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Series of Hate-Related Incidences in College Town Ignites Racial Debate

By LYNDALIN
Assistant Editor

CLAREMONT, Calif.—It didn't take long for the news to travel to Clark Lee's ears. He was returning from work Mar. 9 to his home campus of Claremont McKenna College, when he heard that racial epithets were spray-painted on a professor's car in the school's parking lot. At first the reality was difficult for the senior to grasp, but soon the words "Shut Up," hatefully scrawled across the hood of the car, seemed to burn right

pen everywhere. Folks think about it and generally talk about it, but it's shocking, it's saddening, and most of all, it's surreal when it happens to you," said Lee.

The upper middle class city of

dences was recently reported.

The most serious incident, the car vandalism, is being investigated as a hate crime. Kerri Dunn, a visiting professor of psychology had just delivered a searing speech against racism when she found her 1992 Honda Civic vandalized. The tires were slashed and the windows were smashed, but most offensive of all were the series of anti-Semitic slurs, including the word "Kike" spray-painted on the car.

"This wasn't a random act," said Dunn. "This was a well-planned out act

of terrorism ... and there's a group here that perpetuates these crimes

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PHOTO: LYNDALIN

Over 3,000 students from the Claremont Colleges rallied to denounce recent on campus hate-related incidents on Mar. 10.

Claremont is not the typical breeding ground for crime, but the city's idyllic atmosphere was shattered when a string of hate-related inci-

dences through the skin and pierce the heart of the matter — hate had finally manifested on his doorstep.

"These kinds of incidences hap-

Lawmakers' Attempt to Remove 'Racist' Land Law Clause Passes First Hurdle

By LYNDALIN
Assistant Editor

The continual effort to remove what one Florida lawmaker calls "a stain in the state Constitution" won its first victory on March 11 by unanimously passing through the House Judiciary Committee. However, the triumph is bittersweet — House Joint Resolution (HJR) 657 seeks to strike one of America's last active alien land law clauses from the books, but still faces daunting opposition.

If passed, the bill titled, "The Rights of Non-Citizens to Own Real Property," will allow voters to amend the part of the Constitution that bars "aliens ineligible for citizenship" from purchasing land. The law, passed by Florida in 1926, is unenforceable today because of fed-

eral anti-discrimination laws.

"[The Alien Land Law clause] does not affect the day-to-day lives of people — It's more of a symbolic issue," said Rep. Phillip Brutus, D-108, cosponsor of the bill. "But anytime I see anything that singles out aliens and foreigners, it gets personal for me. As a person of Haitian descent, I can't sit by and remain idle."

HJR 657

must pass through the House Procedures Committee, three Senate Committees and the governor's desk in order to make it onto this November's ballot.

So far a date has yet to be established to discuss the bill, according to Angela Lane, senior legislative assistant to Brutus. Brutus has written a letter to the president of the Procedures Committee, Rep. Allan

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JACL Sees Surplus in 2003 But Still Exercises Caution in 2004, 2005-2006 Budgets

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL national board announced a significant surplus in the organization's 2003 budget but put off announcing figures for the 2004 budget until the May board meeting.

At a quarterly meeting Mar. 5-6, John Tateishi, JACL executive director, reported a surplus of \$344,991 for the 2003 budget. The surplus was due largely to continued cutbacks in expenses including a freeze on hiring and travel. Successful fundraising initiatives, including the JACL Gala Dinner,

the national membership drive, and the Annual Giving Campaign, also contributed to last year's surplus.

"The membership really came through," said Tateishi, who noted that JACL saw a significant increase in its membership numbers in 2003 due to the efforts of the various chapters and the JACL staff. "We live and die by our membership dues," he said.

With the unexpected surplus the JACL has paid chapter rebates for 2003, district allocation payments, and has paid back the \$75,000 loan taken out of the Life Trust Fund including interest. Even with these

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SPRING CAMPAIGN Spring Into Action

By GIL ASAKAWA
P.C. Board Chair

After spending a full year as the chair of the *Pacific Citizen* editorial board, I have an up-close-and-personal perspective on the newspaper of the JACL.

The P.C. is your pipeline to the JACL and to the Asian Pacific American community at large, and it's a two-way pipeline at that. The P.C. twice a month brings you news and information that you can't get anywhere else nationally.

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JACL Weighs In on Same-Sex Marriage Debate

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—As cities and states across the country continue to debate the pros and cons of same-sex marriage, including a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the issue has inevitably resurfaced in the JACL, prompting similar discussions throughout the organization.

At a March 6 national board meeting, board members expressed reluctance in taking an official board position on the issue, but reaffirmed support for a 1994 JACL national council resolution in support of same-sex marriage. The JACL also announced that it has signed on to a letter by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), officially opposing a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage.

"This was not an easy issue back in 1994 and it is certainly not an easy issue today," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "The board is trying to deal very delicately with this issue."

In regards to the LCCR letter, he added, "people may be upset about it, but I think they'll be as upset as they were when the resolution was passed in 1994." JACL is currently the only Asian Pacific American organization to sign on to the letter.

"As an organization, I think our

duty is to implement what the national council has dictated us to do," said Floyd Mori, JACL national president. "This is a civil rights issue. We need to continue to protect civil rights, we shouldn't discriminate against gay people."

The debate on same-sex marriage has hit at the core of American values and beliefs, especially in cities and states like San Francisco, Portland, New York, and Massachusetts where the issue has caused a huge divide among its constituents.

Same-sex marriage ceremonies being conducted in San Francisco, Portland, and New Paltz, New York have led to efforts in both the House (HJR 56) and the Senate (SJR 26) to amend the U.S. constitution in an effort to ban same-sex marriage. The issue is sure to play a huge part in the upcoming presidential election with President Bush already giving his support to a constitutional amendment.

The issue has also played a divisive role in JACL. The 1994 resolution in support of same-sex marriage passed by only a small margin, even after an emotional speech on the floor by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta in support of same-sex marriage.

The 1994 resolution states in part that JACL "clarifies its position on

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Sure, there are a handful of small, struggling "vernacular" newspapers — publications that usually are bilingual, and serve specific Japanese or Japanese American communities, such as the *Rafu Shimpo* in Los Angeles, the *Nichi Bei Times* and

the many issues that face the JACL as we evolve into the new millennium.

But it's a struggle.

The P.C. is a significant part of the national JACL budget. It's expensive to publish and mail a newspaper. But it also regularly exceeds its budget expectations. It pulls its share, and gives back mightily to the national JACL. And it gives back in ways other than just bringing dollars through the annual Holiday Issue or this Spring Campaign.



Pete Hironaka's "Nisei" poster.

Hokubei Mainichi in San Francisco, the *Northwest Nikkei Post* in Seattle, and the *Rocky Mountain Jiho* in Denver. But they tend to stay closely anchored to their geographic locations.

The P.C. is a national newspaper — even if some JACLers think the paper covers California too much! — and brings you important news occurring in Washington, D.C. (all the coverage of legislation about the PATRIOT Act and other legislation), Philadelphia (the recent flap over a diner named "Chink's Steaks" comes to mind) and anywhere else that issues affecting JAs and APAs pop up.

And the P.C. is unique in its role as the publication of the JACL. It reports on the activities of JACL and

keeps us all up-to-date and educated about the world around us. With its letters and columnists and cartoons, the P.C. gets us to think about our identity as JAs and be passionate about our place in the world.

As the "crown jewel of JACL," as national president Floyd Mori has called the P.C., this newspaper is one of the most important privileges of membership in the JACL. It's your passport into the world of JACL, and the place for you to air your views back to JACL, in those letters to the editor.

And, whether it's for promoting or covering events such as last fall's very successful Gala Dinner in Los Angeles or this summer's 75th Anniversary Convention in Honolulu, the P.C. helps get the word out so that JACL members can do

what they do best: mobilize. The newspaper can mobilize members not just to get behind a cause, as it has countless times over the decades, but also to rally together to raise money for both JACL as an organization as well as the P.C.

And, the P.C. staff has done all this with a short staff for most of the past year. Editor Caroline Aoyagi, office manager Brian Tanaka, and two part-timers work hard to bring you the paper without interruption, and they've fulfilled that goal.

But the paper can be better. Because of the lack of staffing, they've cut back on traveling to various district events and rely on input from members, chapters and districts to cover JACL news. You may have noticed there are more Associated Press and other wire service stories in recent months, also because of the staff shortage.

Now, there's a new assistant editor

onboard, and with your support the P.C. can become an even better newspaper for the JACL.

So I'm writing today to launch this year's Spring Campaign and urge you to express how much you appreciate the P.C. as a part of your lives, and as a valuable symbol of your membership in and commitment to the JACL.

The staff of the P.C. will send along some premiums in gratitude for some of your contributions (cartoonist Pete Hironaka has generously donated 50 original "Nisei" posters for the campaign and author Joyce Hirohata has provided a limited number of her book, "Nisei Voices"). But don't support the P.C. because of a gift. Support the P.C. because you know in your heart how important the newspaper is for you, for the JACL, and for the APA community across the country.

I know this in my heart. ■

Letters to the Editor

Stalwart and Maverick

It was a treat to read Harry Honda's remembrances of my Dad in his "Very Truly Yours" column (Mar. 5-18). But the headline writer didn't get it quite right — my Dad's relationship with the JACL was not as "Stalwart or Maverick." He loved the JACL and his understanding of his responsibility as a loyal supporter included speaking out about what he felt was right for the organization. His letters to the P.C. editor were widely read and often hotly debated. There were even a few times when he and I exchanged opposing views in the P.C.

Known for his integrity and passion for justice, my Dad was outspoken in a community that did not always look with favor on open debate. But as a man of principle, he could do no other — in the annals of JACL he is both Stalwart and Maverick.

Thanks, Harry.

JoAnne Kagiwada
via e-mail

So far \$28 million has been added to the 2004 Selective Service System and the Pentagon has quietly begun a public campaign to fill all 10,350 draft board positions and the 11,070 appeals board slots nationwide.

The Bush administration is quietly trying to get these bills passed without publicity NOW so that it can be announced after the November elections. At this point, John Kerry also supports this action. Those who oppose the draft might consider contacting their representatives in Congress or even writing in a candidate in November who would stop the draft dead in its tracks, such as Dennis Kucinich or Ralph Nader.

For more information, you can go to www.commondreams.org and type in 'military draft' in the search.

Gordon Kobayashi
Valley Springs, CA

Words to Live By

I would like to thank Mas Hashimoto for his commentary, "Words Americans of Japanese Ancestry Live By."

I made two copies for my sons and hope they pass them on to their children.

So much that was written reflects our background and the manner in which we were raised.

Mei Nishimoto
Los Angeles

Another Military Draft?

There is pending legislation in the House and Senate (twin bills S89 and HR163) to reinstate the draft on or about June 15, 2005. This will apply to both men and women ages 18 to 26 and college deferments will NOT be allowed.



