aimed at persuading Asians to vote in a bloc for a single candidate.

"In this election season, I think we've been fairly invisible," said Karen Narasaki, president of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, a member of the coalition that created the platform.

Candidates look to Asians "for financial support for campaigns, but they're not reaching out to our communities in terms of caring about our votes."

Though Asians comprise a small portion of the overall national population — about 4 percent — they are concentrated in key electoral states. In California, for example, there are 1.9 million AA

citizens of voting age; that exceeds the 1.3 million votes that separated President Bush and Al Gore in 2000, Narasaki noted.

When it comes to political parties, Asians are almost evenly split between Democrats, Republicans and independents, said Daphne Kwok, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies.

"Our votes could easily be swayed by candidates who understand our community, understand our issues," Kwok said.

Bringing together such a diverse group — Asians come to the United States from 50 countries and speak more than 100 languages and dialects — hasn't been easy.

"Outwardly, non Asian Americans see us as one grouping," said Eunsook Lee, executive director of the National Korean American Service and Education Consortium. "At the same time, we have different priorities."

The 75-page agenda released Feb. 12 is the result of a yearlong effort by the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans, a coalition of national and regional AA groups, including the JACL.

"This is really the first time we've come together and said

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## PARKER

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So, it had finally come to Iowa. After so many years in JACL hearing about hate crimes — how to fight them, etc. and never having experienced one close to home — the time had come for me to face the reality of these awful events.

I barely got back inside my living room before I began reading what happened. The paper told the account of a Asian female law student and her Caucasian boyfriend who were attacked on Jan. 31.

Allegedly (the attackers are denying it now, even though one already plead guilty to the crime), the two were walking home from a night out when they heard monkey calls coming from a group of four approaching white males.

To make a long story short, the slur "f\*\*\*ing chink" was used and as the girl was thrown aside, her boyfriend was told he shouldn't be a "chink lover" and was punched repeatedly until he ended up with three fractured bones in his face.

This was unbelievable to me. Not only because such an offensive and derogatory term was used, but because the attackers beat up someone of their own race because of his association with someone of a race they didn't like.

It seems like this has taken hate crimes to a whole new level. Though this is the first one I've experienced up close, I can't believe the extent of the ignorance and violence. I thought these kinds of terrible incidents only happened in large, urban areas but I was proven wrong in the worst way.

I've always known how serious

hate crimes are. I've always given 100 percent support to severe punishments for those who commit hate crimes and the continued efforts to educate the public. But for me, this situation hit home because it was something I could empathize with.

To give you an idea of how remote hate crimes were to me I'll share some hate crime statistics from the *Iowa City Press-Citizen*. In 2002, there were over 7,000 reported hate crimes nationwide but only 46 of them happened in Iowa and there were none in Iowa City. In previous years only about 8 hate crimes occurred here since 1998.

I've been going to meetings of the Asian American Coalition (AAC) for about a year and a half now and it has been a great group to belong to on campus. And it became even more important to me when they called an unscheduled meeting the day after this story broke in the papers.

Not only was I relieved to go to the meeting and find some peace in planning actions in response to the hate crime — the group is having ribbons made to pass out all over campus for increased awareness and support — but also because it was reassuring to see how many others were outraged by it.

Even though I don't have the JACL here locally for support, it was good to see that there are others who believe this is wrong and completely unjustified. Sure, the whole town and community on campus are sympathetic, but I needed to be with people who wanted to do more than just feel bad about it.

All of the attackers were University of Iowa students, which means they are my peers (another

reason this crime hit especially hard) and I was now fighting them with other peers. Three of the alleged attackers fled the scene, and the one who was caught (the instigator of the whole event) pled guilty to public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

I, along with most people in the AAC, believe he deserves much more, but according to the reports, he only initiated the brawl, and didn't participate physically in the violence. Investigations are still under way to find the other three involved and the university has launched its own investigation to see what punishment they will receive from the school.

## Letters to the Editor

### National Day of Solidarity

In 1942 this country was at a crossroads. The nation and its people could choose to act with honor and sound judgment in response to Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor or it could act with complete disregard to the values on which this country was founded and use the Japanese Americans as scapegoats.

It chose the later and on Feb. 19, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, authorizing the unlawful incarceration of over 120,000 JAs from the West Coast. My parents, and in fact my entire extended family, were among those who were illegally imprisoned. The scars from that experience continue to haunt the JA community today.

During the evacuation there were a few encouraging moments, namely the non-JAs who courageously stepped forward in blatant protest to E.O. 9066. They stood in solidarity with the JA community. Today we are once again at a crossroads. Today it is the Muslim, Arab and South Asian immigrants who are being scapegoated and criminalized.

You can do something about this. We are calling on people everywhere to come together on the third National Day of Solidarity to resist the scapegoating of these communities. Take action and speak out on Feb. 20 as part of the National Day of Solidarity with Muslim, Arab, and South Asian Immigrants!

*Reverend John Oda*

Pine United Methodist Church  
of San Francisco

### JACL Must Focus on JAS

In the recent Holiday Issue the article by Gail Tanaka was timely

The AAC is pulling for them all to be expelled and will use this to implement an action in addition to the ribbon campaign. There are plans in the works for a rally and a letter writing campaign.

Even though this incident was terrible, and I would never have wished it to happen, I'm glad in a way that it did. I once thought of hate crimes as remote and now that it's hitting close to home, I can use it to my advantage.

I've now gained the knowledge and expertise to deal with hate crimes from now on and have also gained some solace in the fact that I can get involved and do something about it. ■

and thought provoking. Here are some of my thoughts on the subject as an 81-year-old Nisei.

Many years ago I was a member of the JACL but dropped out due to the lack of time and loss of interest and motivation. However, I subscribe to the *Pacific Citizen* because I enjoy keeping up with the accomplishments of Japanese Americans and other items of interest about JAs.

If the JACL calls itself a civil rights group and basically follows lockstep with the policies and pronouncements of the ACLU, there is no need for a JA to join JACL. The ACLU has more clout, is much larger and has the wherewithal to pursue its agenda and therefore a far more attractive organization to join.

Furthermore, why would a civil rights organization become so politically partisan? It is poor policy. From my viewpoint the JACL is overt in its support of the Democratic party. JACL should make great efforts to project itself as a nonpartisan organization. Not all JAs are Democrats. Remember that it was a Republican president who signed our reparation bill in 1988 and a Democratic president who threw us into internment camps.

Instead of trying to be all things to everybody it should confine its activities to those dealing mostly with JAs. Give an incentive to JAs to join. The NAACP focuses nearly 100 percent of its efforts on black causes. It was founded for that purpose and if it were to deviate far from its original purpose, it would die a slow death. JACL will cease to exist if it forgets its heritage and tries to be a smaller ACLU. Won't work and won't entice JAs to join, period. The saying, 'Birds of a feather flock together,' should be taken to heart.

*Shigeo Yuge*  
Los Angeles, CA

## AT&T

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this mistake may have caused, and assure you we have taken the right steps to prevent a recurrence of this inexcusable error."

John Tateishi, JACL executive director, is happy with AT&T Wireless' quick response to fix their mistake. "My personal feeling is that the use of the offensive abbreviation was an oversight, in light of the company's long record in diversity marketing and particularly because of their past sensitivities to the Asian Pacific communities," he said. "We'll continue to monitor this situation, but from my perspective, it's been resolved satisfactorily."

In the January issue of the "Channel Guide Magazine," which is published by Tribune Media Services, several entries were made using the slur "Jap" as an abbreviation for Japan, including a listing for "K-1 Japan Grand Prix," a program which featured karate and tae kwon-do fighters.

Gordon Yoshikawa of the Cincinnati JACL chapter contacted Yoshino in the Midwest office immediately after noticing the list-

ings and also wrote a letter to the magazine's editor, demanding the proper use of "Jpn" as the abbreviation for Japan.

Yoshino also followed up with a letter noting, "You should be aware that the term is a racial slur that has a long and painful history of derogatory use. During World War II, the term was used to evoke the most negative of images toward the Japanese. As a result, Japanese Americans paid a price for the resultant racism by being evicted from their homes on the West Coast and interned in concentration camps."

"Channel Guide's" Tammi Scherbarth, senior product manager, TV publishing division, immediately responded with an apology and a promise to correct the error.

"We sincerely apologize for the way the program below is listed in Channel Guide. It was an automatic abbreviation made by our computer program. We are working diligently to reprogram the program that makes these abbreviations, so that it does not happen again. Thank you for your understanding as this was not intentional. Please accept our sincere apology." ■



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## National Meeting of JA and Japanese Leaders Held to Discuss U.S.-Japan Relations

With the goal of enhancing U.S.-Japan relations, an historic international meeting was held in Washington, D.C. recently bringing together Japanese American leaders, primarily Sansei and Yonsei, from ten regions in the United States, nine Consuls General of Japan and representatives from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nippon Keidanren, and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership.

The meeting was led by Ryozo Kato, Ambassador of Japan to the United States, and Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii.

"The relationship between the United States and Japan remains the most important bi-lateral relationship for our two countries," said Inouye. "Today, Japanese Americans have risen to leadership positions in all walks of life, and can play an important role in the further strengthening of U.S.-Japan relations. The time has come to ensure that the relationships between Japanese Americans and

Japan are strong at all levels from business and politics to arts and academia. We want to build bridges of understanding so that our children and grandchildren will be Americans proud of their Japanese ancestry."

"The time is ripe to maximize the potential of the traditional ties between the Japanese and Japanese Americans in order to strengthen the alliance between their respective countries," said Kato. "To strengthen this relationship, I would like to seek the help of the Japanese Americans who possess in-depth understanding of the United States."

In the early days of the U.S.-Japan relationship, many Japanese, like Inouye's grandfather, sailed to the United States and adopted this country as their own. As the years passed JAs established themselves as highly respected U.S. citizens. In the meantime, Japan and the United States became close allies. Person-to-person relationships ("Jinmyaku" in Japanese) and networking among the

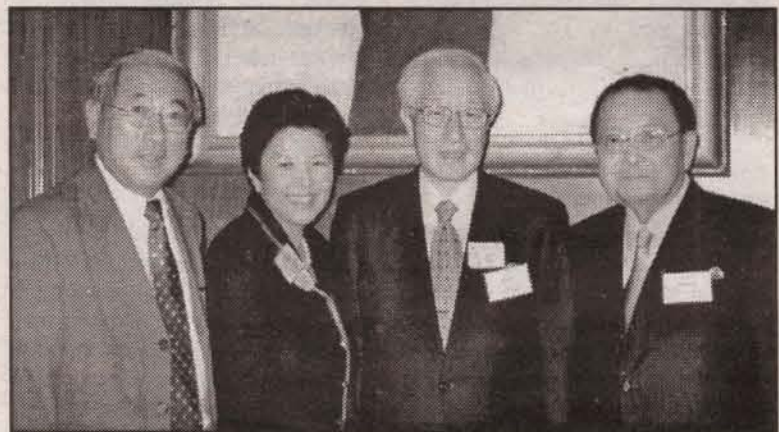
leaders of the two countries are indispensable in keeping the alliance viable.

"Japanese Americans have the unique mix of an understanding of their Japanese heritage, while at the same time being in a position to help their fellow Americans understand Japanese government and business policy," said National JACL President Floyd Mori, who attended the meeting. "Many Japanese Americans in higher profile situations have an opportunity to defuse many of the myths and misunderstandings about Japan that seem to prevail in our country. I am optimistic that this continuing dialogue will produce more opportunities for younger Japanese Americans to be more visible in the U.S.-Japan arena."

The meeting provided the opportunity for JA and Japanese leaders to discuss issues of mutual concern related to the long-term U.S.-Japan relationship as well as develop a set of recommendations to strengthen future ties between the United States and Japan.

A key initiative of the program is a trip to Japan sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership. Three JA delegations of Sansei/Yonsei leaders have traveled to Japan beginning in 2000, with the next delegation slated to travel to Japan in late March 2004.

This meeting marked the second time JA leaders and representatives from Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs were brought together. The first meeting was held in Los Angeles in February 2003 at the Japanese American National Museum. ■



(L-r): Floyd Mori, JACL national president; Irene Hirano, president and CEO, Japanese American National Museum; Ambassador of Japan to the United States Ryozo Kato, and Sen. Daniel Inouye.

## NASCAR Will Not Penalize Driver Jimmy Spencer For Anti-Japanese Remarks

By Associated Press and Pacific Citizen Staff

NEW YORK—NASCAR will not penalize driver Jimmy Spencer for a remark about the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor or his hope that Toyota's venture into truck racing will be a failure.

"That's Jimmy Spencer," NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said Feb. 1 when asked about comments the outspoken driver made last month about Toyota's entry into the Craftsman Truck competition.

"I was raised with Chevrolet, Ford and Chrysler, so I don't know," said Spencer, 46, in an interview with the *San Antonio Express-News* during media day at the Texas Motor Speedway. "Those sons of bitches bombed Pearl Harbor, don't forget. As long as it's good for the economy, I guess it's OK. But I hope that Ford, Chevrolet and Dodge kick their ass."

