JACL Kicks Off 75th Anniversary National Convention

By ANGELA LOVITT

The JACL officially kicked off the 75th Anniversary National Convention recently in a ceremony with City and County of Honolulu Mayor, Jeremy Harris.

The upcoming biennial convention will celebrate JACL’s 75 years of leading the way in ensuring diversity in America. Mayor Harris welcomed the JACL noting that Honolulu is the perfect place to celebrate the convention’s theme: “Our Legacy, Our Future: Ensuring Diversity in America.”

“Mayor Harris was a very gracious host,” said Convention Chair Susan Kitsu. “He was very supportive of the upcoming convention and welcomes the JACL convention attendees to Honolulu in August 2004!”

Joining Kitsu in the kickoff were: JACL Executive Director John Tateishi, Membership Coordinator Lucy Kishiue, Convention Consultant Larry Oda, and convention committee member Kalene Shim Sakamoto.

JACI Urges Franken to Apologize for Use of Racial Epithet, Asks Him to Remove Term From Book

By Pacific Citizen Staff


The term appears on page 342 of the book where Franken expresses concern about the “Bush Doctrine of Empowerment.” He states the term should be used to justify wars of aggression, not just by us, but by the Japs.

In letters to both Franken and publisher EP Dutton sent Feb. 24, the JACL expressed their outrage at the author’s insensitivity and lack of understanding of the racial slur.

“JACL recognizes that Mr. Franken often relies on hyperbole for comic effect, but we find it unacceptable to invoke racial epithets in the name of humor—or in any situation,” said JACL National President Floyd Mori. “We believe that Mr. Franken owes us an apology along with the removal of this term from his book.”

The term ‘Jap’ has historically been used to dehumanize persons of Japanese ancestry, especially during World War II when 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were forcibly interned, and the JACL believes that the term—even as an abbreviation—is inappropriate in any context.

“I am appalled at and insulted by the cavalier manner in which Mr. Franken demeaned the Japanese American community,” said JACL Executive Director John Tateishi.

“Rush Limbaugh described African Americans, the word ‘Jig’ has all the emotion and invective that the ‘N’ word does for African-Americans, and your use of it is egregiously insulting. There is simply no excuse for a humorist to employ such a term and belittle the entire Japanese American community for a cheap laugh.”

“I am further perplexed that in this day and age any writer or editor, regardless of political perspective, would even consider allowing such a word to be uttered, let alone published. Shame on Mr. Franken and his editor.”

Franken is also the author of “Rush Limbaugh Is a Big Fat Idiot and Other Observations” and “I’m Good Enough, I’m Smart Enough, and Doggone It, People Like Me!” In 2003 he served as a fellow with Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government at the Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy. He currently lives in New York City with his family.

Calls and e-mails to Al Franken’s publicist manager Jean Anne Rose for a comment were not returned. In letters of concern sent to Franken and EP Dutton, the JACL further explained their concerns.

“For Japanese Americans, the word ‘Jap’ has all the emotion and invective that the ‘N’ word does for African-Americans, and your use of it is egregiously insulting. There is simply no excuse for a humorist to employ such a term and belittle the entire Japanese American community for a cheap laugh.”

JA Community Marks 62nd Anniversary of WWII Internment With Day of Remembrance Ceremonies

By Pacific Citizen Staff

From Seattle to New York, the Japanese American community throughout the United States marked the 62nd anniversary of the forced World War II internment with Day of Remembrance ceremonies.

The national Day of Remembrance commemorates the signing of Executive Order 9066, legislation enacted by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Feb. 19, 1942, forcibly interning 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry in isolated camps throughout the West Coast during WWII.

“It is only in this country that we can talk about our past mistakes, learn from them, and work towards the future so that something like this does not happen again to any group of people,” said California State Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torrance. “We must continue to educate the public about the Japanese American experience during World War II.”

Nakano introduced Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 172 on Feb. 4, declaring Feb. 19 as a Day of Remembrance, to increase public awareness and to continue to educate California’s youth about the JA experience during WWII.

Nakano, who as a young child spent four years in internment camps with his family, also acknowledged members of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental

Yee’s Case Sparks Questions About Military Justice System

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON—James Yee, a Muslim chaplain in the Army, spent 76 days in a prison cell while authorities tried to build a capital espionage case against him. Now he is free, the most serious allegations replaced by lesser ones like adultery and possession of pornography, and the military justice system itself is on trial.