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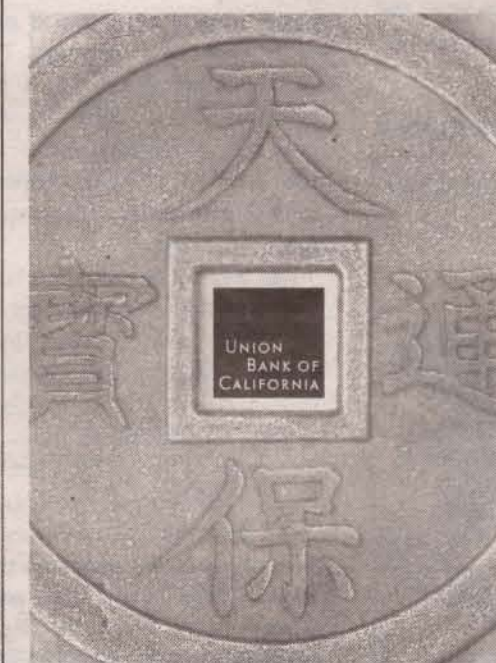
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Congress Unanimously Names Feb. 19 as Day of Remembrance, Including Howard Coble

By Pacific Citizen Staff

WASHINGTON — A year after making statements on a radio program justifying the World War II internment of Japanese Americans, Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., along with other members of the U.S. House of Representatives, unanimously voted in favor of naming Feb. 19 the National Day of Remembrance.

The House's decision to recognize the wrongful internment of JAs, German Americans and Italian Americans came as long-awaited good news for many ethnic communities.

"By admitting that the government wrongfully treated its own citizens and legal residents as potential enemies during World War II, the U.S. Congress has again affirmed our nation's devotion to the principles of fairness and equal protection," said Rep. Michael Honda, D-Calif., who spear-headed the measure from his personal experiences as an internee under the country's wartime policy.

However, the question of Coble's incongruous politics still remain unanswered.

In a radio interview last February, Coble was quoted as saying that the WWII internment of JAs was justified. "It wasn't safe for them to be on the street," he said.

As a result of his comments, civil

rights organizations, including the JACL and the NAACP, called for his resignation. The Democratic National Committee also called for his resignation as the chair of the house subcommittee on crime terrorism and homeland security, a position he still currently holds.

Coble could not be reached for comment.

"As a teacher and public official, Rep. Honda has been steadfast in his efforts to educate the public about internment," said JACL National President Floyd Mori. "February 19 is an important day in American history, and we believe this resolution to be a valuable tool to further heal the wounds of those interned during World War II and to educate the public about injustices that must never be repeated."

The Day of Remembrance is now observed with educational programs on or around Feb. 19, the anniversary of the day President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066.

Under the executive order, 120,000 JAs, 10,905 German Americans and 3,278 Italian Americans were incarcerated and an additional 10,000 Italian Americans were relocated away from coastal zones.

"Particularly now, as certain ethnic minorities face heightened scrutiny due to their race or heritage, our nation must remember what

happened to the so-called 'enemy-aliens' during World War II," said Lawrence Distasi, project director for Una Storia Segreta and president of the Italian American Historical Association. "So many Americans still don't know what happened to the Japanese, German, and Italian communities, and it is important for a nation to know its history."

According to Honda, the primary value of the Day of Remembrance will be instructional, serving as a learning tool to instill the lessons from the WWII internment experience.

"There will be healing for those who were incarcerated, as well as for those indirectly victimized by the misdeeds of our government," Honda said. "When we talk about the Day of Remembrance, communities will get to reflect upon their own experience and project into the future to ensure such events do not happen again." ■

Sen. Spark Matsunaga Inducted Into Human Rights Hall of Fame

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Sen. Spark Matsunaga was posthumously inducted into the Montgomery County, Maryland Human Rights Hall of Fame March 11.

The Human Rights Commission honored Matsunaga for his years of service in the U.S. Congress. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1962 and in 1976 he was elected to the Senate.

Born on the Island of Kauai, Hawaii, Matsunaga served in the famed 100th Infantry Battalion during World War II, receiving a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.

Matsunaga was a key player in the fight to win reparations and an



MATSUNAGA

apology for Japanese Americans unjustly interned in concentration camps during WWII. He passed away in 1990. Matsunaga and his family lived in Montgomery County while he served in Congress from 1962-1990.

Inductees into the Montgomery County Hall of Fame were nominated by the community and selected by a panel of judges, based on their exemplary leadership, achievements and lasting impact on housing, public accommodations and employment policies, as well as their impact on the social climate in Montgomery County's human rights movement.

Joining Matsunaga in the Hall of Fame are: Mary Y. Betters, Blanca Kling, James G. Macdonell, Inez Z. McAbee, Margit Meissner, Leroy W. Warren, Jr., Christine Clarke, James A. Harris, John W. Smith, Myriam Torrico and Harvey Zeigler. ■

Less Severe Judgment Possible in Capital Espionage Case

By Associated Press and Pacific Citizen Staff

FORT BENNING, GA. — Some bizarre twists continue to define the capital espionage case of Capt. James Yee, the Muslim Army chaplain accused of mishandling classified documents from a Guantanamo Naval Base prison, some of which are making military officials talk about the possibility of less severe punishments for Yee.

The preliminary hearing has been postponed for the sixth time to Mar. 24 after Yee's lawyers submitted a proposed settlement to dismiss all serious charges.

The proposal put forth by Attorney Eugene Fidell also called for Yee's honorable discharge from the Army, which has some officials



predicting that the U.S. government will accept the proposal.

"Frankly, this case seems to have been ill-founded from the start," said Michael Greenberger, a former deputy associate U.S. attorney general for counterterrorism. "I think it would not be surprising at all that the U.S. would want to cut their losses and accept Eugene Fidell's offer."

A spokesperson for the U.S. Southern Command, which operates the detention center in Cuba, said military officials are reviewing the proposal, but declined to comment further.

Yee is charged with 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.

In December, a naval reserve lieutenant testified that she had an affair with the chaplain and an Army computer expert testified that she

found pornography on his laptop.

The most serious allegations levied against Yee have been replaced by lesser ones of adultery and possession of pornography on a government computer. Now, Yee's lawyers are hoping to waive his rights to be court-martialed on the pornography charges.

If the proposal is accepted by military officials, Yee will face less severe penalties, such as duty restriction or a temporary pay cut. If Yee is court-martialed and convicted of all charges, he could face up to 13 years in prison.

Terms of Yee's proposal were accidentally e-mailed to dozens of media outlets by Fidell. Minutes later, Fidell sent a follow-up e-mail urging recipients to "disregard and destroy the e-mail I sent a few minutes ago. It was sent inadvertently."

These developments came shortly after Yee was transferred from Fort Benning, where he was free and awaiting trial, to Fort Meade, Maryland. ■

City Officials Change Tune in Debate Over Private Karaoke Booths

By RACHEL KONRAD
Associated Press Writer

SAN MATEO, Calif. — City leaders in this Silicon Valley suburb have changed their tune in a racially charged debate over karaoke lounges.

In January, city council members imposed a temporary ban on private booths in the popular clubs. Police said prostitution, drug use and gambling flourished behind locked doors in dimly lit singing rooms from San Francisco to Sacramento.

Karaoke fans from Seattle to Hong Kong sent angry e-mails and letters to San Mateo, and Police Chief Susan Manheimer defended the clampdown on talk-radio shows. Callers said she and white city council members were culturally insensitive — if not discriminatory — to a popular Asian cultural institution.

On March 1, city officials relented, allowing construction of private booths. Rooms must include 12-

AA Maker of Ghettopoly Sues Hasbro

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

ERIE, Pa. — The Asian American maker of the board game Ghettopoly, a spoof on Monopoly that has drawn the ire of black leaders for its portrayal of urban life, is suing Hasbro so he can continue to sell the game.

Hasbro Inc., the Pawtucket, R.I.-based owner of Parker Brothers, which makes the board game Monopoly, has filed suit to stop sales, claiming trademark and copyright infringement.

David Chang, of St. Mary's, said he has already been effectively prevented from selling Ghettopoly before that challenge can get to court. That's because Hasbro sent a cease and desist letter to Urban Outfitters, which he said had agreed to sell 2,000 games.

square-foot see-through windows, bright lighting and doors that don't lock.

Karaoke bars are mainstays of nightlife districts throughout Asia, but authorities are increasingly scrutinizing them. ■

Now, 1,050 Ghettopoly games are sitting in a warehouse and new stock is being detained by U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Tacoma, Wash. In a lawsuit filed Feb. 27 in U.S. District Court in Erie, Chang is asking the court to order Hasbro to consent to a release of those games.


Jennifer Meredith, one of Chang's attorneys, said he is being penalized before anyone has even determined whether he's guilty of trademark or copyright infringement.

According to Chang and his attorneys, at least 100 games end in "opoly." They said the game isn't likely to be confused with Monopoly in consumers' minds.


While the game has been criticized as racist, Chang, who is Asian American, said in his complaint that the game is a parody of "the hip-hop culture of the 21st century."

Chang also claims he lost about \$10,500 on the games delivered to Urban Outfitters because of Hasbro's interference.

He is still selling the game on the Internet. ■





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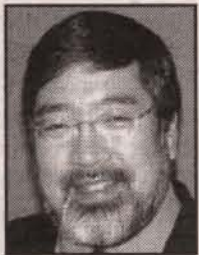
COMMENTARY

Diversity — What a Concept!

By PAUL M. IGASAKI

Once even talking about valuing a mixture of races, religions, sexual orientations, ages or persons with disabilities was considered problematic. Being blind to difference was considered ideal. Times have certainly changed. In the business world and in government, including even the U.S. Supreme Court, the concept of diversity has received support, or at least acceptance. We now see diversity positions, even departments, in most major companies, as well as consultants like myself or publications that explore the methods involved in fostering workplace diversity. This is a good thing and I hope it continues.

It concerns me, however, that many fail to understand that this is a complicated challenge. The first and most important step in dealing with diversity is to believe that it is a beneficial thing to pursue in your institution, whether it is a workplace, a school or media outlet. But that is



merely the starting point. In my previous position as vice chair of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, I helped enforce the nation's laws against job discrimination. This is only a portion of the diversity reality, but it is an important one. Like so many things, diversity is about balancing factors and considering what one needs to do to be effective, fair and within the law. It is about finding and promoting good employees from diverse backgrounds, about maintaining an environment that not only accommodates difference, but thrives because of it. Positive values, yes, but more complicated than one might think.

A colleague once said that complying with discrimination laws was not rocket science. While that may be true, I definitely don't want folks to think that there is nothing to it. It is more than merely not wanting to discriminate or wishing for a diverse workforce.