Spencer made the comments in front of about 100 members of the media, guests and officials. Texas Motor Speedway will host the truck series on June 11 and Oct. 16.

When Spencer was later asked by *Express-News* to clarify his comments, he added: "What I'm getting at is that the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, but times have changed and our sport has changed. I know that people take that stuff out of context, but it doesn't bother me."

Although Hunter said Spencer is not in any trouble with the sanctioning body, he emphasized that NASCAR does not share the driver's opinion.

"He sometimes has a view of the world that is not consistent with the rest of the world and he is certainly known for putting his opinions out there," said Hunter.

Toyota's entry this year marks the first time a foreign-headquartered manufacturer will compete in any of the top three NASCAR series. Toyota is racing against the three American manufacturers with its new Tundra pickup trucks.

Les Unger, national motorsports

manager for Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., defended the company's NASCAR entry in an interview with *Express-News*. "The investment of Toyota in plants and associated businesses in this country is in the billions of dollars. We think we're great corporate citizens as far as this country is concerned."

"It's unfortunate that Jimmy feels that way," added Unger. "We've got 100,000-plus Americans proud to be a part of something that has been here in the U.S. since 1957. We're making a long-term commitment to the Craftsman Truck Series. This is not a one-year-in, one-year-out deal."

Toyota plans to open a production plant in San Antonio in 2006. The plant will produce 150,000 Tundra pickups per year.

"Toyota's are now made in the USA and they met all the criteria to compete in the truck series," said Hunter. "And actually, we think it is going to add at least four new teams and it's going to add excitement to the truck series."

Toyota, which had success in a brief and low-key run in NASCAR's now-defunct Goody's Dash compact car series, has put together a four-team, seven-truck fleet to compete this year on the Craftsman circuit. Its first race was Feb. 13 at Daytona International Speedway.

Spencer won a truck race in New Hampshire last season in a Dodge. He lost the primary sponsorship for his Cup program at the end of the year, but plans to race in the season-opening Daytona 500 and at least four other events while seeking new backing.

A 15-year NASCAR veteran with two career victories in what now is the Nextel Cup series, Spencer has been in some trouble with the sanctioning body. A long-running feud with Kurt Busch boiled over last August at Michigan International Speedway, with Spencer punching Busch in the face in the garage area after the two bumped and banged on the track late in a race.

Spencer was fined and suspended for one race and Busch was fined. ■

### OCA Passes Resolution in Protest of 'Chink's Steaks' Restaurant

The Organization of Chinese Americans passed a new resolution in support of changing the name of "Chink's Steaks," a restaurant in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at its board meeting Feb. 1.

"Chink's Steaks" is a 50-plus year old cheesesteak establishment in Philadelphia named after its late owner, Samuel "Chink" Sherman. "Chink" was Sherman's childhood nickname, given to him because of his "slanty eyes."

OCA's Philadelphia chapter, JACL and other partners have been participating in a campaign to change the name of the restaurant to one that is not derogatory to Asian Pacific Americans.

"It is extremely offensive to OCA and to the Asian Pacific American community that in the year 2004, there are existing commercial establishments that use racist terms such as 'chink,'" said Raymond Wong, OCA national president.

"Perhaps over 50 years ago, the name 'Chink's Steaks' would not have made such a big impact, but today, as a society, we are moving forward and putting behind us the use of words that denigrate an entire racial minority."

"OCA has always been involved in the mission to dispel negative stereotypes in order to present a more accurate and full picture of the APA community," said Christine Chen, OCA executive director. "Thus, OCA and its chapters hope to educate the public about the harm caused by using racial slurs such as 'chink,' 'jap' or 'chinaman.'" ■

## House Judiciary Committee Approves Honda's Day of Remembrance Resolution

The House Judiciary Committee recently approved a resolution recognizing Feb. 19 as a "Day of Remembrance" for those Americans wrongfully incarcerated during World War II because of their ancestry.

The committee, led by House Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-WI, approved without amendment the text of House Resolution 56, a resolution authored by U.S. Rep. Mike Honda, D-Calif., recognizing the wrongs done to Japanese Americans under the authority of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's infamous Executive Order 9066.

HR 56 also addresses injustices suffered by the German and Italian American communities during WWII.

"Executive Order 9066 allowed the internment of American citizens for no reason other than their ancestry, and led to gross violations of civil liberties and disregard for constitutional rights," said Honda. "We must remember the lessons from this shameful chapter of U.S. history, particularly at a


time when inflamed passions from our current conflict with Iraq and war against terrorism may prompt similar discrimination against targeted ethnic groups."

Signed by President Roosevelt in 1942, E.O. 9066 authorized the incarceration of 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during WWII, and imposed severe civil and personal restrictions on Americans of Italian and German descent.


Honda and his family, due solely to their Japanese ancestry, endured several years of confinement in an internment camp during the war.

The Resolution promotes recognition of the experiences of Japanese, German, and Italian Americans who suffered internment or other civil liberties violations in WWII. Feb. 19 will serve as a day for reflection, dialogue, and education.

Honda will now push House Republican leadership to put HR 56 on the congressional calendar for eventual consideration by the full House of Representatives. ■




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# National Newsbytes

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## Online Petition Protests Dodge's Use of Kahuna Name

HONOLULU—More than 2,000 people have signed an online petition protesting the Chrysler Group's Dodge division naming a concept car the "Kahuna" because it is an affront to Hawaiian culture.

The petition was posted in December by former Hawaii resident John Book who now lives in Pasco, Wash. He said in the petition that there have been past appropriations of the word, but that naming a car after a kahuna, a Hawaiian priest, represents cashing in on Hawaiian culture on a larger scale.

Book said DaimlerChrysler, parent of Dodge and Chrysler Group, has also offended Native Americans with its Jeep Cherokee.

The Dodge Kahuna is a concept car and not yet slated for mass production, but has been making the rounds of car shows. It is patterned after the "woody" station wagons popularized by surfers in the 1960s.

John Keola Lake, a kahuna nui, or high priest, who trains others as kahuna, said he finds the car name offensive.

"We finally got our own people who are practicing kahunas, the healers, and here are these guys making fun of it," he said.

## Jackson Could Become First State City to Move Against Patriot Act

JACKSON, Miss.—The American Civil Liberties Union wants to add Jackson to the growing list of cities that have adopted resolutions condemning portions of the Patriot Act.

The federal Patriot Act, passed shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York and Washington, expanded the government's wiretap and other surveillance authority, removed barriers between FBI and CIA information-sharing and provided more tools for terror finance investigations.

The ACLU is assisting grassroots efforts to protect civil liberties the organization says was lost with the passage of the act.

More than 250 communities in 37 states have adopted various res-

olutions — from rhetoric that rails against the federal law to binding language that changes local policy.

Leslie B. McLemore, City Council president, said Feb. 9 that the ACLU's proposal hasn't been addressed in a planning committee. He said he wasn't sure when the proposal would be on the agenda.

The draft resolution directs local police officers to refrain from enforcing various measures outlined in the Patriot Act, including engaging in secret immigration proceedings and surveillance.

## Judge: Florida's Race-based Contract Awards Are Unconstitutional

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—A Florida program to eliminate affirmative action in the awarding of state contracts is unconstitutional because it still requires agencies to consider race and gender, a federal judge has ruled.

The judge sided with a group of contractors who filed a suit challenging the program, saying that Gov. Jeb. Bush's One Florida plan should use only "race-neutral" criteria for awarding contracts.

In the ruling issued Feb. 6, U.S. District Judge Stephan P. Mickle called for a "simplification of bidding procedures, relaxation of bonding requirements, and training and financial aid for disadvantaged entrepreneurs of all races."

He said such reforms "would open the public contracting market to all those who have suffered the effects of past discrimination."

Bush does not plan to appeal the ruling, preferring to change the state contracting program, said spokeswoman Jill Bratina.

Contractors and the state have agreed to work together to create a new program that would help small business owners regardless of race and gender.

## College GOP Backs Down on 'Minority Discounts' to Protest Affirmative Action

DENVER—The College Republicans at the University of Colorado backed off their plan Feb. 10 to give black and Hispanic students an automatic discount at a bake sale intended to protest affirmative action.

Instead of charging customers

on a scale based on race, the group agreed to ask for donations according to the same system.

The compromise for the event in Boulder was reached after university officials threatened to shut the event down, College Republicans chairman Brad Jones said.

Under the original plan, white and Asian students would have been charged \$1 for a cookie, Hispanics would pay 50 cents while black customers would pay 25 cents.

University spokeswoman Pauline Hale said students were told that charging different prices violated university policy as well as federal anti-discrimination laws.

College Republicans have long complained the views of conservative students are stifled at the liberal Boulder campus. They have set up a website where students can report whether they received a bad grade because of their political beliefs or if professors are using classrooms to promote their own agendas.

## Seeking Electoral Clout, American Muslims Register to Vote

NEWARK, N.J.—Stung by a backlash after the 2001 terror attacks and hoping to increase their clout in this year's presidential election, Muslim groups are mobilizing to sign up new voters across the nation.

Several thousand Muslims filled out voter registration forms during sign-up drives recently that coincided with a major Islamic holiday, when people traditionally visit friends and relatives.

Across the nation voter registration drives were held including suburbs in Dearborn, Mich., home to the nation's second-largest Arab American community after New York City.

The goal is simple: Bring more Muslims into the political system so they can help decide the future direction of the nation.

Muslims in cities across the nation voiced concern over an anti-Muslim backlash after the 2001 terror attacks, and what they call the subsequent assault on civil liberties by the Bush administration. Of the more than 1,200 detainees caught up in the post-Sept. 11 dragnet, most were Muslims or people from Arab or southern Asian nations. ■

## Applications Down Under University of Michigan's New Undergraduate Formula

By SARAH FREEMAN  
Associated Press Writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—Seven months after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the University of Michigan's undergraduate formula of awarding admission points based on race, the number of applications from blacks, Hispanics and American Indians is down 23 percent from the same time last year.

And the number of those admitted is down 30 percent.

Officials stressed the figures are only preliminary and thousands more applications will continue to be reviewed in a process the school hopes to finish by the first week of April. The application deadline was Feb. 1.

Overall, applications for this fall's incoming freshman class are down 18 percent, according to the preliminary data compiled Feb. 5 and released to The Associated Press Feb. 9 in response to a Freedom of Information Act request.

Despite the decrease in applications, the total number of students admitted so far — 8,584 — is down only 1 percent from the same time last year, and officials say the academic profile of those admitted is as good if not better than in previous years. The university plans to admit 12,000 to 13,000 students and hopes that will yield an enrollment of 5,545 for this fall.

"I'm proud that our staff were able to process ... a lot of applications in a time frame very close to what it was last year," said Ted Spencer, director of admissions.

The high court in June upheld a general affirmative action policy at the University of Michigan law school but struck down the university's undergraduate formula as too rigid because it awarded admission points based on race.

Spencer said minority students and their families may not want to thrust themselves into the center of the debate over affirmative action.

"The residual kinds of impact of all this discussion and dialogue, particularly from the other side of this issue, that diversity is bad, it makes a lot of students think, 'Well, maybe I don't want to be put into that sort of environment,'" Spencer said.

The university said it has reviewed 44 percent of applications from minority students, while 69 percent of non-minority applications have been reviewed, indicating that minority students' applications also have been arriving later in the admissions cycle.

Ohio State University, which also revised a similar point-based admissions policy in the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling, said applications from American Indians are holding steady and Hispanic applications are up 6.2 percent from the same time last year, but applications from blacks are down 18.6 percent.

"The mere conversation in the minority community seems to be what lawyers call a chilling effect," said Mabel Freeman, assistant vice president for undergraduate admissions. "It seems to be the idea of wait and see for a year if (Ohio State) is really going to continue taking minority students."

"Our role is to show yes, we are."

University of Michigan adopted a new application that still considers race, but does not award points, and includes new short-answer questions and an optional essay. Ohio State also added four short answers to its application. The changes meant applications were made available to students about a month later than usual, which stalled the start of the admissions process. ■

## APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Assemblymember **Judy Chu**, D-Monterey Park, was recently named chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee by Speaker **Fabian Nunez**, D-Los Angeles. Chu will be integral in the development and passage of policy through the state Legislature. The Appropriations Committee considers and determines the passage of all legislation that has a fiscal impact on the state. Approximately 2,000 bills are annually considered for passage in the committee. The chair of the Appropriations Committee traditionally serves on the state's Joint Budget Conference Committee that is responsible for negotiating and writing the final version of California's \$99 billion annual budget.



in the nation, says it has 5 million Catholics and is among the most diverse, including at least 400,000 people of Filipino origin. Solis was ordained in 1979. He worked in various pastoral and educational ministries before moving to the United States in 1984. He had worked in the Diocese of Houma Thibodaux in Louisiana since 1988, serving as pastor of St. Joseph Co-Cathedral.

