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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 Kitsui. "He was very supportive of the upcoming convention and welcomes the JACL convention attendees to Honolulu in August 2004!"

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

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(L-r): Convention Consultant Larry Oda, JACL Executive Director John Tateishi, City and County of Honolulu Mayor Jeremy Harris, JACL Membership Coordinator Lucy Kishiue, Convention Chair Susan Kitsui, and convention committee member Kalene Shim Sakamoto.

Inouye Announces Campaign for Eighth Term in U.S. Senate

By JAYMES SONG
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU—Saying there is unfinished business, Daniel Inouye formally announced his candidacy Feb. 19 for his eighth term in the U.S. Senate.

The 79-year-old Democrat has served in Congress since Hawaii became a state in 1959 and is the third most senior member of the U.S. Senate, behind Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., and Edward Kennedy, D-

Massachusetts.

Inouye said many people are talking about politicians and "special interests" in Washington right now.

"As far as I'm concerned, you are all very special to me. You are my special interests, and I'm going to do everything possible," he

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

By Pacific Citizen Staff

The JACL isn't happy about author Al Franken's use of the racial term 'Jap' in his book, "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them," and is asking for an immediate apology and removal of the word.

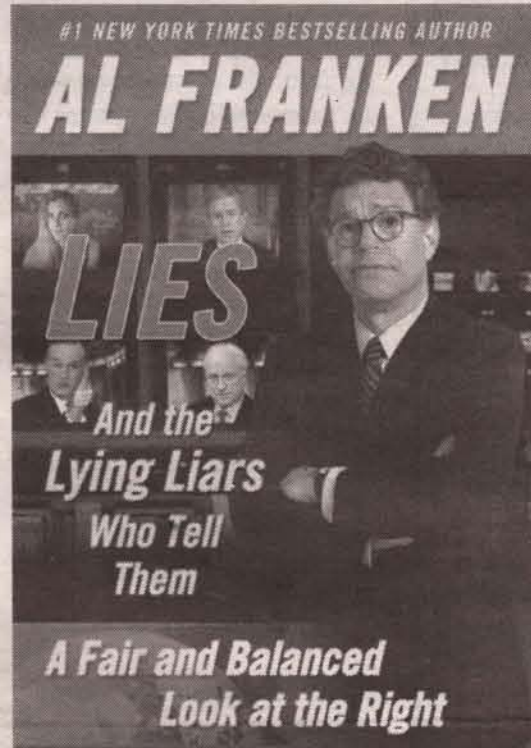
The term appears on page 342 of the book where Franken expresses concern about the "Bush Doctrine of preemption" because "it could be used to justify wars of aggression, not just by us, but by the Japs."

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 comedic emphasis, 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. "That word is charged with all the ugliness of the worst kinds of racial slurs hurled as verbal assaults by narrow-minded bigots. It should never 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 publicity 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.

"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. I can only assume that you are unaware that the word 'Jap' is a slur which evokes the worst kind of racial prejudices and which Japanese Americans find highly repugnant." ■

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 dur-

ing 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

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Yee's Case Sparks Questions About Military Justice System

By Associated Press
and Pacific Citizen Staff

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.

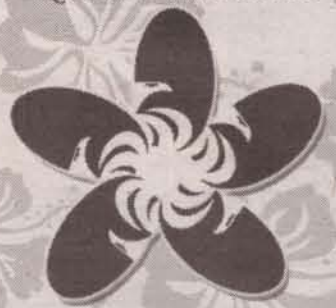
A preliminary hearing for Yee

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

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CONVENTION

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The opening ceremonies for the convention will welcome each registrant, their families and friends with a traditional Hawaiian welcoming ceremony. National and internationally renowned speakers will take part in a variety of workshops discussing current issues that impact America's road to diversity, including: hate crimes, cultural heritage, the U.S.A Patriot Act, Hapa and multi-ethnic Issues; the Native Hawaiian right to self determination, and more.

Of special note is the Aha 'Opio, or Youth Diversity Summit, and youth luncheon, which represent an investment in our youth — providing them with education and training for leadership development and advocacy. The youth will convene to discuss issues pertinent to their generation, and to develop the skills that will be necessary to engage them in the future. A job fair will enhance the ability of the youth to be an active part in an ever-changing world. Special guests will also be featured at the youth luncheon.

A number of special events will set the convention apart, including: the Waikiki welcome mixer on Aug. 10, the Hawaiian lūau on Aug. 11, the veterans tribute ceremony and luncheon as well as the obon dance on Aug. 13, and of course, the signa-

ture sayonara banquet to be held on Aug. 14.

The JACL Hawai'i (Honolulu) chapter has also arranged several outings that will allow participants to get out and about, permitting attendees to enjoy the unique culture of Hawai'i, including: The Bishop Museum, Circle Island tour, Diamond Head hike, fun in the sun at Sea Life Park, Hawai'i's night skies (telescope star gazing), historic Chinatown walking tour and dim sum lunch, Honolulu Academy of Arts (museum visit and lunch), and Iolani Palace and historic Honolulu walking tour.

There will also be the Lyon Arboretum & the Willows Restaurant buffet lunch, Outrigger Catamaran sunset sail, Pearl Harbor, Arizona Memorial, and National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Polynesian Cultural Center, Queen Emma Summer Palace and East O'ahu tour, wave riding in Waikiki, and surfing lessons and outrigger canoeing with the Waikiki Beach Boys.

For more information, visit the convention website: www.jacl-hawaii.org. Don't miss out on what promises to be a truly special event.

Angela Lovitt is a member of the JACL 75th anniversary convention's marketing and public relations committee.

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said.

Accompanied by his wife, Maggie, Inouye made the announcement before 2,200 supporters at a sold-out \$150-a-plate fund-raiser at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Among those in attendance were fellow Democrats U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka, congressmen Neil Abercrombie and Ed Case and former governors George Ariyoshi, John Waihee and Ben Cayetano.

Inouye, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and the first Japanese American to serve in Congress, thanked his supporters and his wife, while sharing the virtues his parents left him.

His mother's advice to him was "Shut your mouth and open your ears," while his father's was "Do something about it."

Inouye said he lives by those words.

Inouye is expected to easily win his bid for his eighth term. No challengers have surfaced.

Inouye said he has never taken a vacation because he is a workaholic.

"One of these days my bride of 55 years and I are going to spend one

week in Hawaii as tourists," Inouye said. "But there's a lot of unfinished business. That's one of the main reasons I'd like to stick around."

Inouye said he wants to be around to see the \$650 million development of Ford Island. He also wants to see sovereignty restored for Hawaiians.

"I want to be here when that mission is complete," he said. "It's going to be done."

For four decades, Inouye has overseen billions of federal dollars into Hawaii's economy and has been the state's most visible politician on the national stage. He gained national attention in the 1970s as a member of the Watergate Committee, which led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon. In 1987, he served as chairman of the Iran-Contra Committee.

Inouye was elected to public office on his first try in 1954 and has never lost an election. After serving in the territorial House and Senate, he was elected to Congress in 1959 and became a U.S. senator in 1962.

Inouye lost his right arm during combat in World War II as a member of the mostly JA 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor.

Letters to the Editor

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 for the third annual ceremony. It was especially meaningful this year, as some Idaho residents wrote letters to the editor opposing the 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 representation throughout the state, Oregon, and now Seattle, Washington, with the attendance of May Yamada. Efforts by Gov. Kempthorne and his staff; Maya Hata Lemmon 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 — these goals are inherent in the observance of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 which gave the U.S. government authority to uproot thousands of U.S. citizens and incarcerate them without due process. If this last sentence resonates with familiarity, you might be thinking of the Patriot Act, and of the current and continuing need for vigilance and oversight. Even now U.S. citizens and residents are being held without due process in Guantanamo, labeled suspicious persons.

Even as our children's history books slowly begin to document the Japanese American internment — that it was a terrible mistake requiring a government apology and financial redress — we see the possibility of Patriot Act II, with more sweeping authority and less attention to civil rights.

For these reasons as well as to remember that original fateful act, we honor this day. Thank you all for events and activities in observance of the Day of Remembrance throughout the United States.

Micki Kawakami
Pocatello-Blackfoot and

Sawtooth Chapter
Pocatello, ID

Same-sex Marriage

San Francisco has become the focus of national and international attention for its support of same-sex marriage which many argue is illegal. I'd like to remind our readers that it was not that long ago that it was illegal, yes illegal, for Japanese Americans to marry Whites, or Blacks, or Chinese Americans, or anyone outside of the race.

It wasn't until 1967 that the Supreme Court struck down state prohibitions against interracial marriages in the landmark case *Loving v. Virginia*. With this case, William Marutani, a pillar of 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, there is no "cure" for being Asian American, just as there is no "cure" for being gay or lesbian. Why do some argue that sexual orientation is grounds 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 mommies, 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, truly 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 extraordinary leadership. It is time for us, as members of a community that has been subjected to discriminatory laws for generations, to stand up for the civil and human rights of others.

Emily Moto Murase
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.



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, which culminated with the passage of the 1988 Civil Liberties Act. In addition, the chair will examine the historical and contemporary trends and issues facing the JA population.