A preliminary hearing for Yee was recently postponed for a fifth time. Originally scheduled for Dec. 2, the hearing has been postponed so the Army can review classified documents in the case. Base officials said the hearing has been rescheduled for March 10.

Prosecutors aren’t saying much publicly about this case, but it’s apparent they are no longer pursuing charges of spying, which could carry the death penalty. Initial
Idaho Day of Remembrance

Former internees, community leaders, human rights activists, and historians were among those gathered in Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's office on Feb. 19 to observe the Day of Remembrance at the 61st annual ceremony. It was especially meaningful this year, as some Idaho residents were the first to oppose the opposing event. Yet Gov. Kempthorne abided by his promise to mark this observance annually.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2004 Idaho Day of Remembrance. This ceremony has grown from a handful of mostly locals to represent all 50 states, the state of Oregon, and now Seattle, Washington, with the attendance of Mary Yamada. Efforts by Gov. Kempthorne and his staff, Maya Hata Lovett of Sawtooth JACL, and Friends of Minidoka, Les Bock of the Idaho Human Rights Education Center; and President Robert Hirai of Boise Valley JACL, have ensured that this proclamation is heard.

Protecting human and civil rights and learning difficult lessons from our history — values that are inherent in the observance of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 which gave the U.S. government authority to imprison thousands of U.S. citizens and incarcerate them without due process. If this convention proceeds with familiarity, you might be thinking of the Patriot Act, and of the current and continuing need for vigilance and oversight. Even now we honor this day. Thank you all for participating.

Amos Toya, JACL legal counsel

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Letters to the Editor

Sawtooth Pocatello, ID

San- same marriage

San Francisco has become the focus of national and international attention for its support of same-sex marriage which many argue is illegal. A symbol of the city that it was not that long ago that it was illegal; yes illegal, for Japanese Americans to marry Whites, or Black Americans, or Chinese Americans, or anyone outside of the race.

It wasn't until 1967 that the Supreme Court struck down state prohibitions against gay marriages in the landmark case Loving v. Virginia. With this case, William Mariner, a plaintiff in the Philadelphia JACL chapter who was serving as JACL legal counsel at the time, became the first Nisei to ever argue before the Supreme Court.

Like race, one's sexual orientation cannot be "cured." That is, no one born as Japanese American, just as there is no "cure" for being gay or lesbian. Why do we need to create legal ground- lines to be disqualified from participating in marriage? Like the so-called "menace of interracial mar­riage," the "menace of same-sex marriage" is going to somehow threaten the fabric of our society? I think not.

There are all kinds of families at the wonderful preschool in San Francisco that my daughters attend: families that have two mon­keys, two daddies, step moms, step dads, adopted siblings, interracial and multiracial families. Those who think that being gay or lesbian dis­qualifies a person from becoming a loving parent should come visit the preschool.

Can you imagine being prohibit­ed from marrying the person you really, really, love, in order to have a family, to spend the rest of your days together? San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom is to be congratulated and supported for his courage to stand up against the laws for generations. to stand up against the discriminatory laws for generations. to stand up against the discriminatory laws for generations. to stand up against the discriminatory laws for generations.

In 1976, same-sex couples were subject to abridgement. Although we are unable to print all the letters we receive, we appreciate the interest and would appreciate the time to send us their comments.

Emile Menke
San Francisco
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UCLA's Asian American Studies Center Establishes Nation's First Endowed Chair Focusing on JA WWII Internment

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

The UCLA Asian American Studies Center has established the first endowed academic chair to focus on the World War II internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans. The chair, which is the first of its kind in American higher education, was created with the generous donation of two internment survivors: George and Sakaye Aratani. The George and Sakaye Aratani Chair on the Japanese American Internment, Redress and Community will also focus on the decades-long campaign to gain redress and a national apology, as well as the significant contributions made by the Japanese American World War II veterans.

"We are greatly honored that the Aratani's have endowed this academic chair," said Professor Don Nakajiri, director of the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. "It will ensure that the unjust removal and incarceration of thousands of Japanese Americans during World War II, as well as their extraordinary efforts to gain redress, will be taught to future generations of students at UCLA and will be the focus of continued research and public education by UCLA scholars for many years to come."

