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The head tax certificate serves as a painful reminder for many families of past injustice imposed on Chinese immigrants.

Canada Maintains No Reparations Stance for Chinese Canadians

By LYNDA LIN
Assistant Editor

For William Dere, justice comes in a shade of green. In 1909, Dere's grandfather arrived in Canada only to hand over \$500 to the government for simply being Chinese. Now, a special United Nations rapporteur is urging the Canadian government to pay back the money owed to Dere and thousands of other Chinese immigrants and their families who were

forced to pay the so-called Chinese head tax.

Doudou Diene, the UN special rapporteur on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, recently spent 10 days in Canada and submitted a UN draft report recommending Canada consider paying reparations for the head tax once levied against Chinese immigrants. The government's response to the UN recommendations was the same as it has been for the last ten years: No.

"The government accepted the recommendations. We're coming up with an action plan against racism that works with the recommendations," said Minister of Multiculturalism Jean Augustine to the *Pacific Citizen*. "In terms of the section dealing with the redress, I can only repeat that Canada decided to put closure to the issue and that being no financial compensation for historical acts."

This recent response has re-ignit-

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SPRING CAMPAIGN The P.C. Needs Your Help

By ANN FUJII LINDWALL
PNWDC P.C. Board Rep.

There is definitely a lot going on in the world today with the war in Iraq, the upcoming Presidential election, the 9/11 Commission, and rising gas prices. Well, maybe this may be a little under your radar, but yes, it's the Spring Campaign once again, and the *Pacific Citizen* needs your help.



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Efforts to Rename 'Jap Road' and 'Jap Lane' in Texas Still an Ongoing Struggle

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

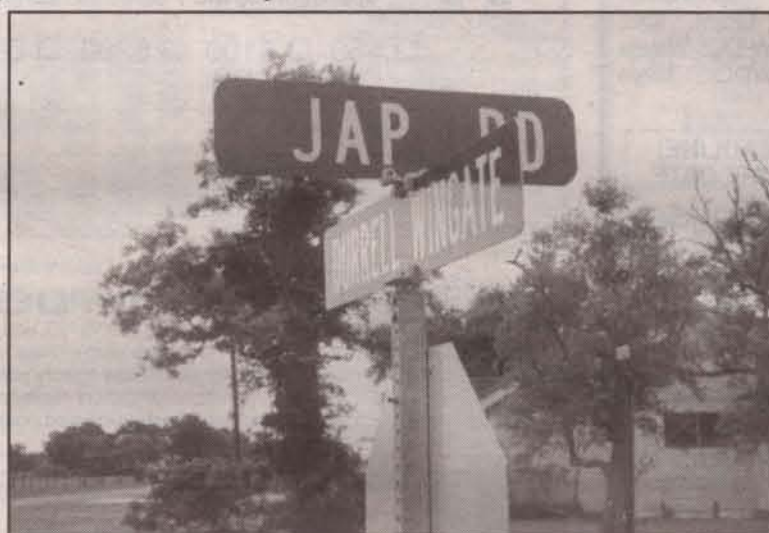
In 1992 Sandra Nakata Tanamachi first learned there was a "Jap Road" in her hometown of Jefferson County, Texas and approached local politicians and residents to try to get the racial slur removed.

But after more than ten years of effort and education, "Jap Road" today is still a three-mile stretch of land in this small Texas town and home to about 102 residents.

"The word 'jap' is a slur and very offensive," said Tanamachi, a school teacher whose descendants settled in Jefferson County in the early 1900s. "I couldn't believe they would have something like that in modern times. They would never have something degrading towards Blacks or Hispanics."

In December, Tanamachi, along with Thomas Kuwahara, filed a federal complaint with the U.S.

Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to increase pressure on the county to rename "Jap Road." They accuse Jefferson County of violating civil rights laws and are asking that federal funds be suspended until a name change takes place.



"Any reasonable person would be persuaded and say the sign is racist," said Kuwahara, a resident of Lafayette, Louisiana. He had been driving through Jefferson County after visiting a cousin when he came

across "Jap Road." He did a U-turn just to make sure he hadn't read the sign incorrectly. "I saw the road in 1999. Fifty-five years after World War II why is the road still up there? Some people have the nerve to say it's just an abbreviation. This continuing attitude, they are racist."