Assemblyman **George Nakano**, D-Torrance, was reappointed as chair of the 48-member California State Assembly Democratic Caucus by newly sworn-in Assembly Speaker **Fabian Nunez**, D-Los Angeles. In general, caucuses are formal organizations set up within the State Legislature to allow dialogue between members with similar interest. The Assembly Democratic Caucus is the largest in the State Assembly, and as chair, Nakano will have the responsibility of formulating caucus priorities, initiating policy discussions, and making sure caucus meetings run efficiently. ■



## Paul Osaki Appointed to APIA Affairs Commission

Assemblymember **George Nakano**, D-Torrance, chair of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, affirmed the appointment of **Paul Osaki** to the Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs Commission recently in a small ceremony at the State Capitol.

Osaki will join 12 other representatives on the commission which was established two years ago when former Gov. Gray Davis signed Assembly Bill 116 which was authored by Nakano.

"Mr. Osaki is an excellent addition to this historic commission," said Nakano. "He will prove to be a stately representative for the Japanese American community and Northern California, and will be a valuable resource to help address the wide range of needs and concerns affecting the Asian Pacific Islander community in California."

Osaki is the executive director of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center in Northern California, an organization that pro-



Paul Osaki (l) is welcomed to the APIA Affairs Commission by Assemblymember George Nakano.

vides educational programs, affordable services and the use of their facility. He is also active with the California Japanese American Community Leadership Council which is working to preserve the last three remaining Japantowns in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Jose.

The APIA Affairs Commission will help identify and develop out-

reach programs to more effectively communicate with and respond to the needs of a growing and increasingly active community in California.

The commission will submit an annual report with recommendations to help advise the governor, legislature, and state agencies on social and economic issues affecting the APIA community. ■

# JACL YOUTH FORUM

## Japanese Americans on the Fringe

By BRIGHAM WALKER

How do we attract young people to be involved with the JACL? The generation that ought to be the point of focus for active membership is the young parent generation. Today's Japanese American population is highly composed of half-Japanese Yonsei and Gosei, so being JA is more a "matter of fact" rather than a "matter of experience."



I didn't grow up feeling JA; I grew up simply *being* half-Japanese. I have taken an interest in my culture, but often feel like a white guy who's trying to unnaturally embrace his Japanese culture! If the children of young parents are raised with at least a reference to a JA environment, then they will grow up with more of a sense of kinship with the JA community. The JACL would then be an obvious source to turn to for the culture that they will have always known and didn't have to search for.

Children love getting mail addressed to them! Post letters *directly* to the children, advertising children's fairs (which I'm sure are out there), "mini-obon fests," free karate, ikebana, origami, and taiko workshops, etc. I'm sure they would be excited (partly by feeling important enough to get a letter) and the parents would take note. Find a way to suggest (not lecture) in the letter the importance of experiencing one's culture to the parents. It would help create a friendly, family-oriented learning experience that's accessible for parents and fun for kids. Best of all, they would be raised as a JA and not *just* be half-Japanese.

My sister Mackenzie and I know, respect, and embrace our Japanese heritage. We know about how our great-grandfather Yoshio Momonoi hopped ship and plunged into the icy winter waters of the Columbia River (the waters that took the life of his fellow migrant). We know about how our grandfather Kiyoshi Kagawa avoided suspicious eyes when he worked for the MIS during World War II fighting for his country, or how his brother fought in the 442nd. We know about how *Obaasan* was interned, having had her hard earned belongings pillaged by her neighbors, and we know about our strong samurai roots.

The problem is that other than our Japanese faces, our history is all that makes us feel Japanese. We haven't lived the JA life; we just are JA. I am bi-racial, and at times I feel like I'm in the limbo of racial identification — that I am slightly alienated from both groups because I'm not wholly either one. For example, my family was at an obon festival in Los Angeles about five years ago, and when everyone was dancing, we were left on the fringe watching. We wanted to join in, but it seemed like an experience reserved for those who grew up with it. We didn't grow up with it.

It has nothing really to do with being bi-racial because I love being Hapa, but I feel that being bi-racial makes childhood cultural identification, due largely to a sense of diluted affiliation, impractical. I feel that being bi-racial has allowed me to be completely myself, not to neatly fit the mold of a specific group, but I do sometimes yearn for a childhood ethnic reference — perhaps the obon festival that we didn't go to, or the dances we don't know. ■

Brigham Walker is a freshman at Princeton University.

## Trust in the Youth

By NIKIKO MASUMOTO

Over the course of my involvement in JACL I have repeatedly heard one of the seemingly most burning questions of "adult" JACL members: How do we attract the youth? I think Gail Tanaka started the correct movement towards answering this question by asking me, an 18-year-old Hapa at UC Berkeley, what I thought.



If JACL wants to engage youth, JACL needs to ask first. Open dialogue is critical for transitioning leadership from one generation to the next so that old traditions can be understood along with new issues. There needs to be continued discussion between Issei, Nisei, Sansei, Yonsei, and Gosei. The communication cannot be modeled after a parent child relationship: older generations must accept the youth as autonomous people, as leaders, with skills and individual concerns. Without this understanding JACL will quickly morph into an archaic entity as youth turn away.

This is not to say tradition and history are not important. We, the youth, are interested in our history and I feel that as a whole we understand it. I can remember talking to Japanese American friends about the "white washing" of history books; it seems to me that the

internment experience is lightly touched upon in most U.S. history classes. Our passion and understanding of the JA experience is different than other generations: we have translated history into comprehensible terms for our new generation. We see, we watch, we learn. Realize that we understand, let us teach something.

Older generations must realize that we are a different generation and in order to work with us under JACL, the organization must understand who we are. We are a fast paced, aggressive generation. We hunger for movement and action and are exposed to things that may seem radical. We need to talk about our concerns like sex, identity, stereotypes, and other societal problems. Only after conversation can we partake in activism.

The only way JACL can remain strong and recruit new leaders is by letting the "old" JACL change. We, the youth, do understand internment issues, and we understand they are important. But that is not only what we understand. Prior generations faced very overt and cruel racism.

The teenage generations today face a different kind of racism, but it is racism nonetheless. We are all supposed to be the "model minority." This often equates to social taunting about studying and being a "prude." Maybe I'm speaking only about my experience, and maybe other youth do not feel the same way, but has JACL asked? And if so, how is JACL turning the answers into cohesive action and

change to integrate youth leadership?

I ask JACL to let us show what we can do. I challenge JACL to cast off "right" or "wrong" judgments and listen to our concerns. We are not children: we are a new different generation, we are skilled, and JACL depends on us. There are issues that might make some older JACL members uncomfortable but some of them are issues that are part of the youth experience. Some of us are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or questioning our sexuality. Some of us may be exposed to far more social and academic pressures than some JACL members understand. Many of us are talented and eager to make change. Will JACL deny our identity and dismiss our ideas?

I am JA, but I am also German American. I understand my Japanese heritage, and I have fought against racism through organizing and educating about the JA experience. I am a feminist, I am a student, and I am an adult. I am open to learning and hungry for my shot to make a difference. Will JACL not listen to me? Will JACL not accept me and work with me? Will JACL not let go of traditional ways and trust my leadership skills? I am not alone. I am one of many youth capable of leading, educating and working to stop social injustices. Change is part of survival and a way to embrace the future: ask us to help, listen to our ideas, and accept our leadership as the future of JACL. ■

Nikiko Masumoto is a freshman at UC Berkeley.

## What's at Stake?

By EMILY TERUYA

I never realized how important Japanese and especially Japanese American representation was and still is in academia and everyday life. As I was reading a 1945 doctoral dissertation titled, "The Relationship Between Attitude and Information Concerning the Japanese in America," I came across a footnote that led me to the Pearl Harbor section of UC Berkeley's main library.



Although I wasn't able to find the referenced book, I was amazed at the two bookshelves filled with books on Pearl Harbor. More amazing were their titles and authors: "Day of Deceit" by Stinnett; "Day of Infamy" by Lord, and "God's Samurai" by Goldstein, Dillon, and Prance. Only one book displayed a Japanese surname. The old, cloth-bound book only listed its author and call number; that prompted me to pick it up. I opened it and read the title: "I Attacked Pearl Harbor" by Sakamaki.

As I usually overanalyze, my initial thought was that it was written by a JA who wanted to express feelings of being stereotyped and dehumanized by the greater American public by being identified as "Japanese" rather than "JA" during World War II. Then I recalled what I had just read in the dissertation. It appeared that Americans, in general, were able to judge JAs with little interference from government propaganda. It wasn't until early 1942 (a few months after the attack on Pearl Harbor) that the public no longer had the same freedom to decide how they would look at JAs because of

the passage of Executive Order 9066.

Lt. General John L. Dewitt, the commanding officer of the Western defense zone who recommended internment camps, spewed propaganda-filled statements. On April 13, 1943, for example, he told the House of Naval Affairs Committee in San Francisco: "A Jap's a Jap. It makes no difference whether he is an American citizen or not. ... You can't change him by giving him a piece of paper."

This quote threw me into the depths of anti-Japanese sentiment of the 1940s on the mainland. So when I found "I Attacked Pearl Harbor" I was saddened, depressed, and even mortified. How could a college renowned for its liberal policies and student body have only one Pearl Harbor book written by someone with a Japanese surname?

I'm not implying that only people of Japanese descent can write about the Japanese or JAs. Rather, my goal is captured in an argument made by many Native American scholars. In essence, no matter how much non-Native Americans study Native American history and literature, they will still lack the epistemic knowledge and privilege of Native people simply because non-Native writers come from a different social reality.

I believe this argument also applies to JAs. Within the JA community, each person represents a voice from a different social and historical reality. Each story can only add to a comprehensive body of knowledge of the "JA" experience. After doing much more research, I did discover another section within the library that had books about Pearl Harbor from a JA perspective. I thought it was great.

I'm in no way trying to discount scholars of any background from

studying works or people from a background that is different from their own. One of the main concerns in ethnic studies is looking at multiple perspectives especially those that challenge, dispute, or deconstruct the elusive "master narrative," the dominant Eurocentric-skewed history most students learn in school.

The Asian American Studies Movement, in particular, wanted to create a pathway between scholars and community. Many activists who were involved with the movement wanted revolutionary change to oppose the dominant European hold on academia by demanding community-based research, accountability of scholars to the community, self-governance, and autonomy from the traditional academic setting.

Today, some AA scholars would argue that the founding principles for the movement are fading due to the slant towards academics rather than communities and the infiltration of Eurocentric values into the AA Studies department. Thus, even in this academic realm, AA representation is more pertinent and necessary. Disagreements are numerous but at least AA scholars have a space to discuss their views. Likewise, this youth forum aims to provide a space for JA youth representation.

I hope everyone, including adults, will take advantage of this space by reading it, writing for it, and/or thinking about it. By doing so, our representation will never be at stake. ■

\* "I Attacked Pearl Harbor" is a translated autobiographical account of Kazuo Sakamaki, the first prisoner of war in WWII. This book is a good example of why representation is needed. It's about a Japanese soldier from the perspective of a Japanese soldier and gives everyone a better idea of what it was like to be a prisoner of war.

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## NCWNP District Fundraiser to Honor 20 JACLers

"Celebrating the Generations," a JACL NCWNP district fundraiser on March 27, will honor the "Unsung Heroes" of the NCWNP district chapters and also celebrate JACL's 75th anniversary.

The following list includes the 20 honorees who will be recognized with the district's Legacy Award at the dinner to be held at the Blackhawk Auto Museum (3700 Backhawk Plaza Circle) in Danville, Calif.:

Neal Ouye of the Berkeley JACL (making the presentation to him will be Kelly Shintani); Yoshiro Tokiwa of the Contra Costa JACL (presenter will be Nathan Tsuzaki); Yo Ikeda of the Diablo Valley JACL (presenter TBD); Frank and Joanne Iritani of the Florin JACL (presenter will be Emi Ashida);

Donald Morita of the Lodi JACL (presenter will be his granddaughter Robin Yamamoto); Dr. Steven Gotanda

of the Marin County JACL (presenter will be Kenji Treanor);

George Inouye of the Marysville JACL (presenter will be Nichola Hatamiya); George Uyeda of the Monterey Peninsula JACL (presenter TBD); Shigeo Yokote of the Placer County JACL (presenter will be Barbara Oseto); Bud Fujii of the Reno JACL (presenter will be daughter, Mimi Fujii-Strickler); Kuni Hironaka of the Sacramento JACL (presenter will be Diane Tomoda); Phyllis Teshima of the San Benito County JACL (presenter will be Tony Boch); Iwao Kawakami of the San Francisco JACL will be honored posthumously;

Jeff Yoshioka of the San Jose JACL (presenter will be his niece, Cecily Nishimatsu); Yasuko Ann Ito of the San Mateo JACL (presenter TBD); Al Nakai of the Sequoia JACL (presenter will be Cheryl Kaku); Jim Murakami of the Sonoma County JACL (presenter will be Jason Higashi); May Saiki of the Stockton JACL (presenter will be Amy Ishihara); Frank Inami of the Tri-Valley JACL (presenter will be Dana Goto); Rosie Terasaki of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL (presenter will be Paul Kaneko).