No "Safe Harbor" or Quick Fixes

One of the most frequent questions I received from managers as I traveled nationwide and even abroad for the EEOC was what employment practices were "safe harbors" from a

legal point of view. I understand why they asked that; running an organization requires avoiding activities that cost the organization in money or distractions from the organizational mission. From a management point of view, clear and unambiguous answers are sought as to what creates diversity and what does not. Managers want to know in advance what specific diversity efforts will not risk legal liability. It would be nice if it were simple. But, for the most part, it is not. It is a subjective area requiring an understanding of diversity, how different people will react to different situations, and all of the factors at play in a particular organization and community.

Wanting diversity is not enough to actually achieve it. Figuring out why you don't have a diverse workforce, for example, may not be so easy to figure. What is the company's image regarding diversity generally and with particular minority groups? It is not surprising that increasing diversity doesn't occur when recruitment is done through your existing workers or through usual techniques. Is your recruitment campaign focused on publications and events of interest to certain communities and to people with different backgrounds? Is recruiting done locally only or nationally? Utilizing headhunters that have connections to particular

minority groups makes a difference.

How are hiring and advancement decisions made by the company? Is there an affirmative action plan that is taken seriously? Are the hiring pools diverse as opposed to the ultimate workforce? If so, the problem could be in the selection procedure or in recruiting competitive diversity recruits. Do the job descriptions seek the characteristics that are truly necessary for the job, or are there factors that are not necessary that limit who would be hired?

Detailed Analysis, Objective Investigation

Clearly, diversity and compliance require careful analysis, and these analyses cannot be done on paper only. When I worked with local government, I heard that someone seeking a promotion was told that he didn't get the job because they had to hire a minority for the position. I was very concerned, of course. If true, it would've been discriminatory. However, the manager who said this to the applicant responded when challenged that in fact the minority person chosen had greater experience with the precise challenges that the higher-level position required. The manager sought to make the applicant feel better assuming that being discriminated against would be preferable to being told that he was less qualified for the job.

I trust that such incidents are infrequent these days. This illustrates how critical it is to have a good, objective internal investigation of the specific details and context of diversity and discrimination concerns in an organization. It also reminds us that, in the real world, people do not always do what seems professionally or legally preferable. Staff whose responsibilities are usually far removed from diversity or equal opportunity standards will often stray from best practices because their primary focus is elsewhere.

I work in the diversity and equal employment opportunity fields because I believe in the values behind them and the need for professionals serving business, government and other sectors to refine methods and resolve disputes. The fact that it is not easy does not detract from its importance. America is not defined by its race, religion or ethnicity as so many other countries are. In a very real sense, those differences are what makes this country great and allows us to grow and change. ■

Paul Igasaki served as the vice chair and later as acting chair of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission from 1994 to 2002.

By Associated Press
and Pacific Citizen Staff

Elko Joins County in Opposing Patriot Act

ELKO, Nev.—Elko City Council has joined the county commission in voting opposition to any sections of the Federal Patriot Act that violate peoples' civil rights.

The council's resolution approved Mar. 9 prohibits local participation in federal investigations as well as the seizure of personal records without reasonable suspicion that a crime has been committed.

Elko Chief Clair Morris was among those who spoke in favor of the resolution, which prohibits the police force from racial profiling and enforcing federal immigration laws.

It also forbids city agencies from creating intelligence dossiers on the political, religious and social views of individuals and organizations unless the information relates to a criminal investigation.

Elko's resolution made it the 264th city, county or state jurisdiction to favor a less intrusive measure. It and the county are the only Nevada entities to have approved such a resolution.

eBay Halts Auction of Vietnamese Girls

SAN JOSE, Calif.—eBay Inc. halted an auction and suspended a Taiwanese user who allegedly tried to sell three Vietnamese girls for a starting bid of \$5,400.

The auction, which began Mar. 2 on eBay's Taiwan site, did not include a detailed description of the goods for sale but said the "items" were from Vietnam and would be "shipped to Taiwan only."

The site included five photos of three people. One dark-haired woman in a white shirt wore make-up and blue nail polish, and the other two appeared to be girls no older than their early teens. The 10-day auction had a starting price of 180,000 Taiwanese dollars, or

\$5,411.88.

Vietnamese activists groups in Australia and the United States noticed the listing as early as Mar. 5 and began sending e-mails to women's rights and immigrant advocates around the world. Many of them contacted eBay, and customer service representatives pulled the auction, now listed as "invalid item."

San Jose-based eBay strictly forbids the sale or purchase of humans, alive or dead.

FBI Investigates Vandalism at Lubbock, Texas Mosque

LUBBOCK, Texas—The FBI and police are investigating theft and vandalism at a local mosque, trying to determine if anti-Muslim epithets scrawled in marker on walls and a computer indicate a possible hate crime.

Worshippers at the Islamic Center of the South Plains discovered the damage — estimated to be about \$1,800 — Mar. 7 when they arrived for morning prayers.

The FBI and local authorities believe at least two people broke into the mosque late Mar. 6 or early Mar. 7. Investigators are looking into whether the break-in "was indeed a hate crime and not just vandalism," said FBI spokesperson Lori Bailey.

No determination has been made.

Mosque leaders will review security at the building but aren't afraid to continue worshipping in the building, Iman Mohamed El-Moctar said. He said authorities told him they found most of the stolen goods in nearby trash bins.

Hawaii's Favorite Pink Pork Brick Faces Competition From Denmark

HONOLULU—Not since the

overthrow of Hawaii's last queen has a foreigner dared to wage a battle so fierce against an island institution.

Spam has been Hawaii's undisputed king of canned luncheon meat since the gelatinous pink pork brick was first introduced to the islands during World War II. Now a new Danish copycat called Tulip is trying to unseat Spam.

In Hawaii, Spam is much more than a four-letter word for unwanted e-mail. The product made by Austin, Minnesota-based Hormel Foods Corp. isn't just another canned meat either. It's more of a staple food and part of island culture — Hawaii leads the nation in per capita Spam consumption.

After two years of planning and development, Tulip was introduced in Hawaii last August with an aggressive marketing campaign and an ambitious goal of gaining nearly 20 percent of Spam's enviable market share in two years.

Tulip's distributor and marketer, Advantage Webco Dodge Hawaii, said sales have been strong. Its marketing goal of selling 1.2 million cans may be met a year earlier than expected, the company said.

Beside Tulip, there are also about a half a dozen other luncheon meats on the market including Treet, Celebrity and some generic brands. Others too, have come and gone, but Spam still reigns.

Japanese Academy in Southern U.S. Hopes to Stay Open With American Students

SWEETWATER, Tennessee—Japan's first accredited high school in the United States is considering accepting American students in order to stay financially viable, administrators said.

Tennessee Meiji Gakuin, a three-year private academy that teaches a

Japanese curriculum with an emphasis on English language instruction, was scheduled to close in spring 2006. University officials postponed the closing date until March 2007 after administrators, teachers and parents pushed for more time to raise enrollment.

The boarding school was founded in 1989 mainly for children of Japanese industry executives who moved to the United States. Enrollment has slipped significantly in the last decade, from 194 students in 1995 to about 80 when the new academic year starts in April. The school has never recovered since enrollment began dropping after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Tennessee Meiji Gakuin relies mostly on tuition money to fund teacher salaries, supplies and maintenance. It has been financially independent from its parent school, Meiji Gakuin University in Tokyo, since 1995.

Tennessee Meiji Gakuin will start offering three-week sessions this summer for American students ages 15 to 19 to study Japanese. ■

Community-Corporate Partnership Establishes National Scholarship Program for APIAs

National Asian and Pacific Islander American leaders are celebrating the inauguration of the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF), a new national scholarship organization devoted to API students.

For more than a year, national APIA leaders have worked towards establishing a national scholarship organization offering financial support to API students who otherwise could not afford to attend a post-secondary institution of their choice.

"More than 12 percent of Asian Americans and nearly 18 percent of Pacific Islanders still live below the official poverty line, meaning thousands of students require financial aid to secure a college education. APIASF will allow us to help more of these students," said Christine Chen, executive

director of the Organization of Chinese Americans, whose group manages several pan-Asian scholarship programs including the Gates Millennium Scholars program.

Although national scholarship programs exist for African Americans, AAs, Hispanics, and American Indians, corporate and community leaders have discovered that an independent organization devoted solely to the scholarship needs of APIAs does not exist.

"AMOA made a commitment long ago to support the educational needs of students from all backgrounds and cultures," said Eddie Yuen, president of AMOA, whose organization worked with Ronald McDonald House Charities to create the Asian Students Increasing Achievement (ASIA) scholarship program — an organization that

will become a part of APIASF in the future. "Creating APIASF in tandem with corporate and national Asian and Pacific Islander American leaders is truly a dream come true for us."

In addition to supporting financial needs, APIASF leaders hope to enable scholarship recipients in pursuing careers where APIAs have been traditionally underrepresented, including but not limited to higher education, television and film, management and government.

APIASF anticipates that it will take approximately two years to build a national scholarship organization that can address the growing financial needs of APIA students. Currently, APIASF leaders are working to establish a national board and building infrastructure to support the organization's programs and initiatives. ■

All Poston I Family Reunion Set for October

Take a journey back in time with the Poston I Camp Reunion. The event slated to take place Oct. 8-10 at the Flamingo Hotel is a way to bring the extended family together to learn and share in the experience of the older generation during World War II.

The family reunion concept was developed by the Poston I All Camp Family Reunion Committee to encourage the attendance of children and grandchildren of the Issei and Nisei internees.

"If you have never attended a Poston I Camp Reunion, this is an excellent once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to introduce your children and grandchildren to the very unique life you faced during the internment," said Co-Chairman Aki Amano.

Attendees will be bussed to the site of the Poston I Relocation Camp, the Poston Memorial Monument and the remains of the elementary school and auditorium that were destroyed in a fire.

The three-day event will also feature educational activities such as forums with former internees and a luncheon in Parker, Arizona at the Bluewater Resort on the Colorado River with representatives of the Colorado River Indian Tribal

Council (CRIT).

The CRIT has been the force behind the maintenance and care of the Poston Monument and the remains of the elementary school area.

Among the topics to be considered for discussion during the visit with the CRIT is the current camp restoration project and repair of the auditorium.

For teenagers and younger children, there is a surplus of entertainment such as the game room at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel, movie theater and outlet mall across the street.

"It is vital for all internees, regardless of which camp, to make sure our children and grandchildren are aware of what happened in the history of the Japanese Americans. We don't want it to ever happen again to any group of people solely because of their ethnic or cultural background," said Co-Chairperson Mary Higashi.

The public is also invited to attend this reunion. Those interested in participating must contact Aki Amano at 310/541-4648 or EAAmano@aol.com; Mary Higashi 310/823-6303; Sets Kobata Shinto 323/721-1387 or Bob Wada 714/992-5461. ■

YOUTH FORUM A Category Uniquely My Own

By PAUL GOSHI

I'm a mixed Yonsei. My background is white, Japanese, Hawaiian, and Blackfeet Native American, in roughly that order; H a w a i i a n locals like my grandparents would use the much simpler description of Hapa or hapa-haole. Being J a p a n e s e

American by way of Hawaii is very common, though growing up I always felt at arm's length from a confident claim to any ethnic identity because of the seemingly relative lack of mixed Japanese east of Hawaii.