"The purpose of the chair is to ensure the World War II incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans, as well as their subsequent efforts, will always be remembered, taught and written about for generations," said George Aratani. "There are many important lessons that Americans and other peoples can learn so that similar tragedies never happen again."

Aratani ran his family's Central Valley farm, farm equipment, shipping and packing businesses prior to

WWII. He estimated that he lost approximately \$20 million when he was forced into the Gila River, Ariz. camp and left the business to non-Japanese associates. He ended up losing most of it but never sued his partners.

"If the president of the United States could put us behind barbed wire, what chance would I have in court when the war was going on?" he said.

He later became wealthy by founding Mikasa Dinnerware and Kenwood Electronics, two internationally recognized corporations.

Over the years, George and his wife Sakaye, who was interned in the Poston, Ariz., camp, have made significant contributions to numerous nonprofit organizations and edu-

cational institutions. Aratani, 86, estimated that he and his wife have donated more than \$10 million to JA causes, ranging from politicians to museums, sports programs and retirement homes.

"We are greatly honored that the Aratanis have endowed this academic chair," said Professor Don Nakanishi, 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 campaign 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

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has reissued its report on disparities in health care for minorities after minority groups complained of omissions in the original report, accusing the department of "whitewashing" the document for political reasons.

U.S. Rep. Mike Honda, D-Calif., chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), declared 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 of 2003," a bill introduced last year that seeks to eliminate health disparities by the end of the decade.

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 omissions and re-released the original report.

Currently, the "Healthcare Equality and Accountability Act" is awaiting action in committee. ■

Go For Broke Educational Foundation Recognized by Hawaii State Legislature

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 of the sacrifices and contributions made by the Japanese American World War II veterans.

Leading the effort to recognize the Foundation were Senators Norman Sakamoto (15th District) and Carol Fukunaga (11th District) and Representatives Roy Takumi (36th District) and K. Mark Takai (34th District).

Attending the ceremony in Hawaii were: Christine Sato-Yamazaki, Foundation executive director; veterans Manabi 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, Nisei 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 heroism and history of the JA soldiers of WWII, as well as the forced evacuation and incarceration of JAs and civil liberties issues raised by those events. Currently the

Foundation's educational initiatives include: An American Story Teacher Training Program, Hanashi Oral History Program, www.GoForBroke.org educational Web site, and Resource Center.

The Foundation has expanded its educational programming to Hawaii. In December 2003, the Educational Foundation, working with Hawaii's Department of Education, conducted teacher training workshops in Oahu, Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai. Using its "A Tradition of Honor" teachers guide, the Educational Foundation trained 65 high school teachers on the importance and significance of the JA veterans of WWII's contributions.

In 1989 JA WWII veterans established the 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Memorial Foundation, which today operates as the Go For Broke Educational Foundation to build the Go For Broke Monument. The Go For Broke Monument is an eternal tribute to the heroics of the segregated JA units: 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, MIS (Military Intelligence Service) and the many other men and women who served overseas during WWII.

The monument is located in the Little Tokyo district of downtown Los Angeles at Temple and Alameda Streets. For more information, go to www.GoForBroke.org. ■

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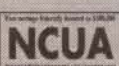


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American Airlines Reaches Settlement with Muslim Man

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 employees told Mohammed Ahmed Ali that he and his three children were removed from a Sept. 29, 2001, flight in Austin because of his name, which is of Muslim and Southeast Asian descent, said Wayne Krause, a lawyer with the Texas Civil Rights Project.

Ahmed was on his way to Chicago for a funeral. The airline agreed to pay him \$1,500 to make up for costs associated with delay and other damages, Krause said.

Under the settlement announced

Feb. 26, American Airlines also agreed to change its procedures to make sure security questions are handled before a passenger is sitting on the plane. It said it would train employees in a company-wide policy against racial and religious profiling in security decisions.

It also sent Ahmed an apology letter.

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 the settlement requires," Wagner said.

American Airlines has faced similar lawsuits in other states. The company is nearing a resolution to a similar complaint filed by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Wagner said. ■

APAs in the News

Awards, Appointments, Announcements

Ted Hong, the state's chief labor negotiator and a University of Hawaii Board of Regents member, was nominated by Gov. Linda Lingle recently to serve as a Circuit Court judge on the Big Island. However, the required confirmation by the state Senate could be "controversial" because of questions raised over his temperament, according to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairwoman Colleen Hanabusa, whose committee will schedule a confirmation hearing. Hong, 46, was named by Lingle in December 2002 to serve as the state's chief negotiator. In May she gave him an interim appointment to the UH Board of Regents. Hong

was in private practice in Hilo prior to joining the Lingle administration.

Kathryn Fujita was recently nominated for a Touching the Heart Award for her work as a second grade teacher. She currently teaches at Silver Spur Elementary School in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District in California. The Touching the Heart Awards are given to teachers who are making a difference in their communities. The awards are sponsored by Bright Start Educational Consultants, a national company who trains parents on literacy, personal wellness, and effective parenting. ■

Fang Family Sells San Francisco Examiner

By Associated Press
and Pacific Citizen Staff

SAN FRANCISCO—A little more than three years after the Fang family made headlines with their purchase of the *San Francisco Examiner*, they have decided to sell the paper which has experienced a decrease in circulation and dwindling profits.

Billionaire investor and Qwest Communications founder Phil Anschutz has agreed to buy the troubled newspaper, promising to restore some of the newspaper's lost glory.

Under the agreement announced Feb. 19, Anschutz will also get *The Independent*, a profitable neighborhood giveaway paper, as well as Grant Printing Co. where the papers are produced. Current publisher Florence Fang retains ownership of the newspaper *Asian Week* and *Chinese TV Guide*. Anschutz also assumes control of the popular Bay to Breakers race sponsored by the *Examiner*.

Anschutz is paying \$20 million, according to a source close to the deal who spoke with The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The *Examiner's* circulation dropped from 303,000 in 1965 to 96,000 when Hearst turned over the paper to the Fang family in November 2000. Florence Fang and her family took control of the paper from the Hearst Corp. in November 2000 in a deal that helped Hearst gain antitrust approval of its \$660 million purchase of the much-larger *Chronicle*.

The deal provided the Fang family with a \$66.7 million subsidy

from New York-based Hearst, spread over three years. Since taking over the historic *Examiner*, the Fangs have fired most of the newspaper's staff.

Florence Fang said Feb. 19 the subsidy had long ago run out and that it was time to sell the newspaper.



FANG

lost money during her four-year ownership but that her only regret is that she didn't negotiate a higher subsidy from Hearst.

"The subsidy is already gone," she said.

She will retain a minority interest in the newspaper and will become a vice chairman and publisher emeritus of the new company.

She also defended her handling of the *Examiner*, saying she and her family ensured that San Francisco remained a competitive newspaper town.

"We have kept our promise to preserve two daily newspapers in San Francisco, to keep two voices in this town," Fang said. "Four years ago, we saved the historic *San Francisco Examiner* from closing."

Anschutz's holding company owns interests in about 100 companies in a range of industries, including railroad, real estate and oil ventures. He also owns an interest in the Los Angeles Lakers, the Los Angeles Kings and several professional soccer teams.

He is the 33rd-richest person in

the United States, according to *Forbes*.

Though he once considered buying the *Denver Post* and a few other newspapers, this is his first foray into publishing.

Robert Starzel, a corporate attorney and an Anschutz confidante, was named chairman of the new publishing group, the SF Newspaper Co. Scott McKibben, who had been chief executive of the *Examiner's* parent company, will stay on as president and publisher of the *Examiner* and *Independent*.

Some 220 workers, 75 of them *Examiner* employees, will be affected by the sale, but the new owners said they haven't determined if any layoffs will come with the ownership change. They promised to beef up the paper's coverage, but provided few details.

Newspaper analysts doubted the new *Examiner* could compete head-to-head with the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the city's dominant paper with an average daily circulation of about 512,000 subscribers.

In contrast, Florence Fang hasn't submitted audited circulation figures for the money-losing *Examiner*, which she transformed into a free publication distributed at streetside news racks last year.

"It's not surprising that the Fangs wanted to sell," newspaper analyst John Morton said. "What is a surprise is that someone would want to buy it."

The Denver billionaire will become just the fourth owner of a paper made famous by William Randolph Hearst, who took control in 1887. ■

By Associated Press and
Pacific Citizen Staff

Money Woes to Close Chinese Cultural Center

PHILADELPHIA—The Chinese Cultural Center, which showcased Asian culture for nearly a half century and was best known for its New Year's feasts, will close because of money woes, its owner said.

Victoria Chang and her late husband, Tien Teh "T.T." Chang, opened the Chinese Cultural Center as a YMCA on Christmas Day 1955, offering Chinese cooking, calligraphy and tai chi classes to a largely non-Asian clientele.

Over the years, politicians from Mayor Ed Rendell to President Jimmy Carter passed by the Chinatown center's 15-foot statue of Confucius or under its red lanterns. The 10-course, New Year's banquets were the center's biggest fundraiser. The Changs traditionally brought chefs from China to prepare the special dishes, but that became difficult after the Sept. 11 attacks, said Chang.