The keynote speaker of the dinner will be George Takei, chairman of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, and a renowned actor. The emcee will be broadcast journalist Jan Yanehiro.

The cost of the dinner is \$100 per person. For information call the JACL NCWNP office at 415/345-1075. ■

## JACL Announces April 1st Deadline for Masaoka Fellowship Applications

The JACL is now seeking candidates for its Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship, an annual program that places extraordinary students and young professionals in Congressional offices to learn about public policymaking firsthand.

Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, chair of the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund, announced this year's application deadline as April 1.

The successful candidate will serve his or her fellowship in the office of a U.S. Senator or Member of the U.S. House of Representatives for three and one half months and receive a stipend of \$8,500 and roundtrip airfare from the fellow's home to Washington, D.C.

The fellowship period may be the fall term (September through December, 2004) or the spring term (February through May, 2005) and

will be arranged with the Congressional office and the fellow.

The most recently selected Mike M. Masaoka Fellows are: Evan Okamura of Hacienda Heights, Calif., who is currently working in the office of Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Carly Hamaguchi of Playa del Rey, Calif., who has been placed in the office of Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii.

All students who are in at least their third year of college or in graduate/professional programs and who are American citizens are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to those with a demonstrated commitment to Asian Pacific American issues, particularly those affecting the Japanese American community.

The JACL established the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund in

1988 to honor Mike M. Masaoka (1915-1991) for a lifetime of outstanding public service in promoting justice, civil rights and human dignity. The major purpose of the fund is to develop leaders for public service by providing opportunities for college seniors or students in graduate or professional programs to work for a Member of Congress or a Senator. The fellows' assignments include a variety of tasks where they will be exposed to all facets of the work of the Representative or Senator and his/her staff.

Interested persons should visit the JACL website at <http://www.jacl.org/masaoka.html> for further information and an application or contact the Washington office of the JACL at 202/223-1240 or by email: [dc@jacl.org](mailto:dc@jacl.org). ■

## NCWNP District Hosts Mochi Making and Film Screening to Promote JACL Youth

By KATIE SOE  
Special to the *Pacific Citizen*

JACL youth of the NCWNP district council met at Penryn Buddhist Church Feb. 8 to experience the thrill of Mochi Madness and to view the film, "An Unlikely Hero."

After brief introductions and an icebreaker, the high school students and advisors gathered around the stone mortar, hoisting the heavy wooden mallets and pounding the steaming rice the traditional way to produce the sticky rice cakes.

The youth also learned the history of mochi, various methods

and styles of preparation, and sampled delicious new recipes from around the world.

There was also a viewing of the documentary, "A Most Unlikely Hero," a film by Steve Okino illustrating the true, poignant story of a Japanese American who triumphed in a major civil rights case against the U.S. Marine Corps.

"The movie was truly inspiring," said JACL Diablo Valley youth Zeenal Patel. "Racial prejudice is an invisible enemy and yet, this one man managed to conquer it."

A discussion following the film emphasized the role of youth

today in the ongoing battle against discrimination. The youth discussed the need to set an example, be aware of cultural differences, and display sensitivity and tolerance. High school students were encouraged to exhibit pride in their uniqueness coupled with the courage to stand up for their civil rights.

"The youth program was a lot of fun, especially getting mochi stuck all over my fingers!" said Patel. "I learned so much and look forward to more opportunities like this."

Upcoming NCWNP district events include the "Time of Remembrance" at the Golden State Museum on Feb. 21, and the oratorical contest for the JACL national convention in Honolulu this August. ■

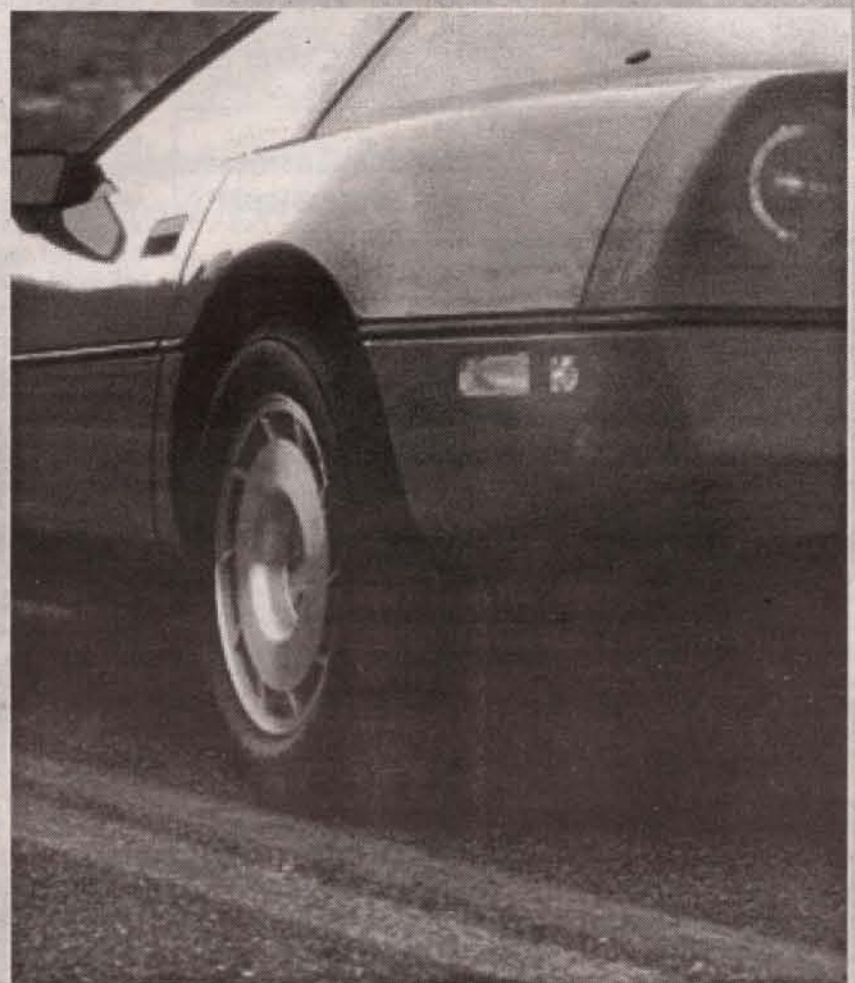
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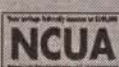


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## HOCKEY

### Kariya Starting to Find Rhythm With Avalanche

DENVER—Paul Kariya is finally starting to feel good after returning to the Colorado Avalanche lineup after missing 31 games with a sprained right wrist.

"It's starting to come around," said Kariya. "It was tough to get the timing and the touch with your wrist down. I'm feeling a lot better now and shooting the puck a lot better."

Kariya averaged more than four shots a game in nine seasons with Anaheim. But in 21 games with the Avalanche, he has taken only 36 shots, an average of 1.7 a game.

Kariya believes that playing on a line with Joe Sakic has eased the pressure on him.

"Playing with a guy like Joe, who has such a great shot, I don't need to get six shots a game to

create offense," said Kariya. "Joe is going to do a lot of that. I can be more of a playmaker in that situation."

"But you want to be able to do

guys can be saying they're playing their best hockey at this point? So we have a lot of improving to do."

"We have been giving up leads, big leads, and making it more difficult on ourselves. We've also been putting ourselves behind the eight ball in a lot of games, getting behind 3-0 and having to come back. There is definitely a lot of room for improvement."

Avalanche coach Tony Granato said

Kariya is on the verge of paying big dividends.

"It was all rest for two months with his wrist, so he didn't get a whole lot of repetitions with shooting and handling the puck," he said. "But I think he's skating great, creating a lot of chances, and he's going to be a big part of our offense down the stretch." ■



The Colorado Avalanche's Paul Kariya celebrates with his teammates after Peter Forsberg scored against the Anaheim Mighty Ducks during a recent game in Anaheim, Calif. (AP Photo)

both, and that's what Joe and I both want to be able to do out there."

Kariya has high expectations for the Avalanche, which is fighting with Vancouver for the Northwest Division lead.

"We have a lot of work and a lot of maturing to do as a team," said Kariya. "I mean, how many

## BASKETBALL

### Yao Ming Replaces Bryant as McDonald's Spokesman

Houston Rockets All-Star Yao Ming is the new global spokesman for McDonald's, which let Kobe Bryant's contract expire after he was accused of rape.

Yao's multiyear sponsorship deal was announced Feb. 12 at a McDonald's outlet inside the Los Angeles Convention Center. Yao was in town to play in the NBA All-Star game.

Bryant's three-year deal with the Oak Brook, Ill.-based fast-food company expired Dec. 31. The Los Angeles Lakers guard has lost other sponsors since being charged with sexual assault.

"We had a long, mutually beneficial partnership with Kobe," said Larry Light, McDonald's global chief marketing officer. "His contract expired and we mutually determined under the circumstances it was best to not renew."

The company's research showed Yao's attitude and charm are as much a part of his appeal as his athletic ability, Light said.

"Yao has international appeal and also represents the character of our brand," Light said. "He's youthful, dynamic and has a sense of humor. He's also very

caring."

Yao will be used in McDonald's global marketing campaign, with an emphasis on physical fitness and activity, Olympic initiatives and support of Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Yao recently topped *Forbes Magazine's* 2004 list of Chinese celebrities, ending up head and shoulders over entertainers including martial arts star Jet Li and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" actress Zhang Ziyi.

Yao ranked first based on "heavy exposure in media and Web hits in China," the magazine said in a news release on its Web site.

Yao also recorded the second-highest 2003 income among Chinese celebrities: \$14.6 million.

The list, published in *Forbes China*, the magazine's Chinese-language version, surveyed the income and popularity of celebrities in film, sports, media, music and publishing. Those listed had to have been born and raised in mainland China; celebrities from Hong Kong, Taiwan and other parts of the Chinese-speaking world were excluded. ■

## GOLF

### Wie Youngest Ever on a Youthful U.S. Team

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif.—Michelle Wie was among eight players selected Feb. 6 to the U.S. Curtis Cup team, making the 14-year-old from Hawaii the youngest player in the 72-year history of the amateur matches for women.

Despite her age, Wie should fit right in on the youngest U.S. team ever to play Britain and Ireland.

The oldest player is Sarah Huarte, a 21-year-old senior at California who won the prestigious South Atlantic Ladies Amateur earlier this year. It was the first time no mid-amateurs (25 or older) were included on the U.S. team.

Wie is joined by Paula Creamer and U.S. Women's Amateur runner-up Jane Park, both 17; Duke freshman Brittany Lang, 18; Arizona sophomore Erica Blasberg, 19; Duke sophomore Elizabeth Janangelo, 20; and Annie Thurman, a 21-year-old junior at Oklahoma State who won the 2002 Women's

Amateur Public Links.

The United States is the defending champion and has a 23-6-3 lead in the biennial matches that date to 1932. The 2004 matches will be June 12-13 at Formby Golf Club on the Lancashire coast of England.

U.S. captain Martha Wilkinson Kirouac watched several of these teenagers compete over the last six months, and said that youth would not be a detriment.

"They're not lacking," Kirouac said. "You can't hold age against them."

Wie, 1.83-meters tall with a powerful, fluid swing, has played well beyond her years ever since she qualified for the Women's Amateur Public Links as a 10-year-old.

She won the Public Links last year, making her the youngest winner of a USGA event for adults.

It was her biggest victory, although the ninth-grader at Punahou School was even more

impressive competing against professionals on the LPGA and PGA Tours.

She became the youngest player on the PGA Tour last month at the Sony Open, where she shot 68 in the second round and missed the cut by one shot, the lowest score ever by a female competing against men.

In seven LPGA events last year, she made the cut six times and played in the final group at the Kraft Nabisco Championship, the first major of the year. She wound up in a tie for ninth.

Laura Baugh previously was the youngest Curtis Cup player. She was 16 when she played on the '72 team. ■

## POWER LIFTING

### Arizona JACler Wins Gold in Power Lifting

Teri Ishimatsu won the individual gold medal in her division at the recent AAU World Power Lifting Championship held at the River Palms Hotel in Laughlin, Nevada.

More than 300 weight lifters from seven countries participated in the drug-free competition. Ishimatsu competed as a member of Team NASA and went on to set new World and American records in the Push/Pull (bench press/dead lift) for her age/weight division. Team NASA also won the silver medal in the women's team competition.

Ishimatsu is a member of the Arizona JACler chapter. ■

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## BASEBALL

### Matsui Leaves Japan for Second Major League Season

TOKYO—New York Yankees outfielder Hideki Matsui left Japan on Feb. 12 to begin preparations for his second major league season.

Matsui boarded a Japan Airlines flight at Narita Airport and is expected to spend several days in New York before heading to the Yankees' spring training facilities in Tampa, Florida.

"Today is the start of my second season," Matsui told

reporters. "I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead."

In his first major league season, the 29-year-old Matsui batted .287 with 16 homers, 106 RBIs and 82 runs to help the Yankees reach the World Series.

Matsui will return to Japan in late March for the Yankees' season-opening games against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Tokyo Dome on March 30-31. ■

### Four Japanese Networks to Televis Major League Games

NEW YORK—Major league baseball games will be carried on four Japanese television networks this year.