Re-Issued HHS Report Admits Disparities

Minority groups first suspected foul play late last year when HHS released a "National Healthcare Disparities Report" that downplayed the differences in healthcare received by racial and ethnic minorities and portrayed minority health care as comparable to or even better than that received by the general public.

Faced with public outcry by CAPAC, the Congressional Black Caucus, and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson acknowledged the reissuance of the report, declaring the reissued report a "victory for social justice" by minority advocacy groups. He used the occasion to call for congressional action on the "Healthcare Equality and Accountability Act" that would outlaw discrimination in health care.

The Go For Broke Educational Foundation was recognized by both branches of the Hawaii State Legislature with a special floor presentation March 2. The foundation was honored for its vigilance in educating the public on the sacrifices and contributions made by the Japanese American World War II veterans.

Attending the ceremony in Hawaii were: Christine Sato-Yamazaki, Foundation executive director; veterans Masashi Hirasaki, 522nd Field Artillery Battalion and Foundation co-chairman, and Ted Ohira, 422nd Regimental Combat Team and Foundation board member; Judy Nagasako, Hawaii Department of Education; and Karin Mackenzie, Ninei Veterans Endowed Forum Series, University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Since 1999 the Go For Broke Educational Foundation has been focused on its educational programming in California, specifically the history and heroism of the JA soldiers of WWI, as well as the forced evacuation and incarceration of JA veterans of WWII.

The Go For Broke Educational Foundation received a $5.5 million grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation as part of their "Soda Springs: A Community-Based Initiative on Veteran's Health Care" program. The funding will enable the Go For Broke Educational Foundation to bring its educational initiatives to communities across the country.

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By Associated Press

American Airlines Reaches Settlement with Muslim Man

AUSTIN—American Airlines has agreed to change its security procedures to settle a federal discrimination lawsuit filed by a Muslim passenger who was removed from a plane, a lawyer in the case said.

Airline spokesman Tim Wagner said the company makes every effort to complete security procedures before passengers are seated. "We're already in full compliance with what settlement requires," Wagner said.

American Airlines has faced similar lawsuits in other states. The company notified its passengers, as required by a similar complaint filed by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Wagner said.

By Associated Press

National Newsbytes

example of American Dream

Nicholaus Magno, a Filipino American woman who was missing for months until her decomposing body was found recently at the United States Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Conn., was remembered as an accomplished but selfless businesswoman pursuing the American dream.

Nicholaus was living in Groton with her family, including her husband, Joseph Magno, and their two children, ages 8 and 12. She was reported missing on Jan. 31 after she failed to pick up her children from their school.

FBI arrested an imposter on Feb. 8 who had been posing as Nicholaus at the school. The imposter was held without bail on charges of larceny.

Nicholaus is survived by her husband and two children, who were rescued by the police. The children will be placed with relatives.

By Associated Press

Fang Family Sells San Francisco Examiner

The Fang family said on Tuesday it will sell its controlling interest in the San Francisco Examiner to the owner of the Charlotte Observer, a newspaper in North Carolina, for more than $20 million.

The Fang family has owned the Examiner for nearly a half century and is one of the few Chinese families to become wealthy in the United States. The Fang family's ownership of the Examiner has been a source of pride for the Chinese American community.

The deal provided the Fang family with an estimated $9 million profit, after paying $4 million in legal fees and other expenses.

The Fang family, which owns 75 percent of the Examiner, will continue to own 25 percent of the newspaper.

The deal is expected to close in the next few weeks, and the new owner is expected to keep the Examiner's current management team.

By Associated Press

Protests Bristow, R.I.—College Republicans rejected by Brown University awarded a "whites-only" scholarship to a 20-year-old junior Feb. 18 as a number of students protested the decision by turning their backs to the stage.

About three dozen students, many of them members of the multicultural student union, turned their backs to the stage as Adam Noda, a junior at Westminster, Mass., accepted the $320 award.

The group created the scholarship in order to make a statement in opposition to affirmative action policies. The group's leader, Jason Mattera, said they succeeded.

Applicants were required to write an essay about why they're proud of your white heritage. Student leaders approved.