Growing up, I never learned to speak anything other than English in my family home, aside from a few Hawaiian "pidgin" words which used filtered Japanese. I didn't attend Cherry Blossom Festivals or any cultural events really. The few words and phrases and written characters I picked up from my grandparents were, to newer arrivals, incomprehensible or undecipherable, being a quaint outdated Kyushu dialect just a few years short of a century old, handed down from my great-grandparents who came to Hawaii before 1910 as sugar plantation workers.

My interest in Japanese culture and identity, however, was very great. I later learned that most of what I was able to get my hands on

in the way of books was at the whim of the ebb and flow of mainstream America's interest with the exotic aspects of Japan and its history, this being often the only reason for books on pre- or post-World War II Japan to be published in English.

As a result, my knowledge of Japanese history and culture was limited to often outdated books about *Sengoku Jidai*, the samurai period, or the less dramatic business histories of post-war Japanese industries which fascinated economists and infuriated American workers during my childhood in the 1980s.

The hostility of the 1980s towards Japan in California, I'm somewhat ashamed to admit, further estranged me even from my tentative ties to my Japanese heritage. Two Japanese college students were slain in a Ralph's supermarket parking lot literally three blocks from my family home and this, combined with many of the usual "Go back to Japan" imperatives and insults from kids my age, prompted me to give up any claim to a Japanese heritage I felt was not only undesirable, but also didn't want me and, bluntly, I didn't really have strong ties to anyhow.

The phenomenal popularity of *manga* and *anime* in mainstream American culture brought "Japanese is cool" attitudes back into play that I had not seen much of since I was very, very young. Suddenly, as a freshmen at UC Berkeley, I found myself surround-

ed by completely non-Japanese kids my age obsessed with Japan (or at least, a commercialized and marketed ideal of it), having Japanese girlfriends, visiting Japan (which I have never done), and worst of all, speaking more Japanese than myself.

Even more embarrassing, many of them deferred to me as some sort of presumably knowledgeable expert on Japan and its culture. They seemed mystified when I had to honestly inform them I didn't have much of a Japanese ethnic identity, and to be honest, hadn't really wanted much of one either for most of my life.

It may seem ironic that I found myself enrolled in a Japanese I language course shortly after my decision to pursue Native American Studies as a college major. I think part of me just wanted to be certain *someone* was there who appreciated Japan for more than its animation. Another part, however, felt safer to venture out and delve more deeply into a section of my heritage neglected for a long time.

Some of the questions and doubts from childhood that kept me at arm's length from my Japanese heritage remain, if a bit muted; will other Japanese Americans see me as a JA? What makes a mixed Yonsei JA? Am I even JA at all?

I still am not sure how to answer any of these questions and many more that I have, but I do feel more comfortable and confident exploring this part of my background and reclaiming ties to it, even if I end up in a category uniquely my own. ■

Paul Goshi is a freshman at UC Berkeley.

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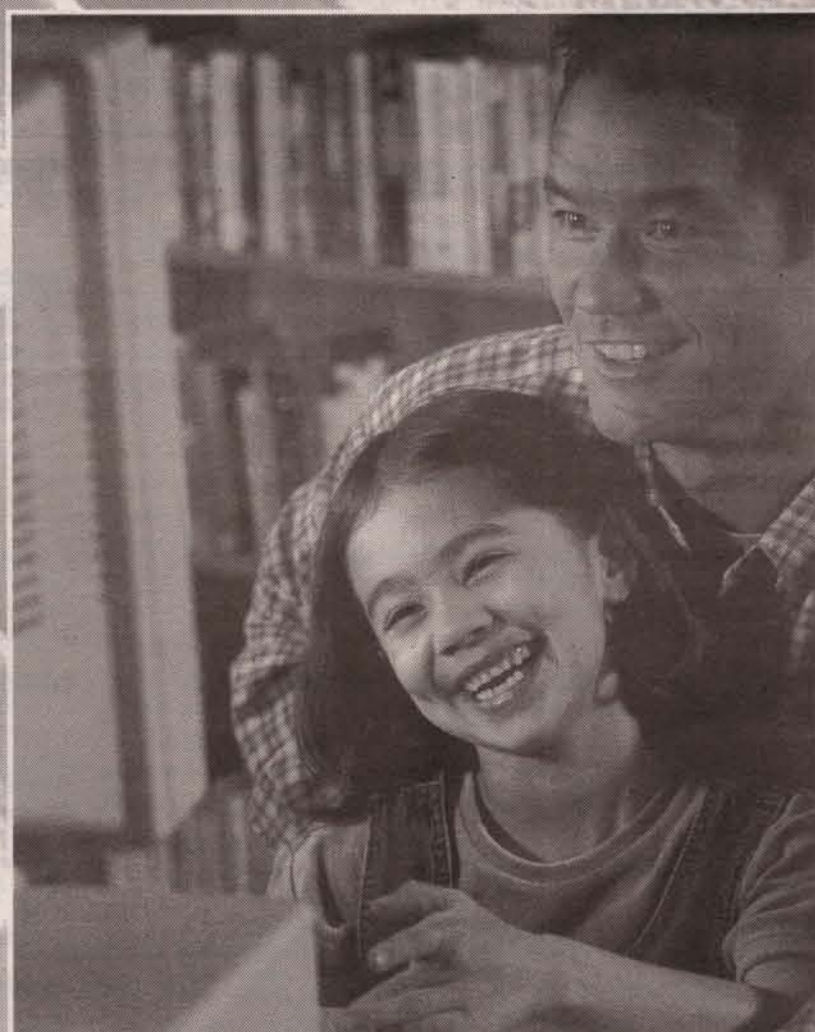
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HATE CRIMES

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by sneaking around during the nighttime."

In January, four students stole a large cross from Pomona College, an unfinished student art project that belonged to Marcel Lund-Montano, and later set fire to it in front of some dormitories that were empty during the winter break.

Cynthia Peters, a spokesperson for the college, said the incident is not being investigated as a hate crime because the burning cross was not directed at anyone personally.

In February, a photo scavenger hunt lead by a campus organization called for its members to take a "photo with 10 or more Asians."

When that happened, Lee said that some of the Asian American students were being followed around.

"That was not cool," said Lee, who added that one of his friends logged onto the school's interactive discussion forum Web site to express his unhappiness over the incident only to receive "interesting threats" in response.

To further fuel the fire of race relation debates in this college town, the word "Nigger" was found written on a calendar picture of George Washington Carver in February during Black History Month.

The combination of these four incidences galvanized the colleges' 75,000 students to cancel classes and participate in a series of daylong talks and rallies against hate crimes on Mar. 10.

"It's important to know that

everything [all anti-hate rallies] was student-run," said Josh Pasek, a junior at Pomona College. "The incidents that did happen became campus-wide issues because people thought they were important enough to stop reporting them to just [the administration] because they were larger issues."

The string of hate-related events and the student body reaction snatched local headlines and shifted public focus to the discussion of race relations, not only on school campuses but across the nation as well.

According to Claremont Police Lt. Stan Van Horn, in the last five years, 1 to 3 hate crimes have been reported in Claremont — relatively low in comparison to other cities across the United States where hate crimes seem to make the evening news with more frequency.

In the FBI's official 2002 Hate Crime Statistics Report, a total of 7,462 hate crime incidents were reported nationwide last year, a decrease from last year's numbers that had many residents and law enforcement officials breathing easier for awhile. However, some are saying that the four hate-related incidences at the Claremont Colleges since the beginning of the year are a clear indication that more progress needs to be made in moderating race relations.

"What happens here in our city is just a snap shot to similar incidents in the country, and cannot be ignored," said Van Horn.

"Every single day, when you walk somewhere, sometimes you're conscious this kind of stuff happens, sometimes you're not," said Lee. "After 9/11, I was boarding a plane to go out of state, and got pulled out of my line four times to get searched. Sometimes the nation becomes reactionary, but hopefully, we don't lose sight of what this country is all about — tolerance." ■

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payments JACL still has a surplus of approximately \$270,000.

"We're moving in a positive direction as a result of all your efforts," said Tateishi.

But he also emphasized that JACL must continue to raise membership numbers and embark on various fundraising efforts in order to ensure that JACL does not enter into a deficit budget again in 2004. "By no means is it over yet," said Tateishi, who said he would continue to cut back expenses and monitor spending.

Investment Policy Committee Chair Ted Tsukahara reported that as of Dec. 31, 2003, JACL's total investments were valued at \$7,310,745, an increase of \$337,641 over a three-month period. As of Feb. 29 the Legacy Fund sits at \$5.57 million, slightly above the \$5.5 million benchmark set for any withdrawal of funds.

But although the Legacy Fund has passed this established threshold, funds still cannot be withdrawn for general operations in the 2005-2006 budgets since a 24-month trend must first be observed. Tsukahara believes monies from the Legacy Fund will be available in 2007 for payout of the Legacy Fund grants.

JACL's investments "are doing quite well," said Tsukahara, "but the markets are still volatile."

A subcommittee of the national board met to discuss the 2004 budget but were unable to report any numbers due to a lack of information, said Bob Taniguchi, CCDC governor and subcommittee chair.

"We didn't have enough information," said Taniguchi, who plans to send the budget back to Tateishi to look over the various numbers.

Taniguchi foresees more cuts in

the 2004 budget, trimming down various program expenses to avoid a projected deficit.

"We're going down to the bone again," he said.

A budget committee will meet on April 3 to look over the 2004 budget and will send a report to the national board at their next meeting in May.

Art Koga, JACL national secretary/treasurer and member of the subcommittee, already sees problems with the preliminary 2004 figures, noting that the board established Three Pillars policy in which staff are to work solely in the areas of membership, fundraising, and education has not been followed through.

Koga noted that programs not in line with the Three Pillars were added to the 2004 budget and staff hours were not reallocated to the three areas of membership, fundrais-

ing, and education. He noted that staff hours in legislative advocacy, community outreach, and chapter and district support are currently being allocated in the 2004 budget although they are not a part of the Three Pillars policy.

"We're already four months into the year and we really don't have a budget," he said.

In addition to the 2004 numbers, the budget committee will take up the 2005-2006 budgets at the April 3 meeting. The committee will forward all three budgets to the JACL national board for approval at their quarterly meeting May 22-23 in San Francisco.

The 2005-2006 budgets will then be forwarded to the various JACL chapters for review and the national council will make their final decision at the biennial convention in Honolulu Aug. 10-14. ■

Nation's First Leadership Institute for API Lesbian and Gay Youth Now Accepting Applications

Recognizing the need to train the next generation of leaders, the Asian Pacific Islanders for Human Rights (APIHR) recently introduced the nation's first youth institute geared towards the education of future young leaders of the Asian and Pacific Islander Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersexual, Queer and Questioning (LGBTIQ) community.