NHK (Japan Broadcasting), Sky PerfecTV!, TBS (Tokyo Broadcasting System), and Fuji TV acquired rights in a license from Dentsu, which owns television and radio rights in Japan. All have previously broadcast major league games.

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(Nippon Broadcasting System) will continue as the exclusive radio network.

The major league season begins with a two-game series between the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Devil Rays in Tokyo on March 30-31. It will be the second time regular-season games will be played in Japan — the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs played two games in Tokyo to start the 2000 season. ■

### Matsui Arrives at Mets Spring Training Camp

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Kaz Matsui arrived at the New York Mets' spring training complex Friday after traveling to Florida the previous night aboard the plane of team owner Fred Wilpon.

"My first priority is practice. In Japan spring training starts on Feb. 1," Matsui said through interpreter Toru Mihara. "I am familiar with that schedule."

Matsui, who signed a \$20.1 million, three-year contract in December, spoke to reporters in a

drizzle for about seven minutes outside the visiting clubhouse. He began working out Feb. 7.

During his stay in New York, Matsui worked out in a domed tent alongside the hotel he was staying at. A Japanese tennis team was using the tent, and he said the team members were gracious enough to allow him to conduct personal training on a daily basis.

When asked why he left New York, Matsui wrapped both arms around his body and shivered while saying: "Brrrr." ■

## SUMO

### American Sumo Wrestler Sentoryu Retires

TOKYO—American wrestler Sentoryu formally stepped down from sumo's raised ring Feb. 11 in a retirement ceremony at Tokyo's Ryogoku Kokugikan.

Sentoryu, a native Missourian whose real name is Henry Armstrong Miller, had his top knot cut off in a traditional ceremony that was attended by family and friends, including former sumo wrestlers Akebono and Konishiki of Hawaii.

The 34-year-old Sentoryu, a native of St. Louis, plans to fol-

low in the footsteps of Akebono and take up a career in K-1, a sport combining elements of kickboxing and karate.

Sentoryu, who made his sumo debut at the Nagoya Grand Sumo Tournament in 1988, spent most of his career in the sport's lower ranks, but was elevated to the elite makuuchi division near the end of his career. He was the only black American to take part in Japan's ancient sport. ■

## COMMENTARY Words Americans of Japanese Ancestry Live By

By MAS HASHIMOTO

The car ahead had a rear bumper sticker that read, "Constitution, Words We Live By." Its driver was not John Ashcroft.

Americans of Japanese ancestry dearly love the Constitution with its Bill of Rights, but we are suspicious of government officials when they promise to uphold the supreme laws of the land.

During World War II we were classified as "non-alien," stripped of our Constitutional rights and unjustly imprisoned as "prisoners of war" by our own government.

We are deeply indebted to our own predominately Nisei 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) for their contributions. With their heroic accomplishments on the battlefield, they helped earn the reputation Japanese Americans enjoy today.

Many, including my two older brothers, volunteered for military service from America's concentration camps. They continued to believe in the Constitution and demanded the opportunity to prove their loyalty to this country.

We were to petition our government for "redress of grievances," and on Aug. 10, 1988, the government apologized and admitted that the incarceration of over 120,000 innocent people of Japanese ancestry was a great wrong. For this, we are grateful.

Our Issei parents brought with them several basic "Japanese" values — a working blend of Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and Shinto. Fundamental in this is a profound respect and love of nature, *Shizen*. Harmony, *enman*, can be achieved when one understands the flow of naturalness, *shizen no*.

Among the values included is *oyakoko*, the love between parent and child. Each family member plays an important role. Respect for all elders is taught, and *Obon*, the celebration for our ancestors, is an important observance. Then there is the family value of *Kodomo no tame ni*, "For the sake of the children." Parents will sacrifice their own desires and goals for their children.

As Nisei children we are taught about *haji*, or shame. One must never bring shame to one's self, one's family, or the Nikkei community. Parents stressed *enryo*, which means modesty. *Gaman* means to keep troubles to yourself — to be patient. *Shinbo shite seiko suru* — disappointments are part

of life, to be endured and then overcome. Then there's *shikata ga nai* — some things simply cannot be helped. We must persevere and go on.

We must never, even for a moment, forget *giri*, "duty, obligation, justice," and *on*, "kindness, gratefulness, indebtedness" — not only as they apply to the Nikkei community but to our beloved country as well. The code of *bushido* — chivalry, honor and loyalty — was practiced by the Nisei soldiers of WWII.

The Japanese culture continues to play an important role in the lives of Sansei, Yonsei, Gosei, and Hapa, or mixed ancestry. We are proud of their many accomplishments and their respect for traditional values.

We are grateful that the democratic principles of justice exist in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It is this respect for the fairness in the law and not religious beliefs that we hold most dear. As Americans we demand the principles of fair play and justice be applied in the courts, on the athletic fields, in the news media, and in the pursuit of academic endeavors.

President Harry S. Truman both honored and challenged the Nisei soldiers with, "You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice and you won. You have made the Constitution stand for what it really means: the welfare of all the people, all the time. Keep up that fight."

Today, we pay our respects to the Constitution. They are the words we live by, but for Americans of Japanese ancestry, they are not the only ones. ■

Mas Hashimoto is a member of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL chapter.



## COMMENTARY Did Allegations of "Black Dragon" Ties Spur FBI to Round Up Issei Leaders in WWII?

By HUGH BURLESON

Published and oral accounts of the post-Pearl Harbor roundup of Issei community leaders express or infer great puzzlement over why these family members were targeted by the FBI. The implication has usually been that the arrests were simply another instance of the prevailing anti-Japanese prejudice of that time.

Suggestions of another answer to this puzzle are contained in University of Washington professor Tetsuden Kashima's authoritative study of the West Coast Nikkei wartime internment, "Judgment Without Trial" (UW Press, 2003). On page 30, Kashima notes that the Justice Department's "Special Defense Unit" (SDU) in February 1942 had listed 12 Nikkei organizations as being "subject to the direct control of radical nationalist elements" in Japan, including the "Black Dragon Society" (Kokuryukai).

A yellowed copy of a 1943 HUAC (House Un-American Affairs Committee) study may hold a clearer explanation for the seemingly inexplicable jailing of the Issei leaders. The HUAC report, which was provided to me in the early '80s by a former HUAC staff member, included voluminous appendices detailing "Japanese Activities" in the United States.

The report, entitled "Investigation of Un-American Propaganda Activities in the United States," was issued in 1942 and 1943. On page 134 of Appendix Part VIII is the following: "There are many secret political societies in Japan. The most powerful and dangerous of these is the Black Dragon Society (Kokuryu-Kai). The Black Dragon Society has branches in many parts

of the world. It is active wherever there are Japanese."

The report proceeds to repeat the sensationalized allegations about the Black Dragon Society's activities and influence in Japan by western reporters in Tokyo in the 1930s and early 1940s, even claiming that in 1940 the Black Dragons "gained control of the Japanese government by setting up the Imperial Rule Assistance Association." The truth: The military-controlled government required all unofficial groups to join the IRAA.

The report then claims that the Butoku-kai and other Nikkei groups were Kokuryukai vehicles for conducting activities in prewar California. The ensuing details follow a pattern of assigning nefarious motives to activities like *kendo* and assuming that the Kokuryukai was active everywhere.

In studying the Kokuryukai in 1954-56 while a grad student at UC Berkeley, I read through that society's several publications (thousands of pages of text in Japanese) and researched many other sources on this and other prewar "ultra-nationalist" groups in Japan. In the subsequent decades, I have studied other related materials and read American scholars' analyses.

The Kokuryukai sources made clear that its prime aim was to help expand Japan's empire on the Asian continent. The name in fact is properly translated "Amur Society" and reflected the society's belief that the Amur River between Manchuria and Russia (Heilungkiang or "black dragon river" in Chinese) should be the natural northern limit for an expanded Japanese empire.

The society's 1940 chronology of its activities showed its single-minded focus on Asia and support

for Asian nationalists from China and Asian colonies against European colonialists in the run-up to World War II. The chronology contains just one reference to Japanese in the United States. It claimed to have organized a *Zaibei Nihonjin Ryugakusei Renmei* (League of Japanese Students Studying in the United States) in 1936 "to focus attention on lawless anti-Japanese activity in the United States." The targets: students from Japan studying here temporarily, not U.S.-resident Issei or Nisei.

Nowhere does the exhaustive chronology of activities claim to have sponsored or developed influence over Nikkei groups or organizations here or elsewhere in the Americas. Such activity, in fact, would have been outside the scope of Amur Society interests.

But, the exotic-seeming name made the "Black Dragons" a popular topic for journalists seeking sensational copy to send to their editors back home. It was only after 1945, after the Allied Occupation had rounded up Kokuryukai publications and these appeared on the shelves of major U.S. university libraries that research became possible that would get at the society's true nature and impact.

Kokuryukai activities clearly helped pave the way for Japan's seizure of Korea in the 1905-10 period, but after that were confined mainly to pamphleteering and personal influence on Japanese domestic politics for the 30 years before the "the Pacific War." Despite the many flamboyant claims about the Kokuryukai as Japan was increasingly militarized in the 1920s and '30s, it was but one of the pressure groups seeking to influence Japan's foreign policy, and it ceased to exist before Pearl Harbor.

In the early Cold War years, we saw instances of unevaluated allegations from FBI files and dossiers causing problems when they were used against individuals and targeted groups. It seems that prewar Issei leaders, indeed the whole community of West Coast Japanese, were victims of such FBI practices due to this alleged "Black Dragon" connection. We may hope that poorly based allegations are not being used today, against America's Muslim residents. ■

Hugh Burleson is a member of the JACL Lake Washington chapter.

## Japanese American Korean War Vets Honor Fred Hoshiyama with Roast and Tribute

Fred Hoshiyama, a fixture in the Japanese American community in Southern California and a YMCA Hall of Fame inductee, was honored by the Japanese American Korean War Veterans recently at their eighth annual installation banquet.



Over 140 JAKWV members and guests took part in the roast and tribute to Hoshiyama who was presented with a six star honorary general jacket.

Hoshiyama began his career at the YMCA in 1941 as the boys' work secretary in San Francisco

and is currently a consultant and trainer of financial developments for the YMCA. Hoshiyama is well known in the local JA community including his work in the JACL, Japanese American Community Services, Inc., Little Tokyo Services Committee and the Japanese American National Museum. In 1989 Hoshiyama was inducted into the National YMCA Hall of Fame.

The 2004 officers were also announced at the installation dinner including: Sam Shimoguchi, presi-

dent; Vice presidents Tohru Isobe, Dorothy McDowell, John Iwamoto, Paul Ono, and Victor Muraoka; Kaz Kitani, secretary; Tom Nakagawa, treasurer; Carl Miyagishima, auditor; and Legal Counsel David Miyoshi.

Shimoguchi announced tentative plans for a JAKWV European tour in 2005 and the family "Day at the Races" at Santa Anita Race Track on March 14. Interested persons can call Shimoguchi at 310/822-6688 or Victor Muraoka, 818/368-4113. ■

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## CANADIANS

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police and placed in a prisoner of war camp in Angler, Ontario. Eventually there would be a total of ten Canadian internment camps.

The camps were desolate and barren; barracks were used to house the families who bathed and ate in communal settings. Moritsugu was sent to the men only Yard Creek camp. In Yard Creek there were no fences, no watchtowers, and only one guard who kept watch over a bridge located in the camp. In fact, many of the Canadian camps were built right along train lines.

Although then Canadian Prime Minister MacKenzie King used "military necessity" under the War Measures Act to justify the wartime internment, Moritsugu noted, "If Japanese Canadians were truly security risks would they have transferred us to camps along railway lines?"

He also points out that only the Japanese Canadians were "punished" by the Canadian government while Italian Canadians and German Canadians, countries also

at war with the Allies during WWII, did not suffer the indignities of a forced internment.

Eventually Japanese Canadians began protesting their forced separation from loved ones and soon the Canadian government agreed to reunite the internees in various camps, including Tashme, where the Moritsugu family members were finally reunited.

"It was like an enforced vacation," said Moritsugu, of his time in the camps, but it was also a reminder that life had been so different before the war.

Like many Japanese Canadians, the Moritsugu family members eventually agreed to move to eastern Canada as a way to get out of the camps, finally settling in Ontario. Frank joined the family in 1944 and to this day he makes a home in Toronto, Ontario with his wife Betty. In addition to moving to the eastern provinces, about 4,000 Japanese Canadians agreed to be "repatriated" to Japan at this time even though many had never set foot in the country before.

In 1944 the end of the war finally arrived and JAs were being released from the various camps, but there was no such good news for Japanese Canadians. While JAs were finally free of the camps,

many of the restrictions against Japanese Canadians would continue until 1949, five years after the end of WWII.

"In Canada there was no such great news," said Moritsugu, of the end of WWII and the release of JAs. The Canadian policy "was to not let us back to the West Coast as long as possible."