The dinners — like the center — drew criticism from some quarters for its nonprofit status and for its paucity of classes for children and adults from the Chinese American community.

Chang, who lost her husband in 1996, plans to sell the building to a restaurateur from New York.

Family Mourns Filipino Woman as

Example of American Dream

NEW YORK—A Filipino American woman who was missing for months until her decomposing body was found recently at the home of a phony doctor who treated her was remembered as an accomplished but selfless businesswoman pursuing the American dream.

Grieving relatives, friends, and co-workers from Barclays Bank, where Maria Cruz was a rising star, gathered at a Greenwich Village church for her funeral Mass. Her ashes were to be sent back to the Philippines, where she grew up.

Cruz's remains were found Feb. 18 entombed in a slab floor at the home of Dean Faiello, a medical imposter who had treated the 35-year-old financial analyst for a growth on her tongue. Detectives are investigating whether Cruz died after going to see him for a treatment last April, when she disappeared. Faiello, 44, remains a fugitive.

Cruz moved to the United States in 1992 and became a citizen 10 years later. She was earning six figures as a financial analyst, but she eschewed material possessions, preferring to live simply, share her wealth and give to charity, loved ones said.

Islamic Group Sues County for Alleged

Discrimination

BALTIMORE—Frederick County and three county commissioners allegedly violated the civil rights of an Islamic group by blocking construction of a worship and educational center near Buckeystown, a lawsuit states.

The county and the commissioners withheld water and sewer facilities from the Islamic Society, while approving it for others, the lawsuit says.

The suit was filed Feb. 18 in U.S. District Court against the county, Commissioners John L. Thompson Jr. and Jan Gardner, and former commissioner David P. Gray.

It says WAQF — a legal trust that raises funds to build capital projects for the society — purchased 100 acres of property, expecting to obtain water and sewer from the county.

In August 2000, the county denied the mosque's request to connect to the water line and adopted two amendments that limited usage of the site.

The county had approved water and sewer services for the previous owner of the site, Fungo Property, which planned on opening a baseball camp. Approval was also granted to Sports Plex, which would use the same water and sewer lines.

Campus Republican Group Awards Whites-only Scholarship Amid

Protests

BRISTOL, R.I.—College Republicans at Roger Williams University awarded a "whites-only" scholarship to a 20-year-old junior Feb. 18 as a number of students protested the award 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 Noska, a junior at Weymouth, Mass., accepted the \$250 award.

The group created the scholarship in order to make a statement in opposition to affirmative action. The group's leader, Jason Mattera, 20, of Brooklyn, said they succeeded.

Applicants were required to write an essay about "why you're proud of your white heritage." Sixteen students applied.

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

Noska, who pays for his own college expenses, said he would use the money for textbooks that he has been up until now borrowing from friends. He said he applied because he needed the money. He has a 3.9 grade point average and is majoring in both public relations and legal studies.

Eastern Nevada County Opposes Patriot Act

ELKO, Nev.—Elko County commissioners, in an apparent first for a county government in Nevada, voted unanimously Feb. 18 to oppose any sections of the federal Patriot Act that violate people's civil rights.

Commissioner Warren Russell, who proposed the resolution approved by the panel, said it's understandable that the Patriot Act passed easily following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

Commissioners voted following a meeting Feb. 17 involving officials and Sharon Lever, coordinator of anti-terrorism for the Las Vegas U.S. attorney's office. Representatives of the Nevada Campaign to Defeat the Patriot Act and the American Civil Liberties Union also attended the meeting.

Some concerns that members of the anti-Patriot Act campaign voiced included secret searches with delayed notice; powers granted in the Patriot Act for ordinary criminal cases surveillance on U.S. citizens, such as wiretaps; and obtaining confidential information without a court order.

The resolution states the county commission is strongly opposed to terrorism "but also affirms that any efforts to end terrorism not be waged at the expense of the fundamental civil liberties, rights and freedoms of the people of the county of Elko, the United States or the world." ■

Manzanar Launches New Website in Anticipation of April Grand Opening

The Manzanar National Historic Site premiered its redesigned and expanded website Feb. 19 in recognition of the National Day of Remembrance, a day marking the anniversary of Executive Order 9066 when 110,000 Japanese Americans were sent to internment camps during World War II.

The redesigned website (www.nps.gov/manz/home.htm) dramatically enhances Manzanar's presence on the World Wide Web, offering virtual visitors a comprehensive site highlighting Manzanar's past, present, and future. In addition to covering multiple eras of Manzanar's history, the site includes information on visit planning, events, site management, education programs, volunteer opportunities, and natural and cultural resources.

"The new website is an important part of our overall program and another step towards Manzanar being a fully operational unit of the National Park System," said Superintendent Frank Hays.

In addition, the park and the JA and local communities will celebrate the grand opening of the Interpretive Center and Park Headquarters in the adaptively restored Manzanar High School auditorium on April 24.

The Interpretive Center will include 8,000 square feet of exhibits, two small movie theaters, park offices, and a bookstore operated by the new Manzanar History Association.

Events on April 24 begin with the 35th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage sponsored by the Manzanar Committee, a Los Angeles-based education group. The pilgrimage event begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Manzanar cemetery and will include a performance by taiko drummers, speeches, and an interfaith religious service.

The NPS grand opening celebration begins at 1:30 p.m. at the audi-

torium.

The program will include remarks by dignitaries from the JA community, the National Park Service, and political representatives, as well as a performance by Mary Nomura, the "Songbird of Manzanar." The hour-long ceremony will be followed by a performance of the Bishop Big Band performing popular music from the 1940s. Refreshments will be provided by the Lone Pine and Bishop Chambers of Commerce.

On April 23, the Eastern California Museum and the Independence Chamber of Commerce will host a reception from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Eastern California Museum in Independence.

Manzanar National Historic Site was established in 1992 to provide for the protection and interpretation of the site's historical, cultural and natural resources. The site is located six miles south of Independence, nine miles north of Lone Pine; approximately 230 miles northeast of Los Angeles, off U.S. Hwy 395.

For further information, call 760/878-2932 or 878-2194; website: www.nps.gov/manz. ■

East Bay Nikkei Singles Offers Scholarship

East Bay Nikkei Singles is offering a \$500 scholarship. Application is open to students who are from single-parent families, are residents of Northern California and are of Nikkei heritage.

The applicant must be graduating from high school and planning to attend a trade school, business school, college, university, or any institution of higher learning in the fall of 2004.

The deadline for application is April 15. Application forms may be requested by writing to: Eleanor Toi, 46017 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont, CA 94539 or by calling: 510/656-5449. ■

YOUTH FORUM

Quit Asking and Start Acting

By EMILY TERUYA

In a university setting, I sometimes can't help but feel I'm doing "pure research" — at least the way

Vine Deloria describes it: 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 straightforward and deeply satirical. He's a lawyer, educator, and Native American scholar. Unlike many theorists, Deloria actually addresses problems and offers solutions; he defiantly calls out for action among theorists.

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 JACL and the *Pacific Citizen* in particular stir its youth. At least, I hope this forum serves as a place for other youth to raise issues for others.

Deloria begins his book by discussing the transparency of Indians. He believes theorists and anthropologists create a massive amount of

"knowledge" that leads to the invisibility of the people they study. They become "merely shadows of a mythical super-Indian."

Similarly, as Nikiko Masumoto addressed in her Feb. 20 article in the *P.C.*, JACL often asks, "How do we recruit youth?" She answered, "Why doesn't JACL just ask youth?" It's such a simple answer, and yet it's overlooked all the time, making youth invisible. Instead of having adults analyze and theorize about ways to attract youth — just ask.

A while ago, I received an e-mail from Lucy Kishiue, national JACL membership director. It had to do with a new drive for lapsed memberships. Lucy said that when lapsed members were asked why they didn't join, they often said, "Nobody asked us." I think there's a pattern.

By reading recent letters to the editor, I get a feeling that many JACL members wonder about the future of JACL. In other words, is it still a viable organization, should it be limited to Japanese American issues as its name suggests, can it increase its membership and thus increase its political and social power?

Deloria's answer to these questions would be this: quit theorizing and start acting. In the realm of academics, he argues, "Academia, and its by-products, continues to be more

irrelevant to the needs of the people." And, I sense many members feel this is the case with JACL.

Therefore, I share Deloria's opinion when he says, if academics (or in this case JACL and its members) were to devote the time, money, and research into actually solving the problems they ask and create instead of continually writing them down, there would be no problems to talk about.

One of JACL's mottos is, "Better Americans for a Greater America." This definitely has some roots in the Civil Rights Movement. Deloria describes the movement as a desire for self-respect — and I believe JACL is trying to do that for all Americans, as its mission statement suggests.

I realize some members believe this is broadening its agenda too far; however, we need to realize that we have a duty to know about this country's history if we aim to make changes to its future.