"This institute will train the future leaders of our community, something that is desperately needed given the current climate of intolerance and fear," said Patrick Mangto, executive director of APIHR. "With the knowledge and experience provided through the Institute, we hope to ignite a spark for future generations to continue fighting for equality in both the API and queer communities."

API LGBTIQ youths who are

active in their community and have a strong desire for social justice are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be 24 years old or under. Participants will be selected on the basis of demonstrated community interest and involvement, leadership potential, and ability to complete the entire program. Applications are due by April 16.

The youth leadership institute is comprised of an intensive retreat held in June followed by an eight-week internship with API and LGBT community-based organizations and elected officials' offices. Additional specialized trainings will be held weekly to strengthen skills.

For more information on the Youth Leadership Institute, contact Sumiko Braun, youth program coordinator, at 323/860-0876 or sbraun@apihr.org. ■

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Room rates for single or double occupancy: City View \$115, Partial Ocean \$125, Ocean \$150, Deluxe Ocean \$195, Additional Person \$30.

Cancellation and Refund Policy:

Full conference registration fees, less a \$100 cancellation fee, are refundable only if the JACL Honolulu Chapter receives written notice by July 15, 2004. Registrations and cancellations received after July 15, 2004, are non-refundable. Registration may not be rein-

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In Sports

OLYMPICS Yamaguchi Among Finalists for USOC Hall of Fame

CHICAGO— **Kristi Yamaguchi**, Michael Jordan and the original Dream Team, Dan Jansen, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Shannon Miller and Janet Evans are among the finalists for this year's U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame class, the first since 1992.

Six individual athletes, one team and one paralympian will be inducted Jul. 1 in Chicago. The inductees will be voted on by Olympians, U.S. Olympics officials and media representatives. Members of the public also can vote on the Internet until Apr. 14.

A veteran representative — someone who competed at the 1956 Olympics or before — and a special contributor already have been selected by a nomination committee. Their names will be announced in May.

The finalists for individual athletes are: Yamaguchi (figure skating); Joyner-Kersey, Florence Griffith Joyner, Evelyn Ashford, Joan Benoit and Valerie Brisco (track and field); Jansen and Bonnie Blair (speedskating); Evans, Matt Biondi, Rowdy Gaines and Mary T. Meagher (swimming); Tracie Ruiz (synchronized swimming); Bruce Baumgartner, Jeff Blatnick and John Smith (wrestling); Miller (gymnastics); Oscar de la Hoya (boxing); and Greg Barton (canoe/kayak).

Team finalists are: Jordan and the 1992 men's basketball team; the 1976 women's 400 freestyle relay swim team; the 1988 women's track

and field 400 relay; the 1996 women's soccer team; the 1996 women's gymnastics team; and the 1998 women's ice hockey team.

The paralympian finalists are: Diana Golden (alpine skiing); Linda Mastandrea (track and field); John Morgan (swimming); Dennis Oehler (basketball, tennis and track and field); and Randy Snow (wheelchair tennis).

The Hall of Fame was established in 1983. Jesse Owens, Mark Spitz, Jim Thorpe, Wilma Rudolph, Peggy Fleming and the 1980 hockey team were among the first class, and annual additions continued through 1992 before inductions were halted.

The Hall of Fame currently has 151 members, including 68 individual athletes and five teams. ■

FIGURE SKATING Ando Wins Women's Free Skating Program at Junior Worlds

THE HAGUE, Netherlands— **Miki Ando** of Japan won the women's free skating program Mar. 6 at the Junior World Figure Skating Championships, beating Kimmie Meissner and Katy Taylor of the United States.

Ando also won the short program, and was overall champion for the first time, after finishing third in 2002 and second in 2003. The Japanese junior champion skated to Igor Stravinsky's "Fire Bird."

Meissner finished second overall, ahead of Taylor in third. ■

BASEBALL New York City Hopes Matsui Will Score With Japanese Travelers

TAMPA, Florida—New York City tourism officials, hoping to score with Japanese tourists, unveiled a \$3 million marketing campaign recently featuring Yankees star **Hideki Matsui**.

A three-minute video promoting the city opens with the outfielder slugging a home run and shows scenes of New York's highlights, including Broadway shows, the Statue of Liberty and Central Park, along with footage showcasing the city's shops and restaurants.

The Japanese superstar joined the Yankees last year, and "captured the hearts of all New Yorkers" when he hit a grand slam in the season opener, said Cristyne L. Nicholas, president and CEO of NYC & Company, the city's tourism marketing organization.

"New York City and Japan might be a world apart on the globe, but the mutual love of baseball is bringing us together," Nicholas said during a news conference at Legends Field in Tampa, the Yankees' spring training home.

During the peak in 1999, New York City drew 425,000 Japanese visitors. But the economic downturn in Japan, coupled with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, dropped the number of travelers to about 300,000 in 2002, the last year for which figures are available, Nicholas said.

Spending by Japanese visitors also took a drop, Nicholas said. In



New York Yankees' Hideki Matsui receives a Proclamation from New York Mayor Bloomberg presented by Cristyne Nicholas, Mar. 3 in Tampa, FL. (AP Photo/Rusty Kennedy)

1999, Japanese tourists spent about \$466 million in New York. In 2002, that figure had fallen to about half that amount.

"They make such an investment in New York City. We've really felt their absence," she said, adding that Japanese are the third-largest group of foreign travelers to New York, behind only the United Kingdom and Canada.

The city is hoping for a rebound fueled by Japan's adoration of Matsui, who was an All-Star in his homeland with the Yomiuri Giants before signing with the Yankees.

As New York's ambassador for Japanese tourism, Matsui said through a translator, "I hope tourists come to the city to enjoy the city and to watch the New York Yankees play."

When asked what his favorite spot is in New York, Matsui replied: "Yankee Stadium."

Brian Cashman, senior vice president and general manager of the Yankees, said that as a player, Matsui has "lived up to all our expectations." He said the 29-year-old isn't "just a championship-caliber player, he's a championship-caliber person."

Nicholas said she traveled to Tokyo last year to promote New York City, and people were lining up early in the morning to see Matsui. "I've never seen anything like it," she said.

"There's absolutely no better ambassador I can think of to rebuild the Japanese market," Nicholas said. ■

AUTO RACING Sato Thrilled With His Return to Track

MELBOURNE, Australia—Almost a full season out of Formula One racing didn't dull **Takuma Sato's** appetite for the sport, or his sense of adventure.

The Japanese driver had a wild spin in the second free practice session for the season-opening Australian Grand Prix, but ended the day feeling confident for 2004.

Sato, 27, who has replaced former world champion Jacques Villeneuve at BAR Honda, was 12th quickest after opening sessions Mar. 5.

He clocked one minute 26.967 seconds around the 3.295-mile Albert Park circuit, more than two seconds behind pace-setter Michael Schumacher and Ferrari.

"It's great to be back competing in a grand prix again but it is quite a challenge to adapt to the new format," said Sato, who made his debut

in 2002 driving for Jordan, but was a test driver for BAR last year before replacing Villeneuve.

"It's a little bit difficult for me to have the feel of the car ... to come back to the grand prix races," added Sato.

Sato's BAR teammate, Jenson Button, was fourth quickest in 1:25.786. Both BAR drivers completed 21 laps.

Sato drove for BAR in the final race of last season — the Japanese Grand Prix — when Canadian Villeneuve pulled out after being dropped for 2004. The Japanese driver collected three points for a sixth-place finish.

Sato had hearts pounding when he spun out on turn 12 after going into the trackside grass, but managed to get the BAR006 car under control without any damage.

"I've had very little track time so

it is difficult to choose the right tire in such a short space of time," he said.

"The team is working very well and our team's atmosphere is very high. It's a fantastic opportunity. To me the racing is everything, so I'm very, very glad."

Sato said the Melbourne circuit was "the perfect race to start the season with."

"I have raced at Melbourne once before — it was my debut race — but I had a technical problem in qualifying," he said.

"So many things can happen in Melbourne, and everyone has a chance. Hopefully, we will be strong straight away. I am certainly confident and optimistic. Looking at the testing results and progress we have made, I am sure we are in a much better position than before," said Sato. ■

SPEEDSKATING Ohno, Hallisey Repeat as U.S. Short Track Champions

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Ohio—**Apolo Anton Ohno** won the 1,000 and 3,000-meter races Feb. 29 to complete a sweep at the U.S. Short Track speedskating championships and capture his fourth straight title.

Ohno, of Seattle, won all six races to take the U.S. Short Track title for the sixth time. He finished with 170 points, double the total of runner-up Rusty Smith, of Long Beach, Calif.

Ohno finished the 1,000 in 1:29.558 seconds, barely besting Smith's time of 1:29.822. The 3,000

also was close, with Ohno (4:54.419) beating Shani Davis, of Chicago (4:55.889).

Ohno won the four-lap and nine-lap time trials, took first in the 1,500 and won the 500.

Davis finished third in the standings with 65.5 points and qualified for the U.S. World Short Track team that will compete in Gothenburg, Sweden, Mar. 19-21. He is the first U.S. male skater to make the short track and long track world teams in the same season.

The only other U.S. skater to

accomplish the feat was Bonnie Blair, who made both teams in 1986 and won the World Short Track championship.

Caroline Hallisey, of Natick, Mass., won her second straight women's national title despite finishing second in the 1,000 and 3,000 races to overall runner-up Hyo-Jung Kim, of Fullerton, Calif.

Hallisey finished with 123 points, five more than the 15-year-old Kim. Allison Baver, of Sinking Spring, Pa., was third with 65.5 points. ■

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COMMENTARY Utah Fails to Pass Hate Crimes Bill, Again

By JEFF ITAMI

Once again, we in Utah are facing another frustrated attempt to pass a workable (i.e. "prosecutable") Hate Crimes Bill in the current legislature.



In an obvious attempt to thwart Rep. David Litvack, Utah State Sen. James Evans is promoting his version of a Hate Crimes Bill which fails to protect those people persecuted by a hate crime for race, color, disability, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age, or gender.

Why? Because Sen. Evans wants to "include everyone," so his bill uses language that is so vague as to be constitutionally unenforceable, which is his goal.

Rep. Litvack attempted to include the listed groups in his version of the hate crimes legislation. Unfortunately, HB 68 failed, again, in spite of efforts by Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson and invited guest, Ms. Judy Shephard, whose son was murdered for being gay in Wyoming. Ms. Shephard's pleas to support Rep. Litvack's bill, which was made during her appearance before the Utah State Legislative session, made little headway in swaying them — again.

This is Rep. Litvack's third attempt to pass an enforceable

Hate Crimes Bill. On Jan. 18, Ms. Shephard, Mayor Anderson, Dr. Forrest Crawford, assistant to the president for Institutional Diversity, Weber State University, and Rep. Litvack spoke in a panel discussion in the City-County Building with guests from the affected community in attendance. At that time, Rep. Litvack stated he hoped that Ms. Shephard's support for his version of the Hate Crimes Bill would help move it out of committee where it was being held up.