Although there were some rare cases of JAs returning to their homes and possessions after the war, Japanese Canadians had no such luck, noted Moritsugu. Under the auspices of the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property, the Canadian government had sold the confiscated property of Japanese Canadians, including homes, businesses, farms, and fishing boats.

"Nobody ever went back home. The politicians in British Columbia said, 'We don't want them,'" noted Moritsugu.

In 1949 restrictions against the Japanese Canadians were finally lifted giving Japanese Canadians the right to move back to the West Coast, the right to become citizens, and the right to vote, something many politicians in British Columbia had long resisted.

While in the Canadian internment camps Moritsugu and other Japanese Canadian men had read about the famous 100th Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, but at the time Japanese Canadians were prohibited from joining the military. But soon a "hush-hush campaign" was begun in 1945 to recruit Japanese Canadian translators for the British Army and Moritsugu became a

Japanese interpreter.

Like many young JA men, Moritsugu's father was not enthusiastic about seeing his oldest son go off to war. "Why would you go and join after how you've been treated?" Moritsugu remembers his father asking him.

Moritsugu's answer to his father's question echoed the sentiments of other JA veterans: "If I go and serve our country, our chances for the future shall be greater."

Unlike the JA camps there was no draft resistance movement amongst the Japanese Canadians, noted Moritsugu. There were also no equivalent cases to the Fred Korematsu, Min Yasui, and Gordon Hirabayashi U.S. court challenges. In addition, Japanese Canadians were never asked to sign a loyalty oath questionnaire like the one that, to this day, has caused much anger and resentment in the JA community.

During the 80s, Japanese Canadians began organizing a redress campaign, much like the one fought by JAs, coming together to demand compensation and an apology for the wrongs committed against them by the Canadian government.

Shortly after the U.S. government passed the historic redress bill, Japanese Canadians witnessed their own government sign a redress bill on Sept. 22, 1988, receiving an apology and a payment of \$21,000 to each former internee.

"[Prime Minister] Brian Mulroney copied anything the Americans did," said Moritsugu, who was active in the Japanese

Canadian redress campaign. "But at least he signed [the redress bill]."

The passage of the redress bill was personally important, said Moritsugu, because "I wanted to feel whole again." At first he did not warm to the idea of monetary compensation but later he realized that the money was important in getting the mainstream Canadian population to understand the significance of what had been done to Japanese Canadians during the war.

Moritsugu went on to have a successful career as a journalist, and continues to run the *Nikkei Voice*, the only national Japanese Canadian newspaper. He also speaks about the WWII internment at various high schools and senior citizen centers.

"A lot of people don't know much [about the Japanese Canadian internment] but a lot more do now," he said.

The Arab American and Muslim American communities today are facing many of the same issues Japanese Canadians faced more than six decades ago. Shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Moritsugu recalls former Prime Minister Jean Chretien using Japanese Canadians as an example against scapegoating an entire group of people.

"Never again, never again. That's a healthy message," said Moritsugu. "Japanese Americans and Japanese Canadians were interned and we got redress. It's a considerably positive message to prevent this type of mass evacuation — stop it in its tracks." ■

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9/17-9/29	Yamato Travel Bureau's Tour in Conjunction with the Japanese American National Museum Camp Connections/Life Interrupted Conference - Beauvais Bridge, Avery Island and New Orleans, Louisiana; Camp Shelby and Vicksburg, Mississippi; Memphis, Tennessee; Rohwer and Jerome, Arkansas and Branson, Missouri.	Lilly Nomura
10/4-10/13	Yamato Eastern Canada & Nova Scotia Tour - Montreal, Quebec, overnight train to Moncton, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton, Halifax.	Lilly Nomura
10/11-10/25	Yamato Deluxe Autumn Tour to Japan	Peggy Mikuni
10/29-11/11	Yamato Tour to China with Yangtze River Cruise - Beijing, Xian, Chongqing, Yangtze River Cruise and Shanghai.	
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SUMMER BASEBALL TOUR (7 parks/7 games + Cooperstown, 10 days)	AUG 6
MONTANA RAIL EXPLORER (Glacier/Waterloo Natl Parks, 8 days)	AUG 7
PRINCESS GREEK ISLES CRUISE (14 days via Star Princess)	SEPT 24
BEST OF HOKKAIDO/TOHOKU (12 days)	SEPT
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## National

**Fri.-Tues., March 12-16**—JACL/OCA Leadership Conference. Info: [www.jacl.org/leadership.html](http://www.jacl.org/leadership.html).

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

## East Coast

### DELRAY BEACH, Fla.

**Sat.-Sun., Feb. 28-29**—*Hatsume Fair*; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd.; celebrating the first bud of spring; continuous entertainment, taiko, tea ceremony, flower arranging, martial arts, bonsai, orchid demonstrations, food, children's activities. Info: 561/495-0233.

### FAIRFAX STATION, Va.

**Sat., Feb. 28**—Nen Daiko Workshop: Introduction to Taiko Drumming; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lake Haven Lane; most of the time will be spent playing the drums. RSVP: SVines1287@aol.com.

### NEW YORK CITY

**Sat., March 6**—New York JACL's Annual Bazaar; 1-6 p.m.; Japanese American United Church, Seventh Ave. between 24th & 25th streets; live and silent auctions, white elephant, 50/50 raffle, books and stuff, potluck dinner, more. Info: Sumi Koide, 914/693-2058; [Sumikoide@hotmail.com](mailto:Sumikoide@hotmail.com); or Lillian Kimura, 973/680-1441; [Lckimura@att.net](mailto:Lckimura@att.net).

### PHILADELPHIA

**Sat., March 20**—Philadelphia JACL Installation Dinner/Graduate Recognition; 4:30 p.m. book talk/signing for "No Sword to Bury: Japanese Americans in Hawaii During WWII" with author Dr. Franklin Odo of the Smithsonian Institution; 5 p.m. cocktails, 6:30 p.m. dinner/program; August Moon (Korean/Japanese) Banquet Hall, 300 E. Main St., Norristown; Dr. Odo will speak on "From Hawaii to the Mall — Images of Japanese Americans." RSVP, info: Hiro Nishikawa, 610/896-0538; [ahnishikawa@worldwidenet.att.net](mailto:ahnishikawa@worldwidenet.att.net).

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Thurs., March 4**—Book signing and lecture; Franklin Odo will present his latest book, "No Sword to Bury: Japanese Americans in Hawaii During World War II"; 4 p.m.; Carmichael Auditorium, National Museum of American History, 14th Street and Constitution Ave. Info: Noriko Sanefuji, 202/633-3595; [Sanefujin@si.edu](mailto:Sanefujin@si.edu).

**Sat., March 27**—Sixth Annual Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk; 10 a.m.; National Japanese American Memorial, Louisiana and New Jersey Avenues; special walk for physically challenged children and adults. Info: NJAMF, 202/530-0015; [www.cherry-blossomfreedomwalk.org](http://www.cherry-blossomfreedomwalk.org).

## Midwest

### CLEVELAND

**Tues., March 16**—Portland Taiko in Concert; 8 p.m.; Finney Chapel, Oberlin College; Tickets, info: 440/775-8169.

### EUCLID, Ohio

**Sat.-Sun., March 27-28**—Japanese Food Sale; Saturday 1-7 p.m., Sunday noon-6 p.m.; Cleveland Buddhist Temple, 214th & Euclid; plus bake sale and knick-knack sale; free parking. Info: 216/692-1509.

## Mountain Plains

### BOULDER, Colo.

**Wed., March 10-Sun., March 28**—Interactive Exhibit, "Facing East, Facing West: Black Ships and Samurai," on the the initial encounters between Japan and the United States; Boulder Public Library; opening reception on March 10 with co-creator Profesor John Dower, author of "Embracing Defeat" about the U.S. occupation of Japan. Info: 303/735-5127; [Jessica.Arnison@Colorado.edu](mailto:Jessica.Arnison@Colorado.edu).

## Intermountain

### MINIDOKA, Idaho

**Fri.-Sun., June 25-27**—2004 Minidoka Pilgrimage; buses from Seattle and Portland to Twin Falls;

guided tours of the 73-acre Minidoka Internment National Monument and a restored barrack; Sunday memorial service will honor former internees who served in the armed forces; Sunday luncheon and special program. Registration, info: Gloria Shigeno, co-chair, [glorishigeno@hotmail.com](mailto:glorishigeno@hotmail.com).

## Pacific Northwest

### SEATTLE

**Sat., March 6**—Sukiyaki Dinner; 4-7 p.m.; take-out available from 2-7 p.m.; Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 3001-24th Ave. South at Hanford. Info: 206/723-1536.

**Sat., March 20**—Nisei Veterans Committee 59th Installation Banquet; 12 noon social hour, 1 p.m. lunch and program; Rainier Golf and Country Club, 11133 Des Moines Way South; guest speaker Tsuguo "Ike" Ikeda. RSVP: Beverly Kashino, 206/767-5045.

## Northern California

### BAY AREA

**Thurs.-Thurs., March 4-11**—22nd San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival; AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres and Castro Theatre in San Francisco, Pacific Film Archive in Berkeley; more than 121 films and videos. Schedules, info: 415/865-1588; [www.naatnet.org/festival](http://www.naatnet.org/festival).

### DANVILLE

**Sat., March 27**—JACL Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific District Fundraiser, "Celebrating the Generations" JACL's Diamond Anniversary; Blackhawk Auto Museum, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle; keynote speaker actor George Takei; emcee, local news personality Jan Yanehiro. RSVP, info. (optional dress code): Mark Kobayashi, 408/254-9487 home, [mmk@broadcom.com](mailto:mmk@broadcom.com); or Larry Oda, 831/758-7107 work, 832/375-3314 home; [tsuneo1@msn.com](mailto:tsuneo1@msn.com).

### SACRAMENTO

**Fri.-Sun., March 26-28**—11th Annual Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation (SASF) New Year Classic Invitational Basketball Tournament. Info: [www.sasfquest.org](http://www.sasfquest.org); Larry Hiuga, 916/327-4629.

### SAN FRANCISCO

**Fri., Feb. 27**—"Asian American Theater Company Turns 30"; 5:30-10:30 p.m.; VIP package, \$50; Friends Plus, \$25. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave. Tickets: [aatc.c.tepl.com](http://aatc.c.tepl.com).

### SAN JOSE

**Sat., Feb. 28**—Exhibit Opening and Reception: "Jack Matsuoka's Cartoons: Making the Best of Poston"; free reception at Wesley United Methodist Church, 566 North Fifth St., from 1-4 p.m.; speaker, Sandy Lydon; exhibit runs through Feb. 27, 2005, at the Japanese American Museum of San Jose, 535 N. Fifth St.; co-sponsored by Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL. Info: 408/294-3138; [www.jamsj.org](http://www.jamsj.org).

**Fri.-Sun., March 19-21**—22nd San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival; Camera 3 Cinemas. Schedules, info: 415/865-1588; [www.naatnet.org/festival](http://www.naatnet.org/festival).

**Through June 30**—Exhibit, "1942: Luggage From Home to Camp" by Flo Oy Wong; Japanese American Museum of San Jose; 535 N. Fifth St. Info: 408/294-3138; [www.jamsj.org](http://www.jamsj.org).

### SAN MATEO

**Sun., Feb. 22**—Movie Matinee, "Aizen Katsura" starring Ken Uehara and Kinuyo Tanaka. J.A. Community Center. 415 Claremont St. Free. Info: 650/343-2793.

### TULE LAKE

**Fri.-Mon., July 2-4**—2004 Tule Lake Pilgrimage; accommodations at the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, Ore.; busses depart from San Francisco; Seattle, Portland, Berkeley and Sacramento. Registration, info: [www.tulelake.org](http://www.tulelake.org); (San Francisco) Hiroshi Shimizu, [hshimizu@pacbell.net](mailto:hshimizu@pacbell.net); (San Jose) Jimi Yamaichi, [jimiyama@aol.com](mailto:jimiyama@aol.com), 408/269-9458; (Sacramento) Grace Kajita, [Tulelake@att.net](mailto:Tulelake@att.net), 916/392-5416; (Seattle) Stan Shikuma, [sshikuma@aol.com](mailto:sshikuma@aol.com), 206/721-1128; (Los Angeles) Sharon Yamato, [syamato@comcast.net](mailto:syamato@comcast.net), 310/578-0090; (Japan) 045/787-2099 [stakita@yokohama-cu.ac.jp](mailto:stakita@yokohama-cu.ac.jp); [www.geocities.com/sacbenet](http://www.geocities.com/sacbenet).

## Southern California CLAREMONT

**Wednesdays, March 24-April 28**—Pan-Pacific Film Festival; Rose Hills Theater, Smith Campus Center, 170 E. Sixth St. Info, schedules: 909/607-8065.

### CULVER CITY

**Sun., Feb. 29**—MIS of SoCal Shinnen Enkai Buffet Luncheon; 11 a.m.; Premiere Room, Ramada Hotel, 6333 Bristol Parkway. **RSVP before Feb. 23 for discount:** Victor Abe, 310/373-6402, or Cathy Tanaka, 213/626-0441 ext. 21.