As one of my professors told me, we need to ask questions as well as find answers. Deloria believes asking for or wanting equality is too simplistic. He believes people will have to settle for sameness otherwise. And, personally speaking, I want to be unique. Similarly, I don't want JACL to settle for sameness. ■

National JA Veterans Council Announces Contest for MIS Stories

The history of the Japanese American military contribution to the World War II efforts in Europe have been well-documented but the role of JA GIs in battling the enemy in the Pacific is not as well known. To make up for that gap an extensive history of the JAs who served in the Military Intelligence Service will be published next year.

Noting the important role the MIS played during the Japanese

occupation, the National Japanese American Veterans Council has developed a plan to add to the recorded history of the MIS. The council will sponsor a contest inviting MIS veterans, or their families, to provide personal stories and experiences about the part they played in the nation's successful military occupation of Japan.

This contest will highlight and publicize the various ways in which JA MIS personnel contributed to the successful occupation of the country. Because of their language ability, knowledge of, and familiarity with, the culture of Japan, MIS personnel were able to engage, in addition to their official duties, in many community activities, and to assist the Japanese in recovering from the devastation of WWII.

All entries must be submitted by July 15.

The stories of the MIS veterans will be included in the website that is being developed by the Japanese American National Museum, in partnership with the council. In addition, they will be submitted for inclusion in the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress, making these stories accessible to the general public.

The contest will also award cash prizes. The first place winner will be awarded \$1,500 and the second and third prize winners will receive, respectively, \$1,000 and \$500. The winners will be announced at the 61st MIS Reunion, to be held in Hawaii on Aug. 4-8.

The entries received will not only serve to add to the history of the MIS, but they could be helpful in better understanding the problems that the United States is now facing in Iraq. In contrast to what occurred in Japan during WWII, the occupation of Iraq has proved very difficult because of a lack of military person-

nel familiar with the local language and culture.

The following are the contest rules:

Eligibility: Entries may be submitted by any person who served in the U.S. MIS in Japan at the end of WWII, and continued to serve during the occupation of Japan, OR who was a MIS member assigned to Japanese occupation duty after the end of the war. (Sons and daughters of such veterans, and other relatives, are also eligible.)

Length of entry: The text of the entry should not exceed 2500 words.

Format requirements: Type-written, type size: 10 pts, or larger, double-spaced, on 8-1/2 x 11 white paper (no tapes, videos, or other electronic submissions, including email).

Supplementary materials: Pictures, artwork, diagrams, sketches, etc., will be accepted to supplement entries; the entrant must provide a signed statement providing for their unqualified release and use by the council, including any of its partnership organizations; such materials will not be returned.

Introductory requirements: Each entry should be prefaced by the following personal information: 1. Branch of service; 2. Military unit; 3. Rank; 4. Date(s) of enlistment and service; 5. Dates of service and location of service prior to joining Occupation Forces in Japan; 6. Period of service in Japan, and unit to which assigned; 7. Location(s) of service in Japan: prefecture, city, town or village; 8. Nature of work or official duties; 9. Name of other MIS personnel with whom service occurred; 10. Language training and pre-war education in Japan, if any.

Focus of entry: The entrant

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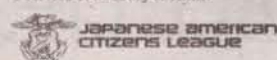
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JACL Corner

Mile-Hi Chapter

The JACL Mile-Hi chapter recently held its installation of officers and the 2004 Tom Masamori Memorial "Kansha no Hi" (Day of Appreciation) awards presentation at the Double Tree Hotel in Denver.

More than 100 people attended the event with Adele Arakawa, 9 News anchorwoman, serving as Mistress of Ceremonies, and JACL National President Floyd Mori as the guest speaker.



MILE-HI—Pictured are the Kansha no Hi awardees Setsuko Wilcox (left) and Nobuko Ninomiya (right) flanking Lily Masamori.

Florin Chapter

The Florin JACL 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-valetictorian 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 JAs.

Jerry Enomoto, retired U.S. marshal and former national JACL president, installed the 2004 board officers. Andy Noguchi, Florin chapter member and a JACLer of the Biennium honoree, led a candlelight vigil symbolizing unity among the diverse community members in the Greater Sacramento Area who have worked together to promote civil rights and ensure justice for all people.

Ventura County Chapter

The JACL Ventura County chapter held its 24th annual installation luncheon at the Grand Vista Hotel in Simi Valley recently.

Ken Inouye, national JACL vice president of public affairs, installed the 2004 board officers. George Wakiji, a former interim Washington JACL representative, was reelected as president along with his 22-member cabinet.

Guest speaker at the event was Dr. Gordon Nakagawa, CSU Northridge communications studies professor and interim chair of the Asian 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.

The new Hitoshi H. Kajihara Award for outstanding contributions and service by a board member was presented to Mori Abe. Ellen Matsuo served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Salt Lake City Chapter

The annual board installation dinner for the Salt Lake City chapter of JACL was held at the Pagoda

Restaurant in Salt Lake City recently. Special guests at the event were former IDC Governor Larry Grant and his wife Janet.

Grant swore in the new slate of officers for the 2004 board including: President-elect Dot Richeda, Vice-President Harry Okubo, Secretary Marc Stillman, Treasurer Metra Barton, Youth Representative Chris Taketa, Newsletter Co-editors Roger Tobari and Anita Y. Tsuchiya, and Photographer Ryan Akimoto.

Associate board officers for 2004 are: Asian Festival, Jennifer Kawabata; Chapter Coordinator, Alice Kasai; Day of Remembrance, Sherrie Hayashi; Hate Crimes/Civil Rights, Jeff Itami; IDC Youth

Representative Shelley Doi; Issei Luncheon, Bernice Kida; Matsumoto City Rep. Tomoko Moses; Peace Gardens, Sandra Kikuchi; Scholarship, Irene Ota; Tanoshimi-no-yoru, Kip Watanuki; Past-President Kevin Aoyagi; Consultant Larry Grant; and At-Large, Bobbie Uno, Jamie Doi, Greg Stillman, Taka Kida, and Curtis Yamane.

During the dinner a draft resolution supporting Rep. David Litvack's version of the 2004 Hate Crimes bill, H.B. 68, was presented. A large majority voted in support of this bill which specifies those groups oftentimes targeted in hate crime acts. ■

CONTEST

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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. Revisits of Japan after the occupation duty, and recollection of such visit(s).

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

Submission of entries: Given

time constraints, those living in the State of Hawaii are encouraged to submit their entries to — NJAVC Contest, 733 Ulumaika Street, Honolulu, HI 96816; those in the continental United States should submit their entries to — NJAVC Contest, P.O. Box 391, Vienna, Virginia 22183. All entries will become the property of the National Japanese American Veterans Council.

Inquiries: For additional information, call or write Frank Sogi, NJAVC Contest chairman, at 808/735-6994; fax: 808/734-8438; email at fsogi@aol.com. ■

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In Sports

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 U.S.-Japan relations. Through spirited basketball games, youth exchanges, touring and home stays, these young ambassadors build stronger relationships with the peo-

ple of Japan, while learning about their cultural heritage, traditions and identity.

Each year, the coaches are vital to the camaraderie of the youth and ultimately to the success of the program. While the Shinzen coach is a volunteer position, there are many worthwhile benefits in serving as a leader and imparting international understanding for the youth of 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 JCCNC at 415/567-5505 or shinzen@jccnc.org. ■

BASEBALL

Torre: More Power Not Needed From Matsui

TAMPA, Florida—New York Yankees manager Joe Torre likes outfielder Hideki Matsui just the way he is.

A three-time home run champion during his 10-year career with the Yomiuri Giants of Japan's Central League, Matsui hit .287 with 16 homers and 106 RBIs during his first season with the Yankees in 2003.

When asked recently if he's expecting more power from Matsui this season, Torre said no.

"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 hit a team-best .335 with runners in scoring position. His average with the bases loaded was .435.

"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 with men on base, he knows what to do." ■

SPEEDSKATING

Ohno Wins 3,000-meter Race

BORMIO, Italy—Olympic star Apolo Anton Ohno won the 3,000-meter race in the season's final World Cup short-track speedskating meet recently.

Ohno finished in 5 minutes, 11.538 seconds. Steve Robillard of Canada was second in 5:11.864 and Suk-Woo Song of South Korea was third in 5:11.883.

He was disqualified in the quarterfinals of the 1,000, which was won by China's JiaJun Li, and finished third in the final World Cup standings.

Ohno won a gold medal in the 1,500 and a silver in the 1,000 for the United States at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics.

Hyun-Soo Ahn of South Korea led the overall standings with 198 points, followed by Suk-Woo (194) and Ohno (193).

The American team finished third in the 5,000 relay behind Canada and China.

Eun-Kyung Choi of South Korea won the women's 1,000 and finished atop the World Cup standings, three points ahead of teammate Chun-Sa Byun and nine points in front of China's Meng Wang.

Ohno and the rest of the American team pulled out of a World Cup meet in South Korea in November after Ohno received e-mail death threats.



Apolo Anton Ohno from Seattle relaxes after finishing his nine-lap time trial at the U.S. National Short Track Speedskating Championships Feb. 26, in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. (AP Photo)

At the Olympics, Ohno won his gold medal ahead of South Korea's Kim Dong-sung. Kim won the race but Ohno was declared the winner when the referee ruled Kim used an illegal block to stay in front.