The federal complaint attracted national media attention and the support of national civil rights groups including JACL, NAACP, and the Anti-Defamation League, but since late last year little progress has been made to change "Jap Road," frustrating those who have been fighting for a name change for over a decade.

"The County thinks the issue is dying down, that Japanese

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'Asian or Gay?' Piece in 'Details' Magazine Angers AA Community

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

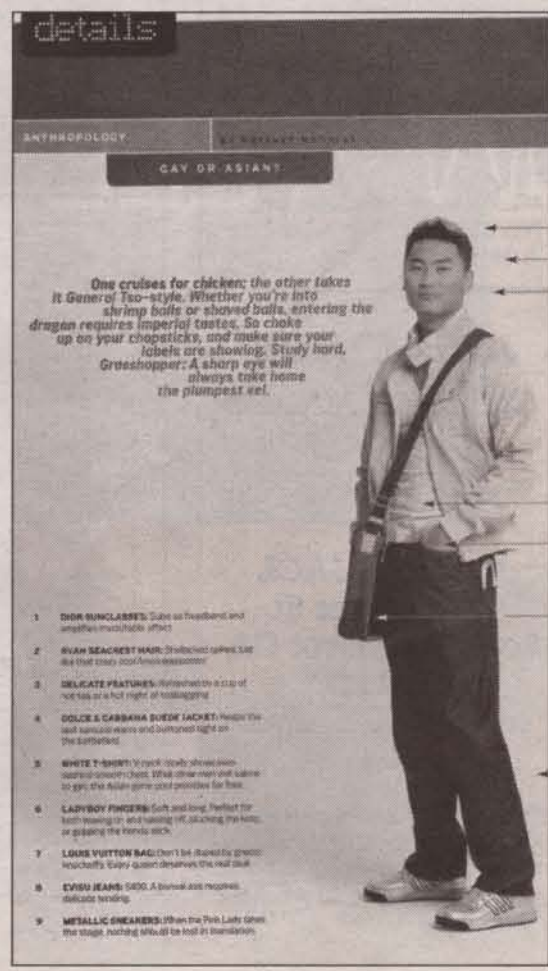
The national men's magazine "Details" is drawing loud criticism from the Asian American and AA gay and lesbian communities for a piece titled "Asian or Gay?" that is supposed to be a humorous take on social stereotypes.

The piece appears in the "Anthropology" section of the April issue of "Details" magazine and was written by Whitney McNally. A young Asian man poses in fashionable attire with the caption: "One cruises for chicken, the other takes it General Tso-style. Whether you're into shrimp balls or shaved balls, entering the dragon requires imperial tastes. So choke up on your chopsticks, and make sure your labels are showing. Study hard, Grasshopper: A sharp eye will always take home the plumpest eel."

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"I found the piece to be very defamatory towards APIs (Asian Pacific Islanders) and the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgen-

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I know it has been a year since we, the members of the *P.C.* editorial board, asked you to help keep "the voice" of the JACL alive and well. And you are probably asking "why?" Well, it shouldn't come as any surprise to you that the national JACL is still struggling, and so goes the *P.C.*

I guess there is never a good time to ask anyone for money, especially with candidates asking for some, paying more at the pumps, and the other things that seem to cost more these days. Our dollars are being asked to help a lot of people, so why not give to a cause that actually supports your "special interests?" Well, the *P.C.* cares about you all year round, and they need your support!

The *P.C.* continues, on a semi-monthly basis, to put out a highly

reputable publication with very limited resources. Last year, the *P.C.* lost two full-time staff persons. Now there is only the editor, Caroline Aoyagi, business manager/do-it-all, Brian Tanaka, and two part-timers: Eva Lau-Ting (circulation) and Margot Brunswick (production assistant). They continue to do the work even though none of them have received a raise in over eight years and they've had only two cost-of-living increases during the same period. A few weeks ago *P.C.* was finally able to hire a new assistant editor, Lynda Lin.

Can you believe that? Take a look at your *P.C.* right now and tell me if that looks like a national publication professionally done, two times a month by such a small staff? I will tell you, as a former community reporter and staff person for 25 years in Seattle, that is nearly impossible. It's tough enough putting out a qual-

ity monthly publication, much less a national newspaper that speaks for all the Japanese Americans in this country two times a month!