It drew both an outpouring of support and stern criticism, even among Republicans; the state Republican Party has criticized the $250 scholarship for having "racial overtones.

Noda, who pays for his own college expenses, said he would use the money for textbooks that he has been unable to afford.

The subsidy is already gone," said Wagner.

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Manzanar Launches New Website in Anticipation of April Grand Opening

BY EMILY TERUYA

In a university setting, I sometimes can’t help but feel I’m doing “pure” research. I have to at least the way Vine Deloria describes it: “Doing pure research is a body of knowledge absolutely devoid of useful application and incapable of meaningful digestion.” Deloria is definitely one of my favorite authors because he is so straightforward and deeply satirical. He’s a lawyer, educator, and Native American scholar. Unlike many theorists, Deloria actually addresses problems and offers solutions; he deftly calls out for action among youth.

One reason for writing the book was to stir Native American youth so they can raise issues that they have not yet raised for themselves. And in some ways, I think, IACEL and the Pacific Citizen in particular stir its youth. At least, I hope this forum serves as a place for other youth to come, to share their stories, to discuss, to be inspired, and to be challenged. Deloria begins his book by discussing the history of Native American issues as it relates to the movement for self-respect — and I believe we must consider this literature, Deloria believes, as “Academia, and its by-products, continue to be more irrelevant to the needs of the people.” And, I sense many members feel this is the case with JACEL.

Therefore, I share Deloria’s opinion that they say, if academics (or in this case JACEL and its members) were to devote the time, money, and energy that has been devoted to the problems they ask and create instead of continually setting them down, there would be no problems to talk about.

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Mile-Hi Chapter

The JACL Mile-Hi chapter recently held its "Strength Through Diversity" installation dinner and fundraising event with more than 200 members and guests in attendance. Keynoting the event was Dr. Dorothy Enomoto, a former classmate and co-coaledictor with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Enomoto spoke of discrimination and how deeply it "scars the soul and destroys hope." Enomoto herself rose through the ranks of the California Department of Corrections to become the first African American woman to be named deputy director within the department.

Enomoto complemented the Japanese American community for rising in support of the Muslim and Arab American communities. She urged everyone to continue to "work together ... in pursuit of justice and liberty."

Florin chapter members Frank and Joanne Iritani, authors of "Ten Visits," were honored for their many years of community service and for the impact they have made in areas of social justice, human relations, and preserving the legacy of JACL.

Guest speaker at the event was Dr. Gordon Nakagawa, CSU Northridge communications studies professor and interim chair of the American Studies department. He spoke about the growing diversity in the American Nikkei community.

"We (in JACL) must embrace this diversity," said Nakagawa. Though JACL membership appears to be dwindling, he believes JACL is still viable because of its civil rights stance. "There will be a Japanese American community in the 21st century and we have an opportunity to decide the direction and shape of our community," he said.

CONTEST (Continued from page 5)

should try to describe, based on personal experience, the ways in which MIS service affected the Japanese occupation. The entry could, for example, describe in detail the following: 1. Volunteer services or other contributions that were provided to the Japanese in the area where assigned; 2. Situations where language and cultural knowledge helped in the performance of duties; 3. Letters or other commendations received from Japanese officials, and the circumstances that occasioned their receipt; 4. Development of personal friendships with local Japanese, and whether they have continued over time; 5. Revisions of Jigun after the occupation duty, and recollection of such visits.

Judgment criteria: Entries will be judged on content and substance. The judgment of the contest committee shall be final.

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Shinzen USA Nikkei Youth Goodwill Basketball Program Begins 2004 Coach Selection

The Shinzen USA Nikkei Youth Goodwill Program recently announced its program for 2004 coach selection. The selected coaches will participate in an 18-month program, from April 2004 to September 2005, which will include the hosting of Japanese youth in August 2004, and traveling to Japan in August 2005.

Shinzen in Japanese means goodwill, or international amity. Shinzen is a unique program which provides youth in the community with the rare opportunity to personally affect Japan's youth, while learning about the United States and Japan.

Applications for Shinzen team coaches are now being accepted and must be submitted by March 12 in order to be considered for review. To receive an application or for further information, contact JCCCNC at jcccnc@jcccnc.org.

BASEBALL
Toronto: More Power Not Needed From Matsui

TAMPA, Florida-New York Yankees manager Joe Torre says his outfielder Hideki Matsui just the way he is.