The short-track world team championships are scheduled for March 13-14 in St. Petersburg, Russia. The individual championships will be held a week later in Gothenburg, Sweden. ■

Ohno Among Five Sullivan Finalists

ORLANDO, Fla. — Apolo Ohno was among five finalists announced Feb. 23 for the 2003 Sullivan Award for the nation's outstanding amateur athletes.

The other finalists include: LeBron James (basketball), Diana Taurasi (basketball), Michael Phelps (swimming) and Philippa

"Phil" Raschker (track and field).

The award is named after James E. Sullivan — the founder of the Amateur Athletic Union based in Orlando — and has been presented annually since 1930.

The winner will be announced April 13 at the New York Athletic Club. ■

SUMO

Grand Champion Asashoryu Exhibits His Dominance of Sumo in South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea—Grand champion Asashoryu displayed his dominance of sumo recently in South Korea, where Japan's national sport was staged for the first time since the country was released from Japanese colonial rule in 1945.

The 23-year-old Mongolian sent out Asasekiryu in a matter of seconds at Seoul's Janggyung Stadium.

Thousands of spectators gathered at the gymnasium during the two-day event to see various sumo customs, including the wrestlers clapping their hands, stamping their feet and tossing fistfuls of salt on the

ring in a purification ritual.

Outside the gymnasium, a crowd of people gathered to buy the sumo wrestler's staple fare, chanko-nabe, for about \$3. The chanko-nabe is a calorie-rich stew of seaweed stock, chicken, pork, fish, tofu, bean sprouts, cabbage, carrots, onions and other vegetables.

The exhibition, featuring 40 wrestlers, is part of recent efforts to improve cultural ties between the neighboring nations. The wrestlers' performance in South Korea is not official and results will not be marked in record.

Japanese sumo officials mooted the tour after the successful co-hosting of the soccer World Cup between South Korea and Japan in 2002. Japan's national sport traces its roots to ancient religious ritual.

Japan ruled the Korean Peninsula as a colony from 1910-45 and performances of Japanese culture were banned in South Korea for decades following the end of the occupation.

The restrictions have been gradually lifted over the years, most recently with the Jan. 1 opening of the South Korean market to Japanese television shows. ■

BASKETBALL

Goo to Retire as Rainbow Wahine Coach After 20 Seasons

HONOLULU—Hawaii women's basketball coach Vince Goo, the winningest coach in the program's history, announced recently he is retiring at the end of the season.

Goo, 57, is in his 20th season at Hawaii, including 17 years as head coach. He has compiled a 331-162 career record with 10 postseason berths, including five NCAA appearances.

The Rainbow Wahine (5-16, 3-9 Western Athletic Conference) are currently having their worst season ever under Goo, snapping a streak of eight winning seasons. Goo has had only two previous losing seasons and has averaged nearly 20 wins each year.

"A year ago I just didn't feel it was the right time," Goo said in a

statement. "Coaching here has been like a great party with many proud moments. But all good things come to an end. It's the right time now and hopefully I haven't overstayed my welcome."

Goo, a former high school teacher, has been known for stressing academics to his athletes. The program has had a perfect graduation rate under Goo. This year's squad has the highest cumulative grade point average (3.26) of all 19 athletic programs at Hawaii.

"He has been a pillar of success for the university and student athletes who competed for him and his program," Hawaii athletic director Herman Frazier said. "He will be sorely missed."

Goo joined Hawaii in 1983, serving under Bill Nepfel and taking

over the program three seasons later.

In 1995-96, Goo directed the greatest turnaround in women's college basketball, as his team won 23 games following a 6-20 campaign a year earlier.

Hawaii has six regular season games remaining as well as the WAC Tournament in Fresno, Calif., which begins March 9. ■

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Harry K. Honda

Fred Y. Hirasuna, 96: JACL Stalwart or Maverick

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 Kanase 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 grand-

father 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 also a maverick, 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 that 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 1990 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 Urata 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 nays, 20 ayes. 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" (kid's jargon for "correct") for a single delegate to have that many proxies. The honorable 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. ■

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 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 holding down 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 working 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.

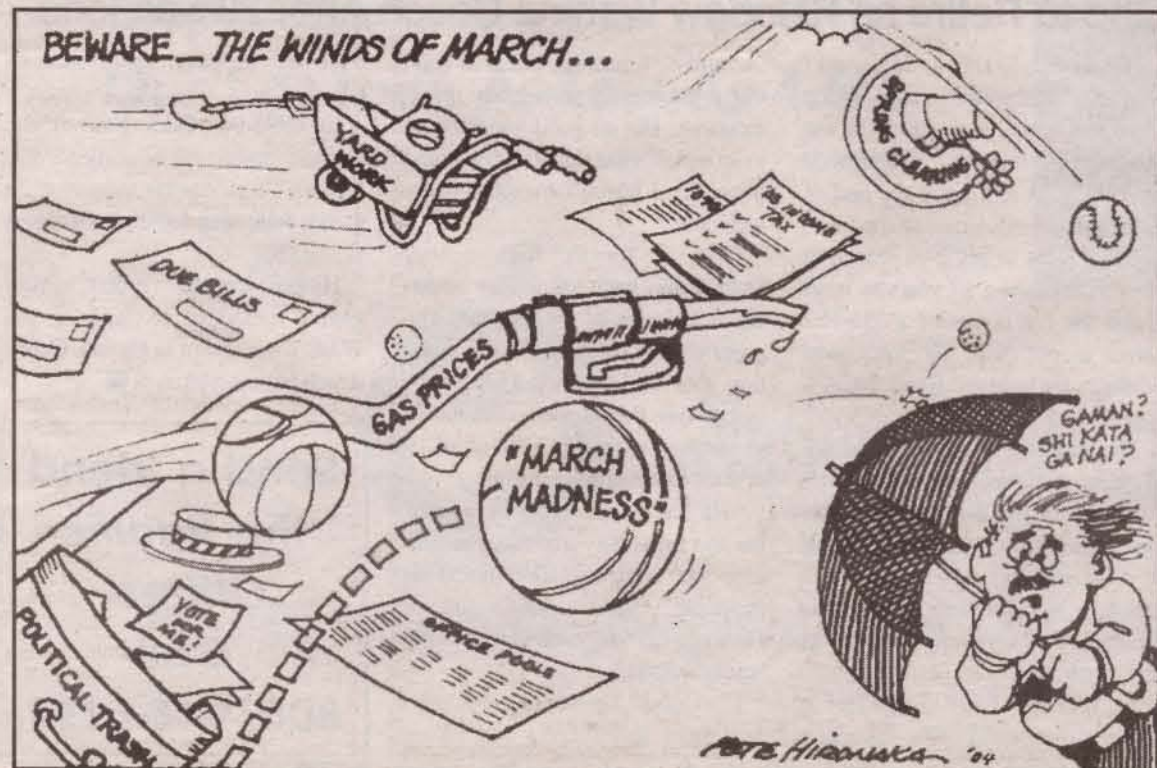
- The Eldercare Locator is a national FREE public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging. It has existed since 1991, and helps people locate aging services in every community throughout the United States. Call Eldercare Locator toll-free, at 800/677-1116, and visit them on the web at www.ElderCare.gov.

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 (continence, 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 Planning Advisors, 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.



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YEE

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reports had said Yee was a target of an espionage probe at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he ministered to suspected terrorists.

"Is this guy Jack the Ripper or is he not?" asked Gary Solis, a former Marine Corps judge advocate and current adjunct law professor at Georgetown University. "You have to appreciate that at the outset they thought they were onto something very serious, but they don't seem to be able to accept the evidence that in fact this was just a garden-variety screw-up."

The only formal charges against Yee, a captain, are mishandling classified material, failing to obey an order, making a false official statement, adultery and conduct unbecoming an officer for allegedly downloading pornography on his government laptop. The last two were added since his release from the brig.

Yee previously was a chaplain at Fort Lewis, Wash., and his wife and child live in Olympia, Wash.

If court-martialed and convicted on all charges, Yee could face up to 13 years in prison. But some familiar with the military justice system insist those alone hardly ever spark this sort of examination, much less 76 days of pretrial confinement, most of it in solitude.

Solis blames prosecutorial "ineptitude" for the Yee case getting blown out of proportion and said the charges probably still haven't been dropped because of a continuing hope to "make gold out of mud."

John Fugh, a retired judge advocate general, said he fears it was

more, citing Yee's combination of being both Muslim and of Chinese descent.

"If he were a white American, say a chaplain of some other denomination, I don't think this would have happened," Fugh said. "Any time you do something like this, you're bound to have some damage done to the integrity of the military justice system."

Prisoners are sent to pretrial confinement because they're perceived as dangerous or a flight risk, regardless of the charges, said Lt. Col. Bill Costello at the U.S. Southern Command in Miami, which is responsible for the Guantanamo prison.