The current staff of the *P.C.* are truly dedicated to keeping the voice of the JACL alive, and we should be thankful they don't quit and find jobs where they can be making a decent living. Unfortunately because of budget constraints, the *P.C.* must raise funds to pay for the little things, like long distance calls, and air-conditioning when the summers are unbearable in Los Angeles.

We owe this staff a debt of gratitude, at a minimum. I think it's fair to say that they are probably torn at what would happen if either Caroline or Brian finally threw up their hands and said they can't take it anymore? Do you think we could ever find anyone to replace them with all the dedication and loyalty they have to the JA community in

this country? And then, where would the *P.C.* and the JACL be?

What happens if you don't show up to work or are sick; probably not a whole lot, besides getting more behind like we all are. But do you have a national publication to get out twice a month that thousands of people are expecting? Do you see my point here?

So, please, get your checkbooks out and give until it hurts, because Caroline, Brian and staff are going through ten times as much.

We need the *P.C.* and we need to help them, no matter what side of the fence you are on with why the national JACL is struggling financially. That discussion is for another time. Now is the time to dig into your pockets, and give to those that care for you and who are dedicating their lives (literally) ... those hard-working staff at the *P.C.*! ■



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Letters to the Editor

Re: Al Franken

The March 5-18 issue of the *Pacific Citizen* carries a front-page story concerning both Al Franken's casual use of "Jap" on p. 342 of his recent book, "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them," and JACL's reaction to the slur. The story provokes two thoughts.

First, this "#1 New York Times Best-selling Author" first rose to prominence playing an earnest half-wit on "Saturday Night Live." Mr. Franken then applied lessons from SNL to his liberal activism, heaping insults on what he calls "the Right." His political overstatements have spilled over into the racial slur under discussion. JACL members who are familiar with Mr. Franken's previous political discourse should neither be surprised by his book's sloppy lan-

guage nor expectant of apologies from him and his publisher, E.P. Dutton. If author and publisher (or their lawyers) deign to respond, they will correctly state the author's language is constitutionally protected.

Second, if Messers Mori and Tateishi manage to contact the author, let them emphasize that although Mr. Franken has the right to say whatever he thinks, he must understand that he spreads gross misinformation in linking "Japs" with future "wars of aggression." Article 9 of the Japanese constitution renounces war. Further, he should know that by putting "Japs" in print, he legitimizes to his fans an ugly sneer that has already stigmatized Japanese American citizens.

Lawrence Okamura
Columbia, MO

Same-Sex Marriage

I read with interest the letter to the editor in the March 5-18 issue of the *Pacific Citizen* written by Emily Moto Murase. While she does a great job championing same-sex unions, she errors in trying to equate things that are not equal.

The efforts to block legal recognition on mixed marriages and that of same-sex unions are based on different issues. Bias against mixed marriages was based on racial prejudice while that against same-sex unions are based on religious, social and biological issues.

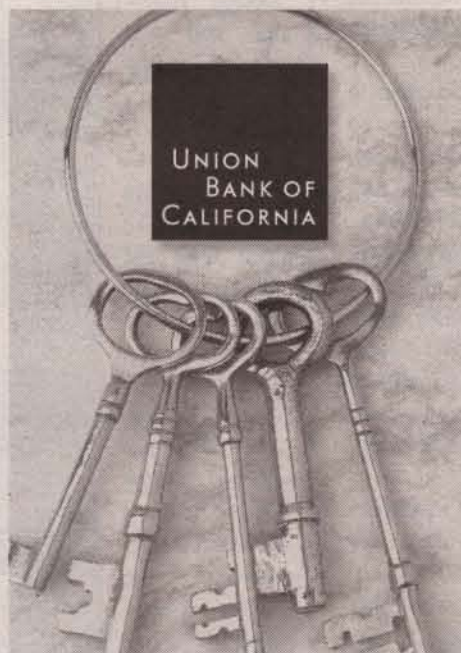
I feel that same-sex civil unions should be legally recognized as do a majority of people. A recent Gallup poll showed a 54 percent nationwide approval rate for same-sex civil

unions.

The problem comes when one tries to equate same-sex civil unions with traditional marriage. A traditional marriage has two components: a legal union and a biological union. In a traditional marriage a marriage license establishes the legal union, but a biological union must also be consummated. In the absence of consummation, a marriage can be annulled. Throughout the ages the biological component was a major part of the traditional marriage, providing for the passing on of the genetic heritage of the married couple.