According to a *Salt Lake Tribune* article, "Rival Hate Crime Bills Near Peace (Feb. 4, 2004)," Rep. Litvack wanted the bill to include the list of specific groups but Sen. Evans claims that such a list is discriminatory as it doesn't include everyone. Their attempts to find compromise language failed and Sen. Evans' bill is now safely locked in committee, as is Rep. Litvack's version.

This has had the effect of successfully killing the bill for this year. This happened in spite of the fact that recently on a KUED Radio program a Texas Congressional member stated his version of a bill before the U.S. Congress was very specific on the listing of "the seven words you cannot use in public communications" plus eight other phrases, "because in order to avoid constitutional challenges, you must be specific" to get the bill passed. It seems not all Republican politicians fail to recognize specificity when it comes to an issue near and

dear to their hearts!

The Salt Lake chapter of JACL supported a coalition of minority groups coordinating their efforts with Rep. Litvack. Now, Utah prosecutors, police and minorities will have to wait until 2005 to make another attempt to include "everyone" victimized by a hate crime. What Sen. Evans will not recognize is that "everyone" is a member of an ethnic, racial, religious, gender, age, sexual orientation, or national origin group when it comes to hate crimes against them and "their kind." ■

Jeff Itami is the Salt Lake City chapter Hate Crimes Committee chair.

Gala to Recognize Vietnamese Americans

As a part of Asian Pacific American Month, hundreds of prominent Vietnamese Americans will gather in the nation's capital in May to celebrate their achievements, to thank their adopted homeland and to join other APA communities in the celebration of their heritage.

The Vietnamese American National Gala (VANG) black-tie dinner will take place May 10 at the Capitol Hilton. The gala will be hosted by the Viet Heritage Society, a non-profit organization based in California.

The event will commemorate three decades of Vietnamese American progress and achievement and honor distinguished individuals for their contributions to America.

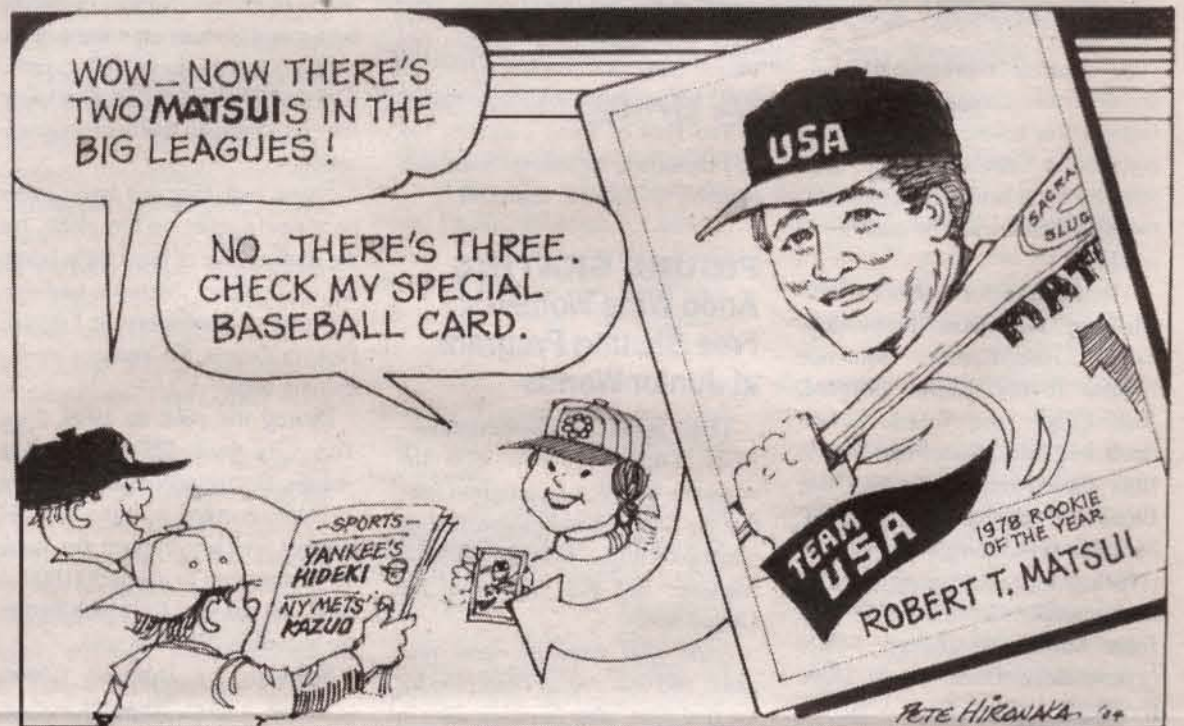
In addition, VANG will also honor a select group of non-Vietnamese individuals and organizations for their work in helping to enhance the quality

of life for Vietnamese people in America.

Secretary of State Colin Powell has been invited to deliver the keynote address. Special guests include Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao and Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta.

"Vietnam is not just a distant place or a not-so-distant war, but a heritage for millions of Americans," said Georgetown law professor and former U.S. Assistant Attorney General Viet D. Dinh. "Their achievements are a cause for celebration, and also a reminder of the opportunities afforded by America and the generosity of her people."

For additional information on the gala, please visit www.vangusa.com or contact Ryan Hubris, executive director, at info@vangusa.com. ■



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G. Bense, R-6, urging for the issue to be placed on the agenda. A representative from Bense's district office, Bill Warren, confirmed that no date has been established to discuss HJR 657.

Brutus and Sen. Steven Geller, D-31, have been trying to push legislation to repeal Florida's alien land law through Congress for over two years. In 2001, Brutus first learned of the law and tried to introduce a bill, but he received little to no support from legislators and the Asian Pacific American community.

In 2002 and 2003, Brutus joined forces with Winnie Tang, chapter president of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) in South Florida to raise awareness and launch letter-writing campaigns.

Although several individuals wrote letters of support Tang says she had to combat apathy, even within the APA community.

"A lot of times, I would tell people [within the APA community] about this discriminatory law and they want it off the books, but one of my friends looked at [the clause] and said, 'This doesn't affect me today.' What some people don't know is that civil rights did not start today, but years ago, and it's important to try to correct history," said Tang.

Last year, the bill was passed to the Senate's second committee, but Sen. Jim Sebastia, R-16, insisted that language be added to prohibit property ownership by illegal aliens, which many thought to be worse

than the original clause. The bill subsequently died in that committee.

"Sen. Geller didn't think that [Sebestia's amendment] was appropriate," said John Reid, legal counsel/legislative assistant to Geller. "Does that mean that someone who is here on a visa and is going through the process of fixing his/her status should automatically be forfeited?"

Tang is gearing up her coalition forces in order to prevent the same hurdles from happening again this time around. The NAACP has already pledged their support and she also hopes to gain the support of the ACLU.

"We're trying to get a letter-writing campaign together in order to influence [the legislatures] to think about it as two separate issues — Just take the language off first. Add amendments later," she said.

Reid hopes the bill will have more success this year with President George W. Bush's proposed immigration policy that may grant undocumented immigrants legal status as temporary workers.

Alien Land Laws were passed from 1913 to the 1930s and were specifically targeted at "aliens ineligible for citizenship," which was a legislative code for all persons of Asian descent. During that time, Asians were barred from becoming citizens and thus banned from owning property.

To date, Florida and New Mexico are the only states with these exclusionary laws still in effect. New Mexico introduced a measure to remove the clause from its constitution

MARRIAGE

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the same-sex marriage issue and welcomes efforts by local, state and federal legislatures to enact law that address the needs of the new forms of domestic partnership that are developing."

It goes on to state that JACL "encourages any domestic partnership legislation to include or provide to domestic partners each and every legal right that is afforded to those who are currently recognized as being married."

But even today, several national board members are hesitant to take an official board stance on same-sex marriage, preferring to take the issue back to their chapters for discussion.

"This is such an explosive issue," said David Masuo, PNW governor, who noted that chapters in his district lost members after the passage of the 1994 resolution.

"The board was prudent in taking

tion in 2002, but voters struck it down.

"I don't like the PC police who go back and try to rewrite history, there are many aspects of U.S. history that may not be pleasant to read, but it's important to know them. I think that this [clause] staying in the constitution is like salt on an open wound," said Reid.

"A lot of times in Florida ... [APAs] don't really count as part of the population," said Tang. "It depends on us to talk to people and to educate them. We are a group being discriminated against by the law, so let's do something about that."

some time to look at the impact of this," agreed Mori. "Particularly for the governors to be able to go back and let their chapters know what the issues are."

Although Mori stands by JACL's 1994 resolution, he personally is against same-sex marriage. "Personally I would be against same-sex marriage," he said. "Whether you're Buddhist or Christian ... marriage has always been the union between a man and a woman."

Ken Inouye, vice president of public affairs, had pushed for an official national board statement at the recent meeting and believes the focus of the debate should be on the proposed changes to the U.S. Constitution.

"I really believe that we need to make a statement about the constitutional process and how it can be used to limit people's rights. We have to protect the rights of minorities," said Inouye, who noted that it was only a short while ago that interracial marriages were banned in the United States. "I hope that our members understand that sometimes we take positions because it's the right thing to do, not necessarily because we have great comfort in them."

Inouye plans to propose a motion opposing a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage at the May 22-23 national board meeting in San Francisco. But JACL, in essence, has already taken a position on the same-sex marriage issue with its support of the LCCR letter delivered to various members of Congress earlier this month.

It states in part that "LCCR believes that this highly divisive amendment is a dangerous and unnecessary approach to resolving the ongoing debate over same-sex marriage, and it would turn 225 years of Constitutional history on its

head by requiring that states actually restrict the civil rights of their own citizens."

The groups note that the "Federal Marriage Amendment" would prohibit states from providing equal marriage rights to same-sex couples and would also deprive same-sex couples from various protections including hospital visitations, inheritance rights, and health care benefits. The amendment states that marriage is between two people of the opposite sex but leaves open the possibility for states to allow civil unions.

In more than 200 years the U.S. Constitution has only been amended 17 times. In addition, an effort to amend the Constitution will not be easy, requiring two-thirds majority in both the House and Senate and ratification by 38 of the 50 states.

Joining JACL in support of the LCCR letter are: the American Civil Liberties Union, NAACP, Jewish Labor Committee, American Federation of Government Employees and the Center for Women Policy Studies.

The debate on the issue of same-sex marriage is likely to continue as the national JACL board prepares to discuss the issue once again at the May meeting.

"It's a really personal and emotional issue," said Tateishi. "I just hope people can think rationally as they debate this issue." ■

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BOULDER, Colo.

Through March 28—Interactive exhibit, "Facing East, Facing West: Black Ships and Samurai," about the initial encounters between Japan and the United States; Boulder Public Library. Info: 303/735-5127; Jessica.Amtson@Colorado.edu.

HEART MOUNTAIN, Wyo.