Costello hinted that the flight-risk fears might have been a factor. Yee was arrested Sept. 10 as he arrived at a Jacksonville, Fla., naval base, carrying what authorities believed were classified documents. It's not clear now whether they actually were.

"It's easy to look back on it and say, 'Why did you do this, that and the other thing?'" Costello said. "The commander takes the steps he does at the moment in time they're occurring. When you have a military chaplain who is apprehended in Jacksonville carrying documents you believe to be classified, the government would be derelict if it didn't fully investigate what's going on."

The government hasn't signaled any likelihood that it might drop the case, but Yee's attorney, Eugene Fidell, remains hopeful.

"If this current hiatus gives the government an opportunity to catch its breath and take a fresh and calm look at all the circumstances, maybe they'll decide the game is not worth the candle," Fidell said. ■

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Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service and 522nd Field Artillery Battalion who fought for their country even while their families were kept behind barbed wire.

Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. Mike Honda, D-Calif., chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, renewed his call for a national "Day of Remembrance" pushing for House Resolution 56 to appear on the congressional calendar so that the full House of Representatives can vote on the measure. HR 56 passed the House Judiciary Committee last month without amendment.

Honda introduced the legislation on behalf of Japanese Americans, as well as the German and Italian communities who suffered related injustices during WWII, so that Feb. 19 will be recognized as an official "Day of Remembrance" so these wrongs will not be forgotten.

"My own family, due solely to our Japanese ancestry, endured several years of confinement in an internment camp during the war," said Honda. "At a time when inflamed passions from our current conflict with Iraq and the war against terrorism may prompt similar discrimination against targeted ethnic groups — particularly those in the Asian Pacific American community — we must remember the lessons from this shameful chapter of U.S. history." ■

CJALC Announces Summer 2004 Nikkei Community Internship

The California Japanese American Community Leadership Council (CJALC) recently announced the 2004 Nikkei Community Internship (NCI) program. NCI is a full-time, eight-week program that matches college-aged interns with Japanese American community organizations in Los Angeles and the Bay Area. Applications are now available for prospective interns and organizations.

The participation of young people is one of the keys to sustaining the rich culture and traditions of the JA heritage. The goal of NCI is to provide cultural exposure and develop the next generation of community leaders by: 1. Giving young people greater exposure to opportunities and needs in the JA community; 2. Promoting interaction and networking between existing Nikkei organizations and institutions; 3. Connecting interns with mentors in the JA community and; 4. Providing

a fun learning experience that creates energy and a desire to participate in the JA community.

The program runs from June 26 through Aug. 20. Interns spend four days a week working on Nikkei community projects, and one day in cultural training and leadership development activities. 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. Applications are due by March 26.

NCI was initiated in 2002 with funding from the Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Global Foundation and the Union Bank of California Foundation. The program is coordinated by the Little Tokyo Service Center in Los Angeles and the Japanese Community Youth Council in San Francisco.

For more information, check www.nikkeiyouth.org or contact Amy Phillips at the Little Tokyo Service Center: 213/473-1698 or aphillips@fc.ltsc.org. ■

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National

Fri.-Tues., March 12-16—JACL/OCA Leadership Conference. Info: www.jacl.org/leadership.html; or contact your JACL district governor.

Wed., May 26—PBS Documentary, "Sumo East and West," a rare inside look at the cloistered world of sumo wrestling. Check local TV listings for time.

Tues. June 8—PBS Documentary, "Japan: Memoirs of a Secret Empire," the unknown story of a mysterious empire, its relationship to the West, and the forging of a nation. Check local TV listings for time.

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

MEDFORD, N.J.

Sat., March 20—JACL Eastern District Council Meeting; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Medford Leas.

NEW YORK CITY

Thurs., March 25—Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) 30th Anniversary Gala; 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner; Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers; honoring filmmaker Mira Nair, Kaye scholar Alice Young and the Open Society Institute. **RSVP by March 12.** Info: 212/966-5932; 2004gala@aaldef.org.

Fri., April 2—"Different Generations/Same Issues: An Evening of Performances"; 6-9 p.m.; APA cultural activism portrayed through song, poetry and drumming. **RSVP by March 29.** Location, info: 212/992-9653; apa.rsvp@nyu.edu; www.apa.nyu.edu.

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.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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.

Sun., June 20—Shamisen Recital/Concert; 1-3:30 p.m.; Harris Theater, George Mason University Center for the Arts; presented by the Kitagawa Nobuyuki Kai, with professional artists from Japan. Tickets, info: Alice Shimomura, 703/425-6108, or Sachiko Smith, 703/759-5649.

Midwest

CLEVELAND

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

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

HOUSTON

Sun., March 28—Memorial Service in honor of the Webster Pioneer families, celebrating 100 years of Japanese Texans; will include pioneer descendants Saibara, Kobayashi, Kagawa, Onishi and Watanabe; Fairview and Forest Park East Cemeteries in League City; sponsored by the Houston JACL. Time, info: George Jiro Hirasaki, hirasaki@worldnet.att.net.

Mountain Plains

BOULDER, Colo.

Wed., March 10-Sun., March 28—Interactive exhibit, "Facing East, Facing West: Black Ships and

Samurai," about the the initial encounters between Japan and the United States; Boulder Public Library; opening reception on March 10 with co-creator Professor John Dower, author of "Embracing Defeat," about the U.S. occupation of Japan. Info: 303/735-5127; Jessica.Arnstson@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.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Sat., March 20—Nisei Veterans Committee of Seattle's 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. Info: Katashi Oita, 206/329-2489.

Northern California

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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; or Larry Oda, 831/758-7107 work, 832/375-3314 home; tsuneol@msn.com.

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Sat., April 3—Contra Costa JACL Senior Appreciation/Scholarship Awards Potluck Luncheon; 12 noon-2 p.m.; El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton St., behind the El Cerrito Library. Info: Don Delcollo, 510/223-1352, or Esther Takeuchi, 510/223-2258.

PLEASANTON

Sun., April 25—Tri-Valley JACL Teriyaki Chicken Box-lunch Sales, **pre-order only**; 11 a.m.-2 p.m. dine in or pick up, (12 noon karate demo, 12:30 taiko presentation); Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. (look for signs at southeast corner). Tickets, info: Dean Suzuki, 925/820-1454.

SACRAMENTO

Fri., March 19—"Shinto and Its Relationship to the Japanese Culture"; 7 p.m.; Asian Community Center, 7375 Park City Drive; presented by Jan Ken Po Cultural Association. **RSVP**: synfaze@juno.com; 916/427-8108 or 916/427-2841.

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

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat., March 13—Teacher-training Workshop, "What It Means to Be An American"; 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; University of San Francisco, Lone Mountain Campus, Rm. LM 140; sponsored by national JACL; will explore the issue of balancing national security with constitutional rights and protections, featuring speakers and panelists from JA, Muslim and Arab American communities. **RSVP**, info and directions: Patty Wada, 415/345-1075; jacl-ncwnpro@msn.com.

Fri., April 30—Asian Law Caucus' 32nd Anniversary Annual Dinner, "In Defense of Civil Rights"; 6-9:30 p.m.; Hyatt Regency, 5 Embarcadero Center. **RSVP**: Audee Kochiyama, 415/1702 ext. 131.

SAN JOSE

Fri.-Sun., March 19-21—22nd San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival; Camera 3 Cinemas.

Schedules, info: 415/865-1588; www.naatanet.org/festival.

Through Feb. 27, 2005—Exhibit, "Jack Matsuoka's Cartoons: Making the Best of Poston"; Japanese American Museum of San Jose, 535 N. Fifth St.; co-sponsored by Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL. Info: 408/294-3138; www.jamsj.org.

Sun., May 2—27th Annual Nikkei Matsuri; 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; 5th and Jackson Street, Japantown; food, handmade arts and crafts, performing arts, cultural displays. Info: www.nikkeimatsuri.org.

SAN MATEO

Ongoing Activities—San Mateo Japanese American Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St.; **Mondays**: Bunka (Japanese needle work); **2nd & 4th Wednesdays**: Tomodachi (English speaking); **Thursdays**: Crafts/Hobbies Group; **1st Friday**: Bonsai Club; **4th Friday**: Ikebana; **1st Sunday**: Kabuki Appreciation Group; **3rd Sunday**: Peninsula Widowers Group; **4th Sunday**: Matinee Movie; also Fishing Club, NCJA Seniors, Japanese Kayo (Karaoke) Groups, Shigin Group; Japanese books and video tapes. Info: 650/343-2793.

TULE LAKE

Fri.-Mon., July 2-5—2004 Tule Lake Pilgrimage; accommodations at the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, Ore.; buses depart from San Francisco; Seattle, Portland, Berkeley and Sacramento. Registration, info: www.tulelake.org; (San Francisco) Hiroshi Shimizu, hshimizu@pacbell.net; (San Jose) Jimi Yamaichi, jimiyama@aol.com, 408/269-9458; (Sacramento) Grace Kajita, tulelake@att.net, 916/392-5416; (Seattle) Stan Shikuma, snshikuma@aol.com, 206/721-1128; (Los Angeles) Sharon Yamato, syamato@comcast.net, 310/578-0090; (Japan) 045/787-2099 stakita@yokohama-cu.ac.jp; www.geocities.com/sacbenet.