A three-time home run champion during his career overseas, Yomiuri Giants of Japan's Central League, Matsui hit 287 with 16 home runs and 106 RBIs during his first season with the Yankees in 2003. When asked recently if he's expecting more power from Matsui 2003.

"He's such a good hitter and good planner as far as having an at-bat, I don't want him to mess with anything," Torre said. "I liked exactly what we got last year. A guy who is able to pick a pitch from a pitcher and do something with it.

Matsui, who hit .335 with runners in scoring position. His average with the bases loaded was an even .429.

"To me, if you hit a home run with nobody on base or hit a single with a man on second base, it's one RBI," Torre said. "I just like the fact when he comes up men on base, he knows what to do."
Fred touched the lives of so many of us during his lifetime and in so many different ways. These thoughts were in the minds and hearts of some 400 people who mourned his unexpected death Feb. 12 at memorial services held Feb. 20 at the United Japanese Christian Church in Clovis. Fred Y. Hirasuna, 96, had been a lifelong stalwart in JACL, an organization founded in 1929. When JACL met in Seattle in 1930 for its first national convention to ratify its constitution, Fred was there as a delegate along with Tom Kamae and Yoshio Honda from the Fresno American Loyalty League. Fresno was one of the eight founding chapters of national JACL in 1929.

Today, national JACL celebrates its 75th year at the Biennial Convention XXXVIII in Honolulu this August.

After the service, we met with Earl Honda of Fowler, whose grandfather Yoshio Honda was also a delegate with Fred at the 1930 Seattle convention. They had driven up to Seattle in Yosh’s car, and if there were any problems with the vehicle, Fred wasn’t worried since Yosh was an auto mechanic.

Fred was a true Stalwart, especially to those who disagreed with his opinions on the national council floor. But we all recognized his logic and for being forthright.

A constitutional issue has faced national JACL for many years, especially during the postwar years when Issei citizenship was being pushed, and I understand again at the forthcoming convention in Honolulu, is full JACL membership rights to “special members” (aliens).

The issue became moot to have alien Issei serve as full-fledged JACLers for they could, as Fred reminded, become citizens with the passage of the Walter-McCarran Act of 1952.

Here are Fred’s verbatim remarks from the 1950 convention minutes in San Diego: “I’ve been a member of this organization for a long time. And one of the principles of the organization is that it is an organization of citizens. There is no reason why a resident of this country who intends to stay here and work here cannot apply for citizenship and get his citizenship, and then he has every right to vote in this organization.

“In our Fresno chapter, we have what we call associate memberships. And we have associate members who are not citizens. They are members but they cannot vote because they don’t have citizenship, and I think that’s a very, very reasonable thing to do.

“We invite them to become associate members because they believe in the purposes of our organization, but as our friend from Japan said: ‘If their interest is in this country, then there is no reason why they should not apply for citizenship and become voters.’”

This issue was hotly debated. Doug Utani of the Riverside chapter added: “I have some problems. [But] imagine 10 years from now, we talk U.S.-Japan trade relations and other issues dealing with us as American citizens. Imagine the news media coming to our district governor, to our National President, and finding out that the individual is not an American citizen. Picture that!”

Floyd Mori of the Mt. Olympus chapter and current national president said: “[I] think it’s time that JACL recognize that we are a civil rights organization and that we should not have second-class membership within our organization. I have been a member of the League of Women Voters in the past, and I am not a woman. I have been a member of the NAACP and I’m not black. And we do have members within our organization who are not Japanese American, who have held office, have been chapter presidents.

“And I think we should simply recognize that there are people in our society, be they citizens or not, who are interested to promote the same kind of objectives and goals and can add talent, can add perspective, and can add, yes, membership to our organization. I urge each of you to consider this: that the JACL opens its membership to all people, whatever color, religion, creed, or nationality they might be.”

The proposal was defeated: 40 ayes, 20 nays. The amendment needed three-quarters affirmative vote. Fred’s voice was quiet after the vote, but when I read his letters to the editor his pen was mightier than a sword, “loud and clear.”