### LOS ANGELES

**Sun., Feb. 29**—Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Celebration; 2 p.m.; Aratani/Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro, Little Tokyo; with George Kahumoku, Jr., Ozzie Kotani, Steve Sano, Keoki Kahumoku and Daniel Ho. Tickets, info: J213/680-3700.

**Fri., March 5**—JANM Annual Dinner, "Excellence and Innovation"; Century Plaza Hotel. Info: JANM, 213/25-0414.

**Fri.-Sun., March 5-7**—Shamisen Workshop by Grand Master Kineya Yakichi VIII; JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo. Registration, info: Mikko, JTPAO, 310/378-3550; [mikko@jtpao.org](mailto:mikko@jtpao.org).

**Sat., March 6**—Free performance for youth, "Asian Pacific Tales"; 2 p.m., East West Players David Henry Hwang Theater, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo. RSVP: 213/625-7000 ext. 20. Info: Marilyn Tokuda, [mtokuda@east-westplayers.org](mailto:mtokuda@east-westplayers.org), or 213/625-7000 ext. 15.

**Fri., March 26**—Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (APARC) 3rd Annual Conersity Awards Dinner, "Focus 2004—Women as Peacemakers"; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Empress Pavilion Restaurant, 988 N. Hill St., Suite 201, Chinatown. RSVP, info: 213/250-8190.

**Sat., April 3**—National Asian Women's Health Organization 10th Anniversary Conference and Gala: "Celebrating a Decade of Health Partnerships for Asian Women and Families"; conference 9 a.m., reception 5:30 p.m., gala dinner 6:30 p.m.; Millennium Biltmore Hotel; special guests: U.S. Rep Robert and Doris Matsui; Calif. Sen. Gloria Romero;

Calif. Assemblymember Judy Chu; Dr. James Marks of the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Tickets, info: Janice Chang, 213/239-6688 ext. 178; [www.nawho.org](http://www.nawho.org).

**Sat., April 17**—Little Tokyo Service Center's 25th Anniversary Celebration: "Helping People, Building Community"; reception 6 p.m., dinner and program 7 p.m.; The Wilshire Grand Hotel, 930 Wilshire Blvd.; **RSVP by April 2:** 213/473-1620; [www.LTSC.org](http://www.LTSC.org).

### MANZANAR

**Sat., April 24**—35th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage and Grand Opening Dedication for the Manzanar National Historic Site Interpretive Center and Park Headquarters. Info: [www.manzanarcommittee.org](http://www.manzanarcommittee.org). To ride the bus with the San Fernando JACL, call Tak Yamamoto, 818/894-7723.

### PASADENA

**Sat., Feb. 21**—Discussion and Book Signing: "The Raymond and Frances Bushell Collection of Netsuke: A Legacy at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art," with co-author Hollis Goodall, associate curator of Japanese art at LACMA; 2 p.m.; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Los Robles Ave. RSVP: 626/449-2742 ext. 20.

### RIVERSIDE

**Sat., Feb. 28**—Riverside JACL Installation Lunch; 12 noon; Chan's Oriental Cuisine, 1445 University Ave.; Vince Moses, director of the Riverside Museum, will give a presentation on the historic Harada house. **RSVP by Feb. 21:** Junji Kumamoto, 909/684-0864. Info: Irene Ogata, 909/485-7212; [iogata@yahoo.com](mailto:iogata@yahoo.com).

### TORRANCE

**Sat., Feb. 21**—Free Training Session for for the Hanashi Oral History Program; 1-3 p.m.; Go For Broke Educational Foundation Office, 370 Amapola Ave., Suite 110; experience not necessary; crew slots available for Feb. 28-29 in Southern California, March 5-7 in Fresno, March 19-21 in Sacramento and more. RSVP: 310/222-5705.

**Sun., Feb. 29**—"The World of Kabuki Music"; 2:30 p.m.; James Armstrong Theater, 3330 Civic Center Dr.; featuring Grand Master (Iemoto) Kineya

Yakichi VIII, 10 top-ranked musicians and a dancer plus local artists; includes a lecture demonstration. Tickets, info: 310/781-7171.

### WEST COVINA

**Sat., March 6**—East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center's "Spring Fling" benefit dance; 7-11 p.m.; 1203 W. Puente Ave.; music by Jim Ikehara; opportunity drawing included with ticket. Info: 626/960-2566.

**Sat., March 27**—Oldies Dance XVII, "Remembering"; 8p.m.-12:30 a.m.; West Covina Buddhist Temple/East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave.; Music by High Resolution; must be 21 or over; dressy casual. Presale discount. Info and song requests: Joanie, 626/284-8192, Ray, 909/595-6183, or Frank, 714/890-1776.

## Arizona - Nevada

### LAS VEGAS

**Mon.-Tues., March 22-23**—Amache High Class Reunion; Golden Nugget Hotel; Info: Min Tonai, 818/591-1269; [tonaim@pacbell.net](mailto:tonaim@pacbell.net); or Mal or Irene Furuya, 626/791-0547; [mfuruya82@aol.com](mailto:mfuruya82@aol.com).

### RENO

**Sun., March 21**—Reno JACL Annual Teriyaki Scholarship Dinner; Senior Center. Info: Sheldon Ihara, 775/747-3886.

## Hawaii

### HONOLULU

**Mar. 25-Apr. 1**—1st Annual "Xentopia: Celebration of Pan-Asian Entertainment"; Events include: Elements of Style, Xentopia Live!, Eastern Shake, Club Series, Shaolin Stunts, Dragon Boat Competition, Yin & Yang Hookups, Take Out Comedy and Amazing Anime. Visit [www.xentopia.com](http://www.xentopia.com). ■

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## NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE PROGRAMS

**CLEVELAND, Sun., Feb. 29**—Luncheon 1 p.m., program 2 p.m.; The Alcazar Hotel, 2450 Derbyshire Rd., Cleveland Heights; New York pianist Thomas James Osuga, will perform his interpretation relating to the JA internment, former internees will speak of their experiences in the relocation camps, and a Native American Indian's past experience will tell of the injustice that is similar to the JA internment; photos and memorabilia from the camps. Karen Sodini, 440/238-3416, [wsodini@aol.com](mailto:wsodini@aol.com); Hazel Asamoto, 216/921-2976, [hazasa@msn.com](mailto:hazasa@msn.com).

**DENVER, Sat., Feb. 21**—2-4 p.m. (doors open at 1 p.m.); Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple, 1947 Lawrence Street. Program will feature the Amache Camp in Colorado; John Hopper and his students of Granada High School will discuss their activities in restoring the Amache Camp and present research findings undertaken by the Amache Preservation Society. Sponsored by the Mile-Hi JACL chapter and the Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple. Info: Alley Watada, 303/544-0638 or [yoal@earthlink.net](mailto:yoal@earthlink.net).

**LAYTON, Utah, Sat., Feb. 28**—2-5 p.m.; Northridge High School, 2430 North 400 West; a special cultural event, plus a program to honor veterans of World War II; pictures and items from the Topaz camp; "Days of Waiting" video; includes obento lunch; sponsored by the three Utah JACL chapters. RSVP: National JACL Credit Union, 801/355-8040; to order box lunches: Marion Hori, 801/451-9542, or Alice Hirai, 801/395-1529.

**LOS ANGELES, Sat., Feb. 21**—7 p.m.; George and Sakaye Aratani/Japan America Theater at JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro Street; Dramatic candle-lighting ceremony and a premiere of the film "Stand Up For Justice." Admission is \$20 and \$15 for seniors (65 and over) and students. Light refreshments follow the program. Tickets and info: NCR, 213/680-3342 or Visual Communications, 213/680-4462 ext. 30. Tickets also available at the Japan America Theater box office.

**MERCED, Calif., Sat., Feb. 21**—Livingston-Merced and Cortez JACL's Annual Banquet; 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program; Branding Iron Restaurant; includes a presentation on the "Japanese American Experience in Merced" exhibit from the Merced County Courthouse Museum. RSVP and info: Grace Kimoto, 209/394-2456, Chris Masuda, 209/394-3225, Steve Teranishi, 209/383-6577, or Bob Taniguchi, 209/383-5161.

**NEW YORK CITY, Sat., Feb. 21**—2-5 p.m.; Japanese American United Church, 255 Seventh Ave. between 24th & 25th; Candlelight Vigil Potluck; includes a photographic slide documentation of the JA community of the past 25 years. Info: Tsuya Yee, 917/913-6461; [tanguri@hotmail.com](mailto:tanguri@hotmail.com).

**PHILADELPHIA, Sat., Feb. 21**—2-4 p.m.; Merion Friends Meeting, 615 Montgomery Ave., Merion, Penn.; 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 Horikawa, 856/247-9431.

**REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Sun., Feb. 29**—1-4 p.m.; San Mateo County Historical Association Museum, 777 Hamilton Street; San Mateo JACL Day of Remembrance and Installation; Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston is the featured speaker. Tickets: \$20, includes obento lunch. **RSVP by Feb. 25.** Info: Kate Motoyama 650/794-0727.

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sat., Feb. 21**—12-1 p.m. and 2-3 p.m.; Secretary of State Building Complex, 1500 11th Street. Free parking at 10th and O Street. Screening and discussion of "Day of Independence."; 12 and 2 p.m.; Interactive Camp Experience Workshop: What Would You Do if Faced With Internment. First workshop is for high school and college students, second workshop for other adults. Pre-paid donation of \$7.50/person, students under 18 free, \$10 after Feb. 14. Sponsored by the Florin, Lodi, Marysville, Placer County, Sacramento and Stockton JACL chapters. Info: 916/395-7944 or [fjiritani@aol.com](mailto:fjiritani@aol.com).

**SALINAS, Calif., Sun., Feb. 22**—1:30 p.m.; Santa Lucia Room, Sherwood Hall, Salinas Rodeo Grounds; sponsored by San Benito County JACL.

**TWIN CITIES, Minn., Sat., Feb. 28**—1-3 p.m.; Bloomington Civic Plaza Auditorium, E. 98th Street at James Ave. S.; "Remembering: Voices of the Internment"; community members with firsthand experience related to the internment share their stories; program includes historical overview, panel presentation and open forum. News anchor Kent Ninomiya moderates. Free. Info: 952/922-3828. ■

# Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Calef, Patricia Abe, 48**, Berkeley, Jan. 18; Cleveland-born; book editor for the *Oakland Tribune*, and book reviewer for the *Tribune*, the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *Contra Costa Times*; survived by husband Daniel; daughter Anne and son Robert; mother Emma Saito;

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father George Abe; brothers Frank and Stephen Abe.

**Eddow, Elizabeth Joanne, 70**, Henderson, Nev. Dec. 21; survived by husband Dan; daughters Debbie Marsh, Kim and Mikki; 3 gc.; brother Robert Wainwright; sister Linda Wainwright; brothers-in-law Shig (Yaya) and Al (Jan); sisters-in-law Patricia Kimoto, Yo Eddow, Arlene (Ray) Kishi and Virginia

## OBITUARIES

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career at Hughes Elementary School in the Santa Clara Unified School District where she taught kindergarten. She continued teaching while raising her two children, Mark and Michelle.

Jeanne Honda is survived by her mother Hisaye Rose Yoshida, two younger brothers Richard and Stanley, her husband Mike, son Mark, and daughter Michelle.

A memorial service will take place on Feb. 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Santa Clara Valley Japanese Christian Church located at 40 Union Avenue, Campbell, Calif. 95008.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to a scholarship fund in memory of Jeanne Honda to support graduating high school students aspiring to be elementary school teachers. Please send contributions to:

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## PROFILE

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we're going to make it clear that all of our communities are standing behind these issues," Narasaki said.

The agenda calls for policies that will help Asians overcome poverty, find affordable housing and get a good education and access to health care — issues important to most Americans.

But the platform also strives to shatter the stereotype of Asians as "model minorities" with above average incomes, education and few serious problems.

The report notes the poverty rate in 2000 for Hmong people was 38 percent; 29 percent for Cambodians; 19 percent for Laotians and 16 percent for Vietnamese.

Other priorities include protecting affirmative action and the right to vote and fighting hate crimes and racial profiling. South Asians, in particular, were victims of racial profiling after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Narasaki said.

The agenda also says the immigration system must be reformed, a key issue in a community where two-thirds are foreign born. Some were disappointed that President Bush's recent immigration pro-

Yomogida.

**Fujii, Marjorie Sueno, 81**, Los Angeles, Jan. 23; San Gabriel Valley-raised; formerly of Minneapolis; Poston, Ariz., internee; survived by husband Laurence R.; daughter Carolyn J. Ikei; 3 gc.; daughter-in-law Joan Y. Fujii.

**Fukuhara, Eileen, 76**, Marina del Rey, Jan. 18; Florin-born; survived by husband Jimmy K.; brothers Elmer, David (Mary), Leo (Florence) and George (Frances) Uchida; sisters Mary Kiino of Murrieta and Sumi Takeno of Denver.

**Henmi, Edward Etsuzo, 78**, Clovis, Jan. 23; survived by wife Cherry; children Susan (David), Linda, Steve and Daniel (Judy); 4 gc., and brother Richard.