Central California

MANZANAR

Sat., April 24—35th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage and Grand Opening Dedication for the Manzanar National Historic Site Interpretive Center and Park Headquarters — details at Southern California.

Southern California

CLAREMONT

Wed., March 24—Pacific Asian Studies Lecture, "The New Asian Environment for the Internet Era Learning"; 4:15-5:15 p.m.; Pomona College Mason Hall, 550 N. Harvard, Rm. 212-A; Dr. Jun Shigematsu of Keio University, Japan, will speak on the use of technology in teaching language. Info: Professor Kyoko Kurita, 909/621-8933.

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

LOS ANGELES

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, or 213/625-7000 ext. 15.

Fri., March 12—On Ensemble's First Annual Los Angeles Home-Season Concert, "On '04: Hatsune"; 8 p.m.; David Henry Hwang Theater, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo; presenting new works for taiko. Tickets at door, or 323/965-9324.

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; 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.

Sat., April 3—Semba/Endo Taiko Collaboration; 8 p.m.; Aratani/Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St., Little Tokyo; with Kiyohiko Semba of Japan and U.S. *natori* (master) Kenny Endo. Tickets, info: 213/680-3700.

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.

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

MALIBU

Sat., March 20—Orange County Sansei Singles (OCSS) coastline hike at Corral Canyon Park; 10 a.m. start, optional activities after lunch; Info: Larry Haramoto 310/649-5293; lharamoto@yahoo.com.

MANZANAR

Sat., April 24—"Keep It Going...Pass It On." 35th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage and Grand Opening Dedication for the Manzanar National Historic Site Interpretive Center and Park Headquarters; Interpretive Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; 11 a.m. program at cemetery, 11:45 a.m. interfaith service and flower offering at cemetery, 12:45 p.m. Ono at auditorium, 1:30 p.m. NPS Grand Opening at auditorium; 6:30 p.m. Manzanar After Dark in Independence. Buses leave Little Tokyo in Los Angeles at 7 a.m. Info: 323/662-5102; www.manzanarcommittee.org; SueKE@msn.com; manzcomm@yahoo.com. To ride the bus with the San Fernando JACL, call Tak Yamamoto, 818/894-7723.

ORANGE

Thurs., March 18—Screening and Panel Discussion, "Day of Independence"; 6 p.m.; Chapman University Memorial Hall, One University Drive; panel includes poet Hiroshi Kashiwagi, "Song Bird of Manzanar" Mary Kageyama Nomura and U.S. Appeals Court Judge A. Wallace Tashima. Info: www.cedar-groveproductions.com.

PASADENA

Sat.-Sun., April 3-4—2004 Pasadena Cherry Blossom Festival; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Victory Park, 2575 Paloma St. at

Altadena Drive. Free and open to the public. Directions, parking info: www.pasadenacherryblossom.org.

Through June 20—Exhibit, "Kam-pai! The Arts of Japanese Sake"; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Robles Ave.; explores the history of sake and the religious and social significance of Japanese rice wine. Info: 626/449-2742 ext. 19; www.pacificasiamuseum.org.

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, 626/337-9123.

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; or Mal or Irene Furuya, 626/791-0547; mfuruya82@aol.com.

PHOENIX

Sun., March 28—Arizona JACL Picnic; Desert Breeze Park; fishing, food and more. Info, directions: Charlie Tadano, 602/789-1552.

RENO

Sun., March 21—Reno JACL Annual Scholarship Benefit Teriyaki Dinner; 12 noon; Senior Center. Tickets, info: Grant Hayashi, 775/770-2160, or Mimi Fujii-Strickler, 775/853-8850.

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. ■

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Akutagawa, Masaru, 89, Los Angeles, Feb. 13; Sacramento-born Nisei; survived by wife Fumiko; sons Dennis (Dorothy) of San Jose, Glenn (Keiko) of Manteca; daughter Jerilynne (Joe Chinovsky) Akutagawa; stepsons Fred and

Feb. 23; Fukuoka, Japan-born; survived by husband Wayne; daughters Karen (Michael) Karayan and Sandra (Randall) Araiza, both of Santa Paula; 4 gc.; brother Tomeo Kawai; and sisters Shizuko Kawai and Kazuko Kawai.

Hiraga, Ruth Namba, 84, Santa Rosa, Jan. 11; survived by husband Ted; son Jerry (Karen); 3 gc.; and sister Mary (Buddy) Fujita.

Ikehara, Kazuo, 89, Glendora, Feb. 12; Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii-born; survived by sons Jack (Abbey) and Jerry (Nancy); 3 gc.; 2 ggc.; and brother Tatsuo (Yoshiko).

Katagi, Jessie Tomie, 87, Los Angeles, Feb. 1; Los Altos-born; survived by sons Roland K. (Ruth) Katagi of Canada and John Katagi; 4 gc. and 2 ggc.

Kimura, Shigeru, 82, Los Angeles, Feb. 7; Manhattan Beach-born Nisei; survived by daughter Karen (David Allen) Hostetler; 1 gc.; brother Rev. Ren; and sister Sakae Kimura of Japan.

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

Koyanagi, Ruth Shizue, 86, Los Angeles, Feb. 3; San Fernando-born; survived by son Roger (Joan); daughter Lillian Kawamoto; 3 gc.; brothers Bob and Jim (Fusa) Morita and sisters-in-law Shigemi and Hatsumi Morita.

Kunitake, George Mitsuyoshi, MD, Ph.D., 75, Los Angeles, Feb. 3; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Miyo; sister Mary Yamashita; and sister-in-law Peggy Kunitake.

Makishima, Satoyo, 99, Feb. 12; Penryn-born; survived by daughters Satoko (Sam) Ikeda and Sadako (Hisashi) Nishimura; brothers Teruo (Tomie) Hamada, Minoru (Michi-

ko); 12 gc.; and 14 ggc.

Matsumoto, Miyeko, 79, Huntington Beach, Feb. 6; Sacramento-born; survived by husband Tomio; brother James (Maye) Chikasawa; and sister Mikiko Shimada.

Matsuno, Hatsuye, 78, Montebello, Feb. 10; Calexico-born Nisei; survived by brothers George, Jiro, Ronald and Gary (Gerry); and sisters Shigeko (Mits) Hazama, Helen (Ed) Nakamura, Irene Matsuno and Nancy (Eddie) Mino.

Mikuni, John Shigeo, 82, Fresno, Dec. 22; Walnut Grove-born; survived by wife Amy; sons Alan (Diane), Ronald (Donna), Dennis (Sharon); 5 gc.; sister Fumiko Okamura of Torrance, Hisako Ikeda and Kiyoko Kimura, all of Japan; and brothers Toshiaki and Yukio.

Misono, Toney, Bakersfield, Feb. 1; survived by wife Kumi; son Fred (Charlene); 2 gc.; sisters May Fukunaga, Emi Kumataka, Nobu Torii, Lily Culver and June Misono.

Nakashima, Jessie Midori, 84, Feb. 17; Hood River, Ore.-born; survived by sons Skip (Theresa) and Roger and his partner Jackie Krigbaum; 5 gc.; and 13 ggc.

Nikaitani, Gus Yasuo, 88, Seattle, Jan. 31; Seattle-born; survived by wife Amy; sons Peter (Doreen) of Kailua, Hawaii, Don (Sandy) of Captain Cook, Hawaii, and Doug (Patti) of Sammamish, Wash.; daughters Julie (Michael) McCarthy of Seattle and Tamiko (Jim) Olsen of Tucson, Ariz.; and 10 gc.

Nishitsuji, George, 89, Los Angeles, Jan. 30; La Junta, Colo.-born; survived by sons Kenny and Gordy; daughters Georgia Ann Nishitsuji, Janice (Leigh) Fukunaga and Donna (Gary) Hiram; 1 gc.; brothers Jim (Agnes), Arthur (Itsuko) and Bill (Kiyo) Nishitsuji; sisters May Miyazawa of Colorado, Ida (Kamaji) Shioshima of Japan, Anna (Haj) Kunugi of Colorado and Irene (Larry) Shimamoto; sister-in-

OBITUARY

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Lenard Louie Dies

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO—Lenard Louie, a San Francisco Superior Court judge and noted member of the Asian community, died Feb. 24. He was 68.

Louie died after a long illness that had kept him away from the court since last November, the San Francisco Superior Court reported. The court did not specify the nature of the illness.

"I learned to evaluate what a case is worth because I tried everything from the most Mickey Mouse of cases to the heaviest of homicides," Louie said once. "The thing I believe I have is the ability to evalu-



ate the evidence objectively."

Public Defender Jeff Adachi said Louie encouraged attorneys to put up the strongest fight they could "and once the fight was over, justice would prevail."

A San Francisco native, Louie graduated from University of San Francisco and the Hastings College of the Law.

He was appointed to the San Francisco Municipal Court in 1985 and to the Superior Court in 1989, with both appointments made by then-Gov. George Deukmejian.