I have difficulty calling a same-sex civil union a marriage when it leaves out this key biological part of a traditional marriage.

O. James Inashima
Woburn, Ma.



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* "Short expressions" on public issues, usually one or two paragraphs, should include signature, address and daytime phone number. Because of space limitations, letters are subject to abridgement. Although we are unable to print all the letters we receive, we appreciate the interest and views of those who take the time to send us their comments.

Go For Broke Monument Vandalized



The Go For Broke Monument in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo was vandalized with more than 20 six-point stars with circles etched into the granite surface of the donor pillars. The Los Angeles Police Department is currently investigating the incident as a possible hate crime.

The star-like symbols were discovered by World War II veteran Ken Akune on March 18 as he cleaned the Monument. The incident was reported to the LAPD on March 19 and it is believed the incident occurred sometime between late March 14 to March 17.

"We are letting the police handle the incident, as well as the Little Tokyo Koban, but also realized we needed to voice our concern and disappointment about the incident," said Akune. "We have had flower pots knocked down, but nothing of this magnitude has ever happened."

"This incident is very disturbing because the Go For Broke Monument is a civil rights symbol representing the patriotism of the Japanese American soldiers of

World War II during a time that the civil liberties of Japanese Americans were being infringed," said Executive Director Christine Sato-Yamazaki. "The veterans built the Go For Broke Monument to ensure the civil liberties of all Americans are forever guaranteed as stated in the U.S. Constitution."

Anyone with information that could help the LAPD investigation, are asked to contact Central Properties Detective at 213/485-2671.

The first of its kind in the mainland United States, the Go for Broke Monument, which is 40-feet in diameter and 9-feet-high, represents the WWII heroics of JA soldiers who fought bravely while their families were incarcerated behind barbed wire. Dedicated in 1999, this landmark commemorates the JA soldiers while serving as a permanent reminder of the civil liberties protections guaranteed by the Constitution to Americans of all races and ethnic backgrounds. ■

Judge Rules Against Petition Aimed at Ending Affirmative Action

By TIM MARTIN
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich.—A state board should not have approved a petition circulated by a group trying to end affirmative action at Michigan public universities and other public agencies, a judge ruled.

The decision, handed down March 25 by Ingham County Circuit Court Judge Paula Manderfield, could at least slow down the effort aimed at letting voters decide the issue in November. The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative must get the signatures of at least 317,517 registered voters by July 6.

Manderfield ordered the Board of State Canvassers to rescind its

approval of the petition. The ballot proposal seeks to ban public schools and agencies from granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin.

The petition, the judge said, does not reflect that it would "alter or abrogate" existing provisions of the Michigan Constitution as it should have.

"To find otherwise would reduce the function of the State Board of Canvassers to a mere rubber stamp," Manderfield wrote.

The state Attorney General's office, which represents the Board of State Canvassers, said it was reviewing the decision.

Tim O'Brien, campaign manager for the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, said he had not seen Manderfield's ruling and could not

comment on it.

The petition was challenged by the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action & Integration and Fight for Equality by Any Means Necessary (BAMN) along with Citizens for a United Michigan and other groups.

The petition drive comes after the U.S. Supreme Court in June decided 5-4 that the University of Michigan Law School could consider race to create a diverse population.

The court struck down the university's undergraduate policy for ensuring a mix of students as too formulaic, and university officials revised the policy last fall to include a more comprehensive review of each application. ■

Muslim Army Chaplain Reprimanded on Charges of Adultery, Downloading Pornography

By MATTHEW BARAKAT
Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON, Virginia—A Muslim chaplain once suspected of being part of an espionage ring at the Guantanamo Bay prison has been found guilty of two minor charges, prompting his lawyer to call him the victim of a "drive-by act of legal violence."

Capt. James Yee, 35, was issued a reprimand March 22 during an Article 15 proceeding, used by the Army to settle minor disciplinary issues. In such proceedings, a finding of guilt does not result in a criminal conviction.

The commanding officer at the Guantanamo Bay base, Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller, found Yee guilty of two violations of military law — adultery and improperly downloading pornography onto an Army computer.

Miller had the option of imposing 30 days' arrest in quarters, 60 days on restriction and a loss of one-half of a month's pay for a maximum of

two months. He issued only a reprimand.

Yee said he will appeal.