**Hojo, Kelly Shizuo, 79**, Oceanside, Jan. 25; Los Angeles-born; WWII veteran; survived by son Paul; daughter Lucy Denson; brothers James (Reiko) and Kenny (Kay), and sister-in-law Ann Hojo.

**Ishida, Kiyoshi, 81**, Los

Elementary School Teachers, 255 West Julian Street, San Jose, CA 95112.

Longtime community activist and JACL leader Fred Hirasuna passed away on Feb. 12 at the age of 96 in Fresno, Calif.

Hirasuna lost his balance while getting out of a car and fell on his head. He was rushed to the hospital but later passed away due to his injuries. Hirasuna, a retired produce shipper,

had just celebrated his 96th birthday on Feb. 11.

A longtime member of the Fresno chapter, he was among the pioneers who represented the chapter at the first national JACL convention in Seattle in 1930.

Services for Hirasuna were scheduled for Feb. 20 at United Japanese Christian Church. Lisle Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. ■

posals did not provide a specific solution to family immigration backlogs that affect many Asians. Some Filipinos who are U.S. citizens, for example, have been waiting 22 years for brothers and sisters to join them.

"We don't want to oppose anything that benefits other immigrants, but we are put in a position of, 'Hey, what about us?'" said Bill Ong Hing, professor of law and Asian American studies at the University of California, Davis.

A separate effort to get 80 percent of AA voters to cast their ballots for one candidate is being organized by 80-20, a nonpartisan political action committee. About 62 percent of Asians voted for Gore, the candidate 80-20 endorsed in 2000. The group will make its 2004 endorsement later in the year.

In response to an 80-20 questionnaire, each major party candidate — with the exception of Al Sharpton and Bush — have agreed to hold public hearings on workplace discrimination against Asians, enforce an executive order that forbids employment discrimination and meet with AA leaders if elected, said S.B. Woo, the group's president.

Woo said the bloc vote idea encourages the parties to compete "to serve our rightful interests." ■

Angeles, Feb. 5; survived by daughters Michiko (Jimmy) Matsuba, Lillian Ishida and Diane Hirata, and 2 gc.

**Ito, Tetsuo, 88**, Palos Verdes Estates, Feb. 1; Nobeoka, Japan-born; survived by sons Allan (Jae), Roger (Terrie) and Kenneth (Kiko); daughter Judy Fujimoto, and 10 gc.

**Kaneko, Otari, 89**, Gardena, Dec. 29; Japan-born; survived by daughters Mary Sato of Laguna Beach, Miyako (Ken) Kobayashi of Eugene, Ore., and June Kashitani of Gardena; sons Tsuneyo (Pam) Kaneko of San Diego and Akira (Donna) Kaneko of Hawaii; 13 gc. and 9 ggc.

**Kasai, George Shoichi, 76**, Los Angeles, Jan. 22; survived by son Bob (Kelly) and daughter Janice Kasai; 2 gc., and brother Hideo (Ets); predeceased by wife Emiko.

**Katano, George Kanya, 73**, Montebello, Jan. 6; survived by wife Jean; daughters Lynn and Lori; son Gregg (Nancy) and 1 gc.

**Kato, Kosei, 79**, San Mateo, Jan. 15; survived by wife Tsuya; children Elaine (Randy) Louie, Naomi (Gary) Kawakita; 5 gc.; siblings Kimi Shinto (Jiro), Eisei (Yoshiko), Yusei (Noriko), Fumi (Yeichi) Hayashi; predeceased by sister Kumi (George) Kotake.

**Kawamoto, Hozumi, 94**, Monterey Park, Jan. 24; Glendale-born, Hiroshima-reared; survived by son Howard Satoru (Taeko) Kawamoto; daughters Miyoko Ariza of Arizona and Teruyo (Goro) Noborio; 11 gc. and 9 ggc.; sister-in-law Tomiko Kawamoto and friend Ayako Okihara.

**Kiwata, Ken, 79**, San Francisco, Jan. 16; San Francisco-born; survived by wife Rosalyn; sons Richard of San Francisco and Howard of South San Francisco; 5 gc.; sister Yo Hironaka of San Francisco.

**Kobayashi, Yuji, 74**, Chicago, Jan. 27; Seattle-born; survived by wife Eva; son Daniel; daughter Amy; 3 gc.; brother Fred and sister Rickie.

**Kotsubo, George Yuya, 92**, Long Beach, Jan. 23; Riverside-born; survived by sister-in-law Masako Kotsubo, nephews, one niece, grand-nephews and grand-nieces.

**Kusatake, George, 84**, Temple City, Feb. 1; Lemoore-born; survived by wife Shigeko; daughters Karen (Kurt) Tokita of Renton, Wash., and Patricia Kusatake; 2 gc.; brother Koji Kusatake of Dinuba.

**Matsumoto, Shizuka, 89**, Sacramento, Jan. 14; survived by son Gilbert Matsumoto.

**Matsumoto, Kikuye "Kiku," 80**, Gardena, Jan. 23; survived by son Victor (Joanne) Matsumoto; 2 gc. and brothers Isamu, Sueyo, Tom and Takashi Tomooka.

**Matsumoto, Teruo, 71**, Gardena, Feb. 6; Arizona-born; Korean War veteran; survived by wife Teruko; son Dennis Teruo; daughters Pamela Anne Matsumoto and Karyn Sue (Dr. Anthony) Yanagihara; 2 gc.; sisters Sachiko (Archie) Nakamoto and Tamiko Kishishita, and sister-in-law Laverne Matsumoto.

**Maeyama, Masato, 72**, Los Angeles, Jan. 20; Osaka-born; survived by wife Yoshiko; daughters Mariko (Brian) Nakagiri and Mayuri (Tony) Luna; 3 gc.; sisters Noriko (Makoto) Hori of Japan, Hideko Nomoto and Teruko Maeyama of Japan and aunt May Nakawatase.

**Miyake, Dr. George, 85**, Fresno, Jan. 24; Fowler-born; survived by daughters Laraine Miyake-Comb and Susan (Robert) Mochizuki; sons Kenneth (Kim)

and Dr. Gregory (Patti) Miyake; 5 gc.; sister Pauline Sakata of Los Angeles; predeceased by wife Yoshiko.

**Miyashiro, Hideo, 74**, Anaheim, 74; Pepeekeo, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Terry Sachi; daughter Beverly Annette Timmons; sisters Elsie (George) Kaisan of Honolulu; Carol Miyashiro of Cypress; sister-in-law Betsy Miyashiro of Honolulu; brothers Einobu (Jessie) Miyashiro of Pepeekeo and Isamu (Rachel) Miyashiro of Fountain Valley.

**Mizuhata, Kiyoshi, 83**, Seattle, Dec. 25; WWII U.S. Army veteran; survived by stepson Ron Yamamoto; 5 gc.; companion Chieko Sumimoto; predeceased by wife Katherine Yamamoto and brothers Paul and John.

**Murashige, Yukiko, 84**, Los Angeles, Jan. 17; Utah-born; survived by sons Roger (Caroline) and Kenneth (Linda) Murashige of Arizona; 3 gc.; brother Fred (Percy) Yoshioka; sisters Kimi Izumida, Mary Nakashima and Jeannette (Henry) Sugimoto; brother-in-law Hiro (Yae) Murashige of Hawaii; sisters-in-law Nami Yoshioka of Ohio and Evelyn Murashige of Hawaii.

**Murayama, Mitsuye Margaret, 86**, Alhambra, Jan. 19; Los Angeles-born; survived by husband Henry Hiroshi; son Paul A. (Suki H.); daughters Janice R. (Donald) Davis and Joanne S. (Daniel) Neville; 4 gc.; brothers George and John (Helen) Nishimura and sister Yoshi Miyawaki.

**Nagata, Shiro Frank, 77**, Los Angeles, Jan. 27; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Kikuko; daughters Amy (Robert) Young, Mary (Anthony) Miyake and Nancy (Phe) Ha; 4 gc.; brother Saburo (Josephine) Nagata; sister Chiyoko (Roy) Nishimura; sisters-in-law Hatsue Nagata and Setsuko (Glenn) Imai.

**Nakahara, Sadao Eddie, 78**, Clarksburg, Jan. 20; Isleton-born; survived by wife Kimiko Frances; son Craig; daughter Sheila (Dennis) Shimada and sons Daniel (Mary) and Earl (Cynthia) Nakahara; 7 gc.; sisters Yuriko (Hitoharu) Omoto, Jun (Ray) Matsubara and Carol (Bob) Sekoguchi.

**Nakasone, Kiyoko, 90**, Culver City, Jan. 12; Kauai, Hawaii-born; survived by son Thomas Tamotsu (May) Nakasone; daughter Sumi (Howard) Hoshizaki; 7 gc. and 5 ggc.; sisters Matsu Nako of Okinawa, Hanako Nakama, Haruko Taira and Sueko Nago and brother Genko (Yoshino) Uyehara.

**Nakayama, Haruko Marion, 85**, Gardena, Jan. 24; Los Angeles-born; survived by husband Lloyd; children Arleen (Dick) Sakahara, Wayne (Janice) Nakayama and Kathy (Bo) Lee; 3 gc. and sister Tatsuye Miyata.

**Saito, Margaret Shizuko, 79**, Oakland, Jan. 9; Oakland-born; Topaz internee; survived by husband H. Leo Saito, DDS; daughters Janet K. (John) Golden, Nancy R. Saito, Patricia M. (Peter) Hecht and Elvyn Blair; son Robert T. Saito; 1 gc.

**Sasaki, Aya, 86**, Camarillo, Jan. 16, Los Angeles-born; survived by daughters Joyce (Alan Fabyancic) Sasaki and Rene (Mitchell Kronenberg) Sasaki; son Victor (Lisa) Sasaki; 4 gc.; brother Leo (Hayako) Tanaka and sister-in-law Keiko Tanaka; predeceased by husband Satori.

**Shimizu, John H.**, Denver; survived by wife Yasuko; sisters Linda (Tom) Nomura of San Marcos and Alice Kouchi of Seattle.

**Shimizu, Susumu "Carlos," 97**, El Cerrito, Jan. 31; Hiroshima-

born; pre-WWII resident of Peru incarcerated at Crystal City, Texas, Internment Camp under the U.S. government's hostage program during the war; 50-year resident of San Francisco; survived by wife Yoneko and daughter Grace.

**Shiroishi, Shimo, 100**, Monterey Park, Jan. 11; Fukuoka ken-born; survived by sons Makoto (Keiko) and Masaru (Hiroko) Shiroishi; daughter Kazuko Yamaminami; 12 gc. and 9 ggc. and son-in-law Mike Nakashima.

**Sugimoto, Chester K. 82**, Carson, Jan. 8; Salinas-born; survived by wife Shieko; daughters Ellen (George) Fujii and Jayne Sugimoto; sons Mark and Neil Sugimoto; sister Tamiko Nishikawa and adopted sister Emiko Sugimoto.

**Takamori, Betty Tokiko**, Gardena, Jan. 22; survived by husband Hideyuki; sons Gilbert (Seandae) and Alvin (Debbie) Takamori; sisters Charlotte Nakaoka of Honolulu and Katsuko Tanji of Saitama, Japan; brother Sadaichi Tanji of Fukushima; brothers-in-law Roger (Florence) of Honolulu and Terry (Mae) Takamori of Maryland; sisters-in-law Hisako Tamiya of Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, and Lily Takamori of Honolulu.

**Taniguchi, Mary Masaye, 91**, Los Angeles, Jan. 16; Waipahu, Hawaii-born; survived by daughters Helen K. (Dr. Harold) Wakamatsu and Reiko (Takashi) Watanabe; 2 gc. and 2 ggc.

**Terasaki, Yutaka "Tak," 89**; Denver, Jan. 10 service; Denver-born; national JACL vice president (1953-56) and twice Mile-Hi JACL chapter president; Denver Area Pharmacy Association president (1969) and Colorado State Board of Pharmacy member (1979-84); survived by wife Mitchie Futamata; daughters Alene Kiku Terasaki and Melanie (Chris) Froelich; 2 gc.; sisters Haruko Kobayashi and Yuriko Nogami; brothers Shoziro (Theresia) and Sam (Sara) Terasaki.

**Tsubota, Kimiko "Kay," 88**, Riverside, Jan. 2; Goshen-born; charter member of the Riverside JACL; survived by husband James; daughter Amy Oishi of Moreno Valley; son Gary of Riverside; sisters Hisako Abe of San Diego and Mary Nii of Dinuba; brothers Jim Fujii of Sacramento and Goro Fujii of Oklahoma.

**Tsujimoto, Richard K. "Choo-Choo," 79**, Los Angeles, Jan. 18; Los Angeles-born; WWII veteran; survived by wife Mitzi M.; daughters Trude Tsujimoto and Tammy (Todd) Sandberg; son Dr. Curt (Rebecca) Tsujimoto; 1 gc., and brothers Ted (Hisako) and Benny (Yoshiko) Tsujimoto. ■

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