During the memorial services the family showed a video of Fred being interviewed in 1998. Rev. Kay Sakaguchi, the elder minister, showed a 12-minute segment and his eldest son Alan, of San Clemente, shared one forceful bit of Fred in action. Fred was giving his opinion on the constitutional rights of the Heart Mountain men of conscience, as they are known today. As daughter Joanne Kagiwada, now of Oakland, remarked in words of appreciation from the family, there were so many stories to tell and share.

During the reception in the church hall, there was an “open mike” for friends to step forward and recall anecdotes and memories.

While I didn’t step up, I recall Fred as an indefatigable convention participant ever since the first convention in Seattle. Of course, rural chapters in Central California in the summer were too busy to leave their farms and relied on Fred’s good judgment to represent them. He was the only voting delegate with the most proxies — as many as ten at times. The national council felt it was not “cricket” (dad’s jargon for “correct”) for a single delegate to have that many proxies. The honor- able thing to do, Fred countered, was to hold national conventions in the winter when things were quiet on the farm.

Thanks Fred, for the memories.

**Very Truly Yours**

Harry K. Honda

Fred Y. Hirasuna, 96: JACL Stalwart or Maverick

**COMMENTARY**

Long-Term Care Planning Helps Family Caregivers

By KARL KIM

Most Americans know they want to live in their own home when they need long-term care. However, they have given no thought as to how to pay for this care. And most government programs do not cover home-based care. The bottom line is this: most in-home caregiving is provided by family members and friends.

Two-thirds of family caregivers are working outside of the home,” says John Paul Morosy, author of “ElderCare: A Six-Step Guide to Balancing Family and Work.” Studies show the typical family caregiver is a 46-year old woman with a kid in middle school, who is also juggling a job.

What’s the one piece of advice employees who are caregivers should have? Be aware that when you are involved in long-term care for an elderly relative, you are taking on a second job,” says Morosy. “You need training, information, and support.”

Two sources of help are often overlooked by family caregivers: The Family Medical Leave Act allows for up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to help a family member. Fathers use the Act to stay home with a newborn, workers use the Act to be with a terminally ill spouse. But family caregivers should know that the leave can be taken in small increments — for example, four hours, to accompany a parent to a doctor’s appointment. This federal law applies to workplaces with 50-plus employees.

The Eldercare Locator is a national FREE public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging. It has existed since 1991, and helps people locate aging services in every community throughout the United States. Call Eldercare Locator toll-free, at 1-800-677-1116, and visit them on the web at www.ElderCare.gov.

Does your loved one want to stay at home? Is that safe for them, and a good choice for their family members? Does the senior qualify for programs that can supplement family care? Can they afford to pay for supplemental care? Often, a senior is able to stay at home, with a working family caregiver, as long as their need for help can be scheduled — as in dressing, eating, and bathing. Once until they need help with activities that can’t be scheduled (confines, transferring/mobility), they need either round-the-clock home care or facility care. Many seniors end up in facilities simply because they cannot afford round-the-clock home care.

Long-term care is a multi-dimensional problem. It can also be an incredible opportunity for the caregiver to grow, and emotionally connect with the prior generation. But no one should have to go it alone. Your financial advisor can be a great resource for local professionals such as geriatric care managers and attorneys who can help. Call upon this same advisor to plan now for how you will pay for your own long-term care.

Karl Kim, president of Retirement Planners, Inc., is a certified senior advisor and is certified in long-term care. He is a specialist in Medi-Cal and long-term care planning.

**Beware... The winds of March...**
Year 1994, the Japan American Citizens League (JACL) announced the 1994 Nikkei Community Internship Program. The program runs from June 26 through August 19. Interns spend four days a week working on Nikkei community organizing projects in various areas such as day care, cultural training, and community development. Interns will receive an educational stipend of up to $2,000. Applicants must be age 18 by the start of the program, have a strong interest in community work and a desire to develop leadership skills. Applications are due by March 26.