Louie joined the San Francisco district attorney's office in 1969, where he made a name for himself as a deputy district attorney who aggressively prosecuted Asian gangs.

In 2001, he presided briefly over portions of San Francisco's infamous dog mauling case. ■

law Marian Nishitsuji.

Nobuhara, Gladys Toshie, Newport Beach, Jan. 25; Hanapepe, Kauai-born; survived by daughter Wendy (Kenneth) Kushner; 2 gc.; siblings Florence (Setsuo) Matsuo, Harold Saito, Jane Arakawa, Richard (Lily) Saito and Katherine Saito, all of Hawaii, Charles (Noriko) Saito of Gardena and sister-in-law Lillian Saito.

Obata, William Mitsuru, 76, Diamond Bar, Feb. 7; San Juan-born; survived by wife Martha S.; daughters Jennifer-Lynn (Lawrence) Hoey and Pauline (Tad) Hirose; 5 gc.; two brothers and three sisters.

Okura, Yoshiko, 83, Los Angeles, Jan. 30; Los Angeles-born; survived by husband Henry; son John; 2 gc.; brother Stanzo Shiotsu; sisters June Matsumoto, Kay Kurashige and Ethel Oda; brothers-in-law Tom and Harry Okura; sisters-in-law Shizuye and Dorothy Okura.

Sasaki, Chiyoko, 79, Los Angeles, Feb. 5; Los Angeles-born; survived by sisters Miyoko Hongo and Michiko Koga; brothers-in-law John Yamada and George (Chiyoko) Sasaki of Visalia; and sister-in-law Kikue Sasaki of Reedley.

Sasaki, Senho, 72, Sacramento, Feb. 11; survived by wife Joyce; sons Randy (Gloria) and Ricky (Joyce); and brothers Senyo, Senryu, Senmaro and Senrey.

Suyehiro, John Fumio, 89, San Francisco, Jan. 29; Chico-born; survived by sons Alan (Barbra) and David (Nadine); 3 gc.; sister Doris Matsuura; and brother James (April) Suyehiro.

Tamura, Berry Norimasa, 87, Pacoima, Feb. 3; San Fernando-born; survived by wife Mitsuye; son Willie (Paula); daughter Joyce Tamura; 2 gc.; and brothers Jimmy (Sumi) and George (Miyeko).

Tanaka, Teruko, 87, Los Angeles Jan. 29; Los Angeles-born; survived by daughter Diane Tanaka; son Robert (Michi) Tanaka; 2 gc.; and sister Shizuko (Hideo) Wachi.

Toribara, Taft Yutaka, 86, Rochester, N.Y., Dec. 29; Seattle-born; survived by wife Masako; daughter Lynne; son Neil; and 2 gc.

Uchida, Sho, 78, Ontario, Ore., Feb. 8; Tacoma-born; Snake River JACler; survived by wife Aiko; brothers Sam (Toshiko) of Ontario, Minoru (Nobi) of Puyallup, Wash.; and sisters Kazue Yotsuue of Fife,

Wash., and Chiyoko Hung of Puyallup.

Yamanaka, Toshio, 87, Montebello, Jan. 29 service; Japan-born; naturalized U.S. citizen; survived by sons Mike (Marlene), Steve (Janet) and Rod (Charlene); 2 gc.; and sisters Fumi Miyake and Shizuko (Koichi) Oda.

Yoshii, Kazuo, 78, El Cerrito, Jan. 31; survived by wife Hannah; daughter Katherine Yoshii; son Kurt (Stefanie); 3 gc.; sisters Chiyoko Yano and Hisako Mizutani; and sister-in-law Kimiko Yoshii; predeceased by brother Sumio. ■

DEATH NOTICE

DONALD YOSHIKAZU TAZOI

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah — Donald Tazoi, 55, died tragically in an industrial accident Wed., Feb. 4. He was born Dec. 10, 1948, to Jim and Kimiko Yagi Tazoi. Donald is survived by his parents of Garland, Utah; brother Edwin of Salt Lake City; and his daughters Kate Bartlett and Emilee Tazoi.

DEATH NOTICE

SUSAN NISHIMURA

LAUREL HOLLOW, N.Y. — Susan Nishimura, born May 22, 1922 in Ft. Lupton, Colo., passed away Feb. 16 of a stroke in Palm Desert, Calif. She is survived by husband James; sons James Robert (Theresa) of Basking Ridge, N.J., John of Farmingdale, N.Y.; granddaughters Bridget and Jane; brothers Larry, Noboru, Morio, Seiji and Tom Kubota, all of Los Angeles; sisters Kay Kobuke and Agnes (Dr. Robert) Nagamoto; sisters-in-law Mary, Harumi Kitagawa, Yoshiko and Dolly. Funeral services are Mar. 6 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Huntington, N.Y. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Japanese American National Museum, 369 E. First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

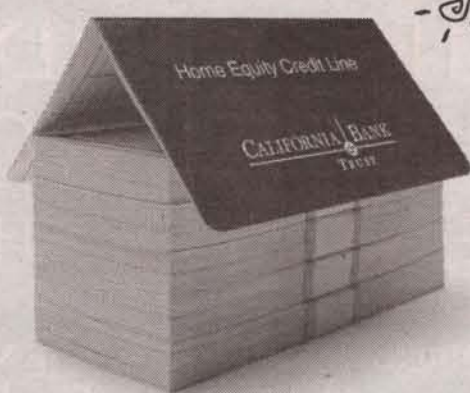
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FICTION

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 Kaoru Kurimoto announced that "The Leopard Mask" was the first of a 100 installment fantasy series, many were incredulous. Eighty-eight installments later (and over 25 million copies sold in Japan), "The Guin Saga" is brought to English readers this summer through Vertical press.

The epic starts with the militaristic duchy of Mongaul conquering the Kingdom of Parros. The lost kingdom's surviving royalty are the young twins, Rinda and Remus, 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.

Vertical will be publishing the first five installments of the saga, which constitutes a thematic unit called "The Marches Episode."

Buddha Wept

By Rocco Lo Bosco
GreyCore Press
176 pp., \$21.95 paperback

Rocco Lo Bosco's debut novel is set in mid-1900 Cambodia and centers around the character of Ona Ny. Ny's childhood unfolds like a dream. She is treasured by her family, particularly her brother. Ny also has a gift of entering

ecstatic trances, which sometimes makes her feel like an oddball, but her ability to translate her visions into art gratifies her. When Ny grows up and becomes a wife and mother, her mystical abilities enable her to detect subtle changes that indicate to her that life as they know it is about to take a tragic turn for the worse. As Ny and her family suffer through the Pol Pot regime, she confronts the issues 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.

Bimbogami and Other Stories: Mysterious Experiences in Japan

By Yoshimasa Ogawa
Xlibris
274 pp., \$21.99 paperback, \$31.99 hardback

This is a collection of short stories depicting mysterious experiences in Japan. In "Hang Glider," a photographer happens to take a picture of his hang gliding friend the moment the wings break and discovers something disturbing in the developed image. Another story, the "Visitor" is about a strange case of astral projection. The title of the book, "Bimbogami," refers to the demon of poverty.

The Tale of Genji

Translated by Royall Tyler
Penguin Putnam
1,182 pp., \$28 paperback

Dr. Royall Tyler's translation of this Japanese classic was first published in 2001 as a two-volume hardback edition. It is now available in a one volume paperback. "The Tale of Genji," widely acknowledged as the world's first



novel, was written by Lady Murasaki Shikibu in the 11th century. The story follows the character of

Prince Genji, a passionate character whose tempestuous nature, family circumstances, love affairs, alliances and shifting political fortunes form the core of this epic. The translation includes detailed notes, glossaries, character lists and a chronology to help the reader navigate the multigenerational narrative.

NON-FICTION**Japanese Netsuke**

By Harry N. Abrams
Victoria & Albert Museum
128 pp., \$45 hardback

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 craftsman-ship.

Searching for the Uncommon Common Ground: New Dimensions of Race in America

By Angela Glover Blackwell, Stewart Kwoh & Manuel Pastor
W.W. Norton & Company
224 pp., \$15.95

The authors of this book address the challenges of race and examines 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 a multiethnic 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 capitalistic 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 hedo-

nistic period from 1920 to 1932, known in Japan as Ero (erotic) Guro (grotesque) Nansensu (nonsense); Japan's decision to attack Pearl Harbor; the United States' atomic bombings on 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 Annping Chin
Scribner
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



documentations — letters, diaries, family histories, poetry, journals and interviews — historian Annping Chin 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 nannies — the uneducated widows from the Hofei countryside — contributed their own opinions on modern ways.

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Committee Announces Recently Published Book, 'Japanese Americans in Merced County'



The book "Japanese Americans of Merced County" was recently published and is now available for order at jamcjournal@bigvalley.net. The initial grant money from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Fund will help place the books in Merced County schools, libraries and museums. Pictured here are some of the committee members responsible for the newly published book: (front row, l-r) Patti Kishi, Jake Kiri-hara (committee chairman), Marlene Tanioka, and Emi Tanioka; (back row, l-r) Jean Okuye and Caroline Nakashima. ■