Monthly—Tours of Heart Mountain camp site; offered by the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation. Info: Pat Wolfe, 307/754-2689 or e-mail pwolfe@wavecom.net.

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, gloriashigeno@hotmail.com.

SALT LAKE CITY

Sat., April 10—Mount Olympus JACL FundaRama; 6 p.m. sushi/manju/bake goods sale; 6-7 p.m. children's games; 6:30 dinner, bingo and raffle after dinner; Cottonwood High

School Cafeteria, 5717 South 1300 East. Tickets at the door, or RSVP to any JACL board member for discount. Info: Silvana/Jeff Watanabe, 801/261-2424.

Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE

Sun., March 21—Lecture/Demonstration, "Magical Japanese Music Making: Koto and Shakuhachi With Visiting Masters"; 2-3:30 p.m.; Children's Museum. Info: 206/441-1768; www.thechildrensmuseum.org.

Northern California

DANVILLE

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

EL CERRITO

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. **RSVP:** Yoko Olsgaard, 510/237-6346.

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.-Sun., March 26-28—11th Annual Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation (SASF) New Year Classic Invitational Basketball Tournament; games at 20 school gymnasiums in the Sacramento and Elk Grove areas. For schedules and locations: Melissa Matsuura Kuyama, 916/464-3701; MNMK@aol.com.

Fri., April 30—Lecture, "Japanese Aesthetics"; 7 p.m.; Asian Community Center, 7353 Park City Drive; lecture by Rev. Nobu Hanaoka, presented by Jan Ken Po Cultural Association. **RSVP:** 916/427-8198 or 916/427-2841; LNGoto@cal.berkeley.edu.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat., March 20—National Japanese American Historical Society Annual Awards Dinner, "Sustaining the Legacy: Cultural Preservation and Stewardship"; 6-9 p.m.; Radisson Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St.; keynote speaker, California State Librarian Kevin Starr; Tickets, info: NJAHS, 415/921-5007.

Wed.-Fri., April 7-9—Asian Pacific Americans for Higher Education (APAHE) Annual Conference; Miyako Hotel; over 30 workshop presentations covering issues of race, culture and leadership; keynote speaker, Stanford Nobel Laureate Stephen Chu. Info: www.apahenational.org.

Sun., April 11—Film Screening, "A Most Unlikely Hero"; 2-4 p.m.; JACCNC, 1840 Sutter St.; the story of Capt. Bruce Yamashita's battle for justice for minorities in the Marine Corps; book signing and discussion will follow. Info: JACCNC, 415/567-5505; jccnc@jccnc.org.

Sat.-Sun., April 17-18 & 24-25—Cherry Blossom Festival and Basketball Jamboree; Japantown. Free. Info: JACCNC, 415/567-5505; jccnc@jccnc.org.

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:** Audree Kochiyama, 415/1702 ext. 131.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Sun., April 4—Nikkei Widowed Group Meeting; new members, men and women, are welcome. Call for meeting time and place: M. Kusaba, 415/333-5190, or Kay Yamamoto, 510/444-3911.

SAN JOSE

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.nikkeimat-

suri.org.

SAN MATEO

Sun., March 28—Sunday Movie Matinee, "Harakiri" (Seppuku); 1:30 p.m.; JA Community Center, 415 Claremont St.; Masaki Kobayashi exposes the samurai code of honor; Japanese with English subtitles. 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, jimiya@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

Fri., March 26—Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (APARC) 3rd Annual Conversy 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.

Through March 28—Documentary Theater, "Question 27, Question 28" by Chay Yew; presented by East West Players; David Henry Hwang Theater, 120 Judge John Aiso St., Little Tokyo; run extended by popular demand. Schedules, tickets: 213/625-7000.

Sat., April 3—National Asian Women's Health Organization 10th Anniversary Conference and Gala: "Celebrating a Decade of Health Partnerships for Asian Women and Families"; conference 9 a.m., reception 5:30 p.m., gala dinner 6:30 p.m.; Millennium Biltmore Hotel; special guests: U.S. Rep Robert and Doris Matsui; Calif. Sen. Gloria Romero; Calif. Assemblymember Judy Chu; Dr. James Marks of the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Tickets, info: Janice Chang, 213/239-6688 ext. 178; www.nawho.org.

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.

Sun., April 4—Book Talk, "No Sword to Bury: Japanese Americans in Hawai'i During World War II" with author Franklin Odo of the Smithsonian Institution Asian Pacific American Program; reveals the untold stories of 169 JAs in the aftermath of Dec. 7, 1941; 2 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum. Info: 213/625-0414.

Sat., April 17—The Moonlight Serenaders in "The Camp Dance: The Music and the Memories"; 2 p.m.; L.A. Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Gymnasium, 815 E. First St. Tickets: Dianne Odagawa, 626/571-1336, or the Grateful Crane hotline, 323/769-5504.

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.

Fri., April 23—Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE) 11th Annual Dinner; 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner; Biltmore Hotel; CAUSE focuses on voter registration and outreach. Info, registration: www.mollyguard.com/event/10554569.

Mon., April 26—21st Annual Ambassadors Cup U.S.-Japan Friendship Golf Tournament; Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier. Info: JACCC, 213/628-2725.

Sun., May 16—Luncheon and Program, "Identity Theft, Internet Safety, Counterfeit Awareness" courtesy of U.S. Secret Service agents; 12 noon chow mein lunch, 1 p.m. presentation, 2 p.m. Q&A and refreshments; Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock St.; presented by the Venice Culver, West L.A. and Greater L.A. Singles JACL chapters. Presentation is free, but **RSVP for lunch by May 10:** Sam Shimoguchi, 310/822-6688; Jean Shigematsu, 310/207-3688; Miyako Kadogawa, 310/839-1194.

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 will be 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. Ondo 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.manzanar-committee.org; SueKE@msn.com; manzcomm@yahoo.com. To ride the bus with the San Fernando JACL, call Tak Yamamoto, 818/894-7723.

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.

Sat., March 28—Book signing and discussion, "Samaye: A Pilgrimage to the Birthplace of Tibetan Buddhism" with author/photographer Mikel Dunham; 2 p.m.; Pacific Asia Museum, 46 N. Robles Ave. Info: 626/449-2742 ext. 19; www.pacificasiamuseum.org.

WEST COVINA

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

Sat., March 20—Las Vegas JACL Luncheon Mixer; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Desert Shores Clubhouse, 2500 Regatta Dr.; entertainment, silent auction, raffle. Free. Info: Jason Schuck, 702/434-0544.

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.

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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Reminder

The deadline for submission of applications for this year's National JACL Scholarships is April 1.

All chapters are reminded that applications (with accompanying materials) for National JACL Freshman Scholarships must be sent to: National JACL Scholarship Program, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115. Applications for all other National JACL Scholarships are to be sent to: National JACL Scholarship Program, c/o San Diego JACL, 1031 25th Street, Suite C., San Diego, CA 92102. ■

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Akune, Tachiko, 92, Camarillo, Feb. 18; Los Angeles-born Nisei; survived by sons Hiro (Mary), Jerry (Jane) and John; daughters Georgia Cooper and Yako (Larry) Kawata; 9 gc.; 2 ggc.; and brother-in-law Himechika (Noriko) Yamashita.

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

Furusawa, Helen, 74 and Masao, 86, Montebello, Feb. 17; survived by sons Robert (Etsuko) and Christopher (Manami); 4 gc.; Masao survived by sisters Sadako Horita and Haruko Adachi; Helen survived by brothers Masuo and Meizo Fukumoto.

Hara, Jiro, 91, Gardena, Feb. 25; Wilmington-born Nisei; survived by wife Harue; daughter Karen A. (Michael) Tani; 2 gc.; brothers Saburo (Nobuko) and Jimmie Hara; sister Miyoko Yokotake; and sisters-in-law Kikue Isobe and Kimie Kawasaki.

Harada, George Tokio, 81, Feb. 19; Parlier-born Nisei; survived by wife Tsutayo; sons William (Janice) and Erik; daughter Yuri Sengen; and 3 gc.

Hayashi, Kazuma, 86, and **Mary, 87**, Monterey Park; survived by sons Glenn and Rodney; brother Tad (Yae); and sisters Chiyoko Sugita, Kozuye Wakimoto and Dorothy (Larry) Ordia.

Iida, Isamu Sam, 79, Rolling Hills Estates, Feb. 20; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife May; sons Dr. Larry (Valerie) and Dr. Robert (Dr. Wanda); daughters Linda (Kenneth) Hirai and Janice (Walfred) Lester; 8 gc.; and sister Yemiko Joyce Nakamura.

Kakita, Tomiko, 89, Los Angeles, Feb. 26; Brawley-born

Nisei; survived by sons Kenneth (Carolyn), Howard (Irene), Albert (Joyce), and Allan (Charlotte); 8 gc.; 6 ggc.; brothers Minoru Nishikawa of Japan, Saburo, Yutaka and Setsuo; sister Miyoko (Akira) Ikeda; brother-in-law George (Tomoko) Kakita; and sisters-in-law Mary Nishikawa, Hisako Kakita, Hatsue Nagasaki of Japan, Eiko (John) Onishi, and Sumako (Harry) Minato.

Kato, Roy Seizo, 79, Gardena, Feb. 26; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Jeanne; son Robert; daughter Michelle; brother James (Ruby); and sisters Mary (Tats) Yago and Yoneko Mitsunashi.

Kikuchi, Stephen, 57, Seattle, Jan. 20; survived by wife Barbie; sons Paul and Joel; and brothers Dan and Richard.

Kondo, Masae, 86, Los Angeles, Feb. 24; San Francisco-born; survived by sons Keith (Susan) and Kevin (Sylvia); and 2 gc.

Kusumoto, Yoshiko N., 101, Poway, Jan. 31; Wakayama-ken, Japan-born; survived by daughters Chiyo (George) Nakagawa of Marysville, Kathy (Tommy) Nakayama of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Chizuko of Poway; 7 gc.; and 6 ggc.

Marumoto, Fumi, 99, Culver City, Feb. 23; Honolulu-born Nisei; survived by sons John (Betsy) and Noriyuki (Toyoko); daughters Chiyomi Ogawa, Saeko (Tokusei) Mayeda and Nancy Marumoto of Arizona; 11 gc.; 13 ggc.; 3 gggc; sisters Fusako Kabashima and Kyoko (Fumio) Minami of Japan.

Michisaki, Henry Ichiro, 88, Venice, Feb. 19; Nisei, WWII veteran, 442nd Infantry; survived by wife Tomi; daughters Kathryn Steele of Canada, Reiko (Patrick Lovejoy), and Toni, both of Santa Cruz, and Masi (Don) Mishima; son Richard; 7 gc.; 2 ggc.; daughter-in-law

Carolyn; and sister Hisae Michisaki of Japan.

Mikuni, Fred Kazuo, 80, Alhambra, Feb. 21; Stockton-born; survived by wife Peggy; son Gary (Catherine); daughter Joanne (Rev. Richard) Hong; 3 gc.; brother Willie (Betty) Mikuni; and sister Rose (Harley) Fujimoto.