JACL was established in 1910 to promote friendly relations between the American and Japanese people. It promotes important legislation, such as the 1988 War Claims Act, which provides compensation to Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II. JACL supports arts and education, and serves as a strong voice for increased understanding and appreciation of Japanese American heritage. It is affiliated with the National Association of Black Social Workers in Japan.
March 16--Portland Taiko in Theater, George Mason University
Sun., June 20--Sharnisen Recital; 8 p.m.; Finney Chapel, College Mason Hall, 550 N. Harvard, Richmond, VA
Sat., April 3--Contra Costa JACL to Dedicate for the Manzanar National Historical Site Interpretive Center and Park Headquarters; details at www.manzanarcommittee.org; Entertainment: Kiyohiko Semba of the religious and social significance of Tomodachi (English speaking); Ikebana; 1st Sunday: Kabuki Appreciation Group, 3rd Sunday: Peninsula Widowers Group; 4th Sunday: Movieic: Fishing Club; Chinese Karaoke (Karaoke) Groups, Shigin Group: Japanese books and video tapes. Info: 916/434-2973.
TULE LAKE
Fri., March 12--0n Ensemble's First Concert; 8 p.m.; College Mason Hall, 550 N. Harvard, Richmond, VA
MANZANAR
Sat., April 24--35th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage and Grand Opening; 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; San Fernando JACL, call Tak topia: 510/718-5102; www.manzanarcommittee.org; Dedication for the Manzanar National Historical Site Interpretive Center and Park Headquarters; details at www.manzanarcommittee.org; Entertainment: Kiyohiko Semba of the religious and social significance of Tomodachi (English speaking); Ikebana; 1st Sunday: Kabuki Appreciation Group, 3rd Sunday: Peninsula Widowers Group; 4th Sunday: Movieic: Fishing Club; Chinese Karaoke (Karaoke) Groups, Shigin Group; Japanese books and video tapes. Info: 916/434-2973.
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Wed., March 24--Pacific Asian Museum's World Environment for the Internet Era: "Explore the Internet" (Saturday) at the Claremont Resort and Community College; info: www.pasadenacherryblossom.org.
PASADENA
Sat.-Sun., April 3-4--2004 Pasadena Cherry Blossom Festival; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Victory Park, 2575 Paloma St.
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Murata and Sue (George) Uyeki; Thomas (Akiko) and Edward (Alice); Elk Grove; stepdaughter-in-law Michael (Dena), both of Lodi; step­ Angeles, Feb. 13; Sacramento-born Leslie Nakagawa of Santa Clara; Doris (George) Sasaki; of Japan .

Greendale, Wis., Jan. 8; Wisconsin Haruye Hamai and Sadaye (Katsuto) Mountain and Tille Lake internee; Kimura of Japan. survived by sons Roy and Mike; daughters Yuri (John) (Toshiko) Masuda; sisters-in-law Shigemi and Satoko (Sam) Ikeda and Sadako (Hisashi) Nishimura; brothers Teruo (Tomie) Hamada, Minoru (Michi­

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Burial arrangements are being handled by the Kino Mortuary, 307 East Seventh Street, Los Angeles 90012. Henry Fumio, 89, Los Angeles, Feb. 5; Los Angeles-born; survived by husband Henry; son John; daughters Kay Shinagawa, and sisters Mrs. Kazue, Mrs.olatile, and Mary Sato. Sasaki, 79, Los Angeles, Feb. 5; Los Angeles-born; survived by sons Alan (Barbara) and David (Nadine); 3 gc.; sister Doris Masunaga; and brother James (April) Shimoda.

Donations may be addressed to the American National Museum, 1250 Eighth St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American National Museum.

Ina Iwakawa, 81, Arcadia, Feb. 19; Arcadia-born; survived by husband Samuel; sons Robert and Ralph; sisters Mrs. Yoko (Shoji) Fujii; Minoru (Nobi) of Puyallup, Wash.; and Chiyoko Hung of Salt Lake City; and his daughter Kate Robert and Emily Tomi.

In the case of Louie, the county attorney and the county board of supervisors, among others, are providing some legal assistance. Mr. Agnes, Arthur (Isuko) and Bill (Kyo) Nishisugi, and Mary (Kazuo) Kurashige and Ethel Oda; brothers­

Donald YOSHIKAZU

The compilation appears on the previous pages or on this page attached to the front of the newspaper. This article is a classified advertisement which appears in a timely manner so that the family or friends may have ample opportunity to plan for the burial service.
VIDEO

SeabrookFarmers Remembered: A Unique Chapter in American History
By Charles Harrison Two Cs Media, LLC $18.95

This VHS video depicts a unique time and place in New Jersey history. There is a brief section on Japanese Americans who worked at Seabrook during and after World War II.