Mori, Isamu Sam, 80, Los Angeles, Feb. 27; Herber-born Nisei; WWII veteran, MIS; survived by wife Michiko; sons Michael (Lynn) and Kenneth (JoAnn); daughters Kathleen (Dan) Teshiba and Shirley (Gary) Yamagata; 10 gc.; brothers Susumu (Kumiko) and Bob (Kay); sisters Misayo Kumakura, Yoshiko Hanaoka and Mitsuko Sugimura; and sisters-in-law Yo Hongo and Kay (Paul) Hashimoto.

Naito, James Takuye, 78, Reseda, Feb. 22; Nisei; survived by wife Chiyoko; son Mas; daughter Shirley; 3 gc.; mother Kimiko; and brothers Hiroshi and Mitsuo (Joyce).

Nakawatase, Kunika, 93, Garden Grove, Feb. 21; Kagoshima ken-born; survived by sons Tadashi (Emiko), Tadao and Kunio (Linda); daughter Mitsie (Edward) Rivas; and 3 gc. Predeceased by wife Lily and daughter Miye.

Namura, Emory, 84, Las Animas, Colo., Mar. 6; Walnut Grove, Calif.-born; survived by wife Tayeko; 5 children; 9 gc.; and 6 ggc.

Nomura, Edward Isamu, 89, Newark, Calif., Feb. 15; survived by wife Yukie; sons Raymond and Susumu Tanaka; daughter Patricia Ueda; 4 gc.; and 1 ggc.

Oda, Hiko, 82, Gardena, Feb. 11; survived by brothers Hirotohi, Kahn, Shoji and Akira; sisters Sachiko Yamamoto and Chizuko Yanase; son Dan; and daughters Kathy Markey and Eileen.

Omura, Tsurumatsu, 101, Los Angeles, Feb. 25; Hiroshima ken-born Issei; survived by son Kazushi (Kuni); daughters Hideko (Jim) Robinett and Teruko (Alden)

OBITUARY

Federal Appeals Judge Herbert Choy Dies

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—Federal appeals Judge Herbert Y. C. Choy, the first Asian American to serve on the federal bench, died March 10. He was 88.

Choy was named to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals by President Nixon in 1971. He achieved senior status when he retired in 1984 but continued to work on cases for the San Francisco-based court.

Choy was born on Kauai in 1916 to Korean immigrants. He received his law degree from Harvard University, and was the first Korean to be admitted to the bar.

He served as a territorial attorney general and also was a law partner of former U.S. Sen. Hiram Fong, who

recommended Choy for appointment to the 9th Circuit.

"Judge Choy will be remembered by all who knew him as a man with enormous integrity who richly deserved the high positions he received but did not always seek," said 9th Circuit Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder.

Choy was a role model and "historic figure," but never held himself up as an example to follow, said Judge Richard Clifton, Choy's former law clerk who joined him on the 9th Circuit bench in July 2002.

"He was a mentor to dozens of highly respected lawyers," said Hawaii U.S. District Judge David Ezra. "We deeply regret his passing but the legacy he has left of public service will not quickly be forgotten." ■

Uyemura; 2 gc.; and 2 ggc.

Onouye, Mary Hatsuko, 96, Gardena, Feb. 19; Washington-born; survived by daughters Keiko (Minoru) Yokota, Tomoko (Yasuo) Takenouchi and Chizuko (Yukio) Shimomura; son Makoto (Sanae); 15 gc.; 11 ggc.; and sisters Toshie, Yachiyo, Chiyoko and Ayame Onouye, all of Japan.

Shigematsu, Tamaye, 82, Montrose, Feb. 20; Los Angeles-born; survived by brother Yukio (Kaz) Ishida; and sister-in-law Yukiko Ishida.

Shigemitsu, Herbert Akio, 60, Los Angeles, Feb. 17; Kahuku, Oahu, Hawaii-born Sansei; survived by wife Jeanne; sons Wayne and Keith; daughter Cheryl; 2 gc.; father Thomas; brothers Allen, Neal and Thomas (Judith); father-in-law Hiroshi Kamada; sisters-in-law Julia (Jon) Kawada and Kathy (Fred) Formel.

Shimizu, Megumi, Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 24; Heart Mountain, Wyo.-born; survived by husband Robert Bailes, Jr.; mother Fushimi; step-daughters Carla and Barbara Bailes; and sisters Rumiko Kojima, Aiko (Jack) Ogata, and Junko Shimizu.

Shimokaji, Cyeco, 83, Los Angeles, Feb. 25; Seattle-born; survived by son Bob (Gina); daughter Susan (James) Dassise; 4 gc.; and brother Tadashi Sasaki.

Shitakubo, Shizuko, 94, Gardena, Feb. 17; Norwalk-born; survived by son Glen (Eiko); daughter-in-law Jennie Shitakubo; 5 gc.; 3 ggc.; and sister Mitsuko Ojiri.

Suzukawa, Norio, 62, Laguna Hills, Feb. 14; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife Emi; son Dennis (Tram); daughter Cyndi; 1 gc.; mother Reiko; and brother Steve (JoAnn).

Tabata, Masanobu "Mack", 83, Windsor, Feb. 27; Oso Flaco-born; survived by wife Sue; daughters Eileen (Robert) Fitzpatrick of Irvine, Judi (Russell) Wright of Atascadero and Debbie of Tulare; son Mark of Santa Rosa; and 2 gc.

Takahashi, Robert Kazuo, 53, Gardena, Feb. 17; Long Beach-born; survived by wife Pauline; sons Randall and Brenton; and brothers, William (fiancee Eileen Eguchi) and Kenneth (Sheryl).

Tamura, Yukio "Duke", 82, Las Vegas, Feb. 18; WWII Army Veteran; survived by wife Mary; sons Alvin and Wayne; and 4 gc.

Tanimoto, Chiyono Endo, Feb. 20; Gardena-born; Poston internee; survived by husband Shikuo; sister

Tsuru (Kazuhara) Matsuura; and brother Fumio (Yoko).

Terao, Masashi "Mas", Seattle, Jan. 15; WWII Veteran; survived by wife Kiyoko; and sisters Fusako Mito and Jean Sakahara.

Uchigoshi, Toshio, 89, Monterey Park, Feb. 22; Farmersville-born Nisei; survived by wife Mikiko; sons James (Loretta) and Gary; 1 gc.; and sister Chimi (Kazuma) Teramoto.

Wakayama, William Susumu, 81, Portland, Ore., Dec. 28; Hollister-born; Poston, Ariz., internee; survived by wife Patricia; children William Crowe, Frank Wakayama, Linda Larsen, Terry Huserik, Jeanne Wakayama-Onchi and Frances Wakayama-Carmody; 8 gc. and 2 ggc.; brother Benny (Marti) Wakayama, of Salinas; sister-in-law Muriel Wakayama, of Concord.

Yamaguchi, Chizuko Sheridan, 83, Monterey Park, Feb. 19; survived by son Jonathan; daughters Maryanne and Katherine; and 5 gc.

Yoshioka, Arthur H., 74, Seattle, Jan. 20; survived by wife Sumi; sons Tom (Roberta) and Steve (Beverly); daughters Ann and Lynn; 3 gc.; and sisters Alice Yamamoto of Littleton, Colo., Lucy (Robert) Sato of Mill Creek and Tomi (Tosh) Mano of Seattle.

Yumori, Osamu S., 79, Los Angeles, Feb. 15; El Centro-born; survived by wife, Terrie; son Anthony (Debbie); daughters Kimiko (Jon) Koda, Aileen (Dorell) Hashimoto and Lisa (Stan) Oldorp; 6 gc.; brother Ben (Betty); sister-in-law Yukiko Yumori; and brother-in-law Haruichi Naruse. ■

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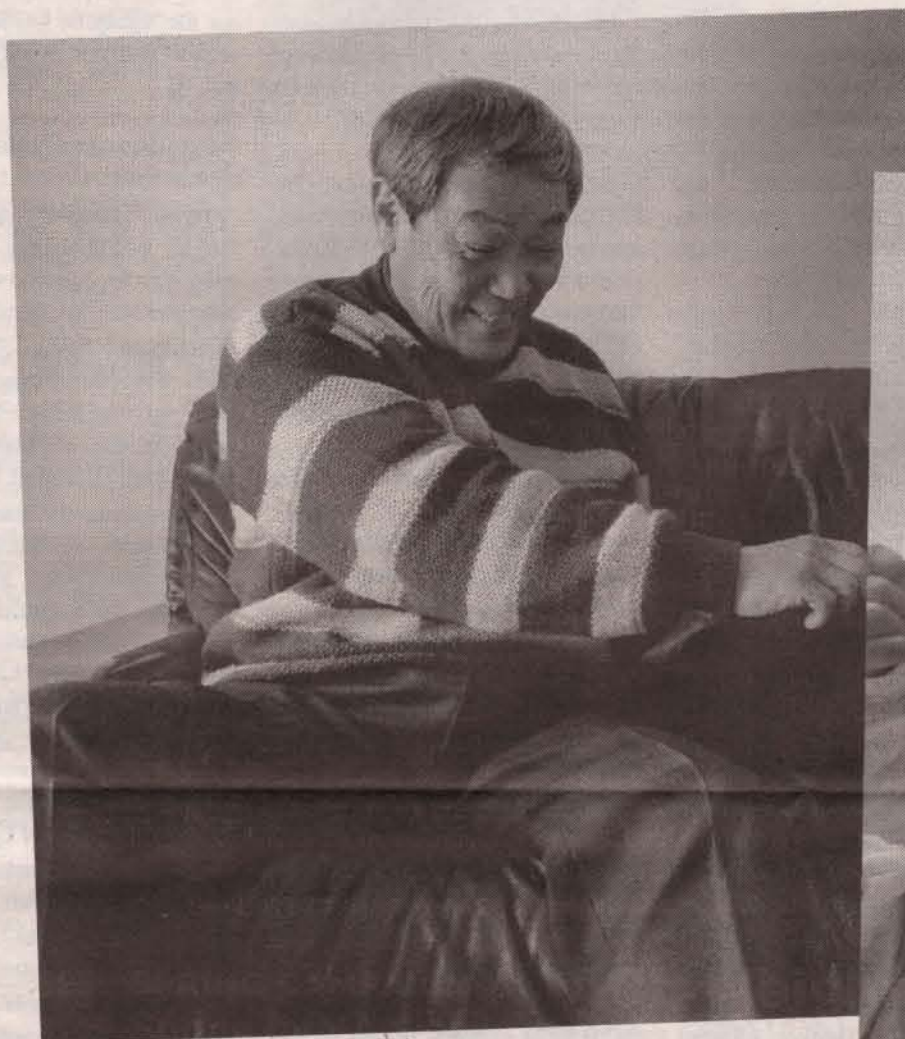
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