A VHS copy can be ordered for $18.95 (includes handling and postage). Checks should be made to Two Cs Media, LLC and mailed to P.O. Box 102, Woodstown, NJ 08096; tel: 856/769-3664. Expect delivery in 4-6 weeks.

FICTION

The Guin Saga Book One: The Leopard Mask
By Kaoru Kurimoto Translated by Alexander O. Smith and Elye J. Alexander Vertical 240 pp., $22.95 hardback

When Kenzô Kurimoto announced that “The Leopard Mask” was the first of a 100 installment fantasy series, many were incredulous. Eighty-eight installments later, and over 5 million copies sold in Japan, “The Guin Saga” is brought to English readers this summer through Vertical press. The epic starts with the militaristic duty of Mongaul conquering Remus, who are saved by a kingdom’s surviving royalty are the young twins, Rinda and Ichizô, who are saved by a creature with a man’s body and a leopard’s head. The creature has just emerged from a deep sleep, and remembers only its name - Guin. When Ny and her family suffer through the Pol Pot regime, she confronts the truths of how to transcend the suffering caused by man’s inhumanity to man.

After the Quake
By Haruki Murakami Translated by Jay Rubin Knopf 181 pp., $21 hardback

Haruki Murakami’s latest collection of short stories was written in response to the devastating 1995 Kobe earthquake and the deadly sarin nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway. As in his past works of fiction, Murakami has the ability to suspend reality even if the plots seem absurd on the surface. For example, in the short story “Super-Frog Saves Tokyo,” Murakami has a giant talking frog occupy the home of a lonely loan officer. Underneath this absurdity, Murakami is able to show the fragility of life.

Non-Fiction

Japanese Netsuke
By Harry N. Abrams
176 pp., $21.95 paperback

This is the first book on the Victoria & Albert Museum’s extensive collection of netsuke. Netsuke are small containers once used in Japan to store items of everyday use in the absence of pockets. The utilitarian nature of the netsuke soon became subject to artistic design, and today, they are prized collector’s items. The book traces the history of the netsuke and includes background on the origins, techniques, sources of designs and patterns of craftsmanship.

Searching for the Uncommon Common Ground: New Dimensions of Race in America
By Angela Glorise Blackwell, Stewart Kwoh & Manuel Pastor W.W. Norton & Company 224 pp., $15.95

The authors of this book address the challenges of race and examine the material steps necessary for economic and social equality. Among the specific issues discussed are: what is our vision of racial equality in the United States?; how should the criminal justice system be reformed so as to achieve greater social justice?; how can we develop a fair immigration and immigrant policy? and how do we develop the best leaders for our multicultural America.

Inventing Japan: 1853-1964
By Ian Buruma Modern Library 187 pp., $19.95 paperback

Ian Buruma chronicles the swift rise to modernity in Japan: from a feudalistic society to the wealthy, Western-style capitalist democracy, which enjoyed a stretch of economic growth that made it the envy of the world. Buruma begins with Commodore Matthew C. Perry’s voyage to Japan in 1853. From that period, Buruma follows the historic period from 1920 to 1932, known in Japan as Ero (erotic) Guro (grotesque) Nansensu (non-sense); Japan’s decision to attack Pearl Harbor; the United States’s atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; and the World War II post-war poverty. The book culminates with the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo. That year, Japan won 16 gold medals—a total surpassed only by the United States and the Soviet Union.

Four Sisters of Hofei: A History
By Aming Chin Schirmer 300 pp., $25 hardback

Now in their late 80s and 90s, the Chang sisters lived through a century of historic change in China. This book, which utilizes documents, letters, diaries, family histories, poetry, journals and interviews, shapes the story of one family to give insight into the old Chinese society, as well as its transition into the new. The Chang sisters inherited from their father their belief in the virtues of modern education. From their mother, they learned about the human spirit and the art of finding an appropriate path. The nurse named the uneducated women from the Hofei countryside—contributed their own opinions on broken ways.

The sisters are: Yuan-ho, who broke tradition to marry an actor; Yun-ho, who survived the most violent decades of Communist rule; Chao ho, who married one of China’s greatest novelists; and Chi-ung-ho, who was raised by her devout Buddhist grandfaunt and steeped in China’s classical arts.

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