Yee's attorney, Eugene Fidell, said he believes Yee's Muslim faith led authorities to improperly suspect him, calling Yee "a victim of an



incredible drive-by act of legal violence."

Yee, of Chinese descent, converted to Islam from Christianity

in 1991 after his military studies at West Point. He left the army for Syria where he received religious training. He returned to the U.S. military soon after.

Yee spent 76 days in custody after the military initially linked him to a possible espionage ring at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. But the government failed to build a capital espionage case against him.

He was eventually charged with

misconducting classified material, failing to obey an order, making a false official statement, adultery and conduct unbecoming an officer. He could have faced 14 years if convicted.

Yee was arrested Sept. 10 carrying what authorities said were classified documents. On March 19, the Army dismissed all criminal charges, saying national security concerns prevented them from seeking a court-martial in open court.

Fidell said he does not believe the information Yee possessed was classified, and expressed concern the Army will never reveal why it was suspicious of Yee in the first place.

"There's no effective remedy other than the court of public opinion," Fidell said. "People concerned with the military justice system have watched this case with a growing sense of horror."

Fidell said he expects Yee to return to his home base of Fort Lewis, Washington, and resume his duties as chaplain. ■

JA LAPD Officer Wins \$4 Million Settlement in Discrimination Lawsuit

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Japanese American officer Richard Nagatoshi won a \$4 million verdict after the Los Angeles City Council decided March 24 to settle a discrimination lawsuit out of court rather than pursue an appeal of a jury's decision.

Veteran officer Nagatoshi had sued the Los Angeles Police Department claiming he was a victim of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation as a member of the department's K-9 unit.

The settlement is one of the largest employment discrimination awards ever against the LAPD.

In an interview with the *Los*

Angeles Times, Nagatoshi said he was pleased with the settlement but was not allowed to make any further comments.

"He endured many years of an attack on his dignity as a person, and he refused to let them win," said attorney Matthew McNicholas to the *Times*. "He prevailed and was completely vindicated. It was a matter of honor."

Starting in 1996 until 1998 Nagatoshi was the victim of various discriminatory acts as a member of the LAPD's K-9 unit as a dog handler. He filed the discrimination claim in 2001 and according to McNicholas the retaliation from his co-workers occurred at the same time.

After Nagatoshi spoke out against his supervisors, a sergeant made a discriminatory comment against an Asian American driver during a K-9 unit event and later forced Nagatoshi to sign a complaint writ-

ten in Korean, although he is not Korean. Nagatoshi was also investigated for two alleged excessive-force complaints although they were later dismissed. Even after transferring from the K-9 unit someone posted copies of his complaint in the K-9 unit offices and placed women's underwear in his mailbox.

Last year a Los Angeles Superior Court jury voted against the city and awarded Nagatoshi \$591,000 in lost wages and \$3 million for damages for the loss of value to his career.

Later the court added attorney fees to the award bringing the total judgment to more than \$4.1 million. Under the recent settlement, the city of L.A. will pay Nagatoshi \$4 million.

Nagatoshi, 41, graduated from the Police Academy in 1985 and was selected for the K-9 unit in 1993. He is married and has two children. ■



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Ambassador Kato Hosts JACL Wash., D.C. Chapter

Building Bridges — Ambassador of Japan Ryozo Kato and his wife hosted the JACL Washington, D.C. chapter at their home recently to celebrate 150 years of U.S.-Japan relations. The event also recognized JACL's 75th anniversary.

Picture above (from left to right): Ellen Horiuchi Williams (Washington, D.C. chapter co-president), Hanayo Kato, Michelle Amano (Washington, D.C. chapter co-president), National JACL president Floyd Mori, U.S. Rep. Mike Honda, U.S. Rep. Madeleine Bordallo (Guam), Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, Deni Mineta, Ambassador Kato, U.S. Rep. Ed Case and Audrey Case. ■

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der) community, especially for API LGBT men," said Clay Ming Kwong Dollarhide, a GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) media fellow.

The article goes on to highlight various pieces of clothing the Asian model is wearing with comments like, "V-neck nicely showcases sashimi-smooth chest. What other men visit salons to get, the Asian gene pool provides for free." Another caption points to a suede jacket: "Keeps the last samurai warm and buttoned tight on battlefield."

"As usual, from the mainstream community ... there is the assumption that all Asian men are effeminate," said Patrick Mangto, executive director of APIHR (Asian Pacific Islanders for Human Rights), a support and advocacy group for the API LGBT communi-

ty. "They need to better understand who we are," added Mangto, who believes the API LGBT community lacks respect in the mainstream media.

The Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA) also sent a letter to "Details" calling for an apology. "While we can't figure out exactly what the feature is trying to say — Asian men are gay? Asian men look gay? Asian men would be better off gay? — there's no disguising the fact that it combines leering sexual innuendo and a litany of the most tired clichés about both Asian and gay culture with no goal other than to ridicule both groups."

According to Dollarhide, the "Anthropology" section of "Details" is a regular section that stereotypes gays, such as "Gay or Preppy?", but he has never seen a stereotype of an entire community.

He received several calls of concern from community members and has contacted "Details" magazine to

express his unhappiness with the piece and also submitted a letter to the editor.

"Hopefully we will start to have a forum with 'Details' on how to represent the API LGBT population so we are no longer invisible as we have been in the past," said Dollarhide.

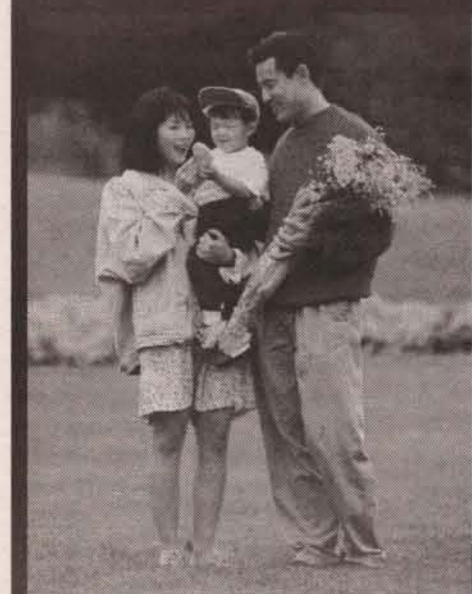
Andrea Kaplan, vice president of corporate communications for "Details," said the magazine has received several letters regarding the "Asian or Gay?" piece and plans to publish several of them in the upcoming May issue.

"Details" also plans to publish the following statement in the May issue: "The 'Gay or Asian' item in our April issue was part of a continuing feature that is intended as a humorous swipe at social stereotypes. 'Details' has a wide readership — male, female, straight, gay — from all cultures, and we value all of them. We appreciate the substantial feedback on this item that we have received, and we will certainly keep those concerns in mind as we move forward. We regret that anyone was offended by the article, as that was not our intention."



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JACL Joins Coalition to Preserve Internment Camps

By Pacific Citizen Staff

JACL recently passed a resolution to join the Japanese American National Heritage Coalition (JANHC), an umbrella organization that supports the proposal of federal legislation to preserve ten internment camp sites.

At the last JACL board meeting, the original resolution to consider joining JANHC was not acted on because of concern over several issues including JACL's tax status and sensitivity to Native American tribes.

JACL National President Floyd Mori then asked for members of the national board to reconsider the resolution through an e-mail vote while clarifying the proposed legislation's

key elements and JACL's role in the coalition.

"JACL should be part of the coalition in that we are the major organization with experience on the legislative front. The JACL role will be important in garnering a strong advocacy component through chapters and districts," said Mori in an e-mail to board members.

A majority vote in favor of joining the coalition was submitted through e-mail.

Under the guidelines of the coalition, JANHC's headquarters will be based in Washington, D.C. and coordinated by Gerald Yamada and other individuals in the D.C. area including JACL staff.

The coalition was formed to show national support of the legislation

and to shield any direct lobbying efforts before Congress. The umbrella organization will unite all lobbying efforts under JANHC's name.

Currently, JANHC's participating organizations are: JANM, National Japanese American Veterans Council, Go For Broke Veterans Association, Japanese American Veteran Association. The Japanese American Memorial Foundation was also expected to pass a resolution to join the coalition.

JANHC is planning to issue a press release in April to announce the formation of the coalition, its members and purpose. The legislative proposal was also scheduled to be discussed at a meeting of the Asian Pacific American Congressional Caucus late last month. ■

But several AA groups and individuals are not satisfied with "Details" response and are not only pushing for an apology but are pushing for a boycott of all of the magazine's advertisers, starting with those in the April issue.

Daniel Lee has started an "Asians Against Ignorance" petition against "Details" pushing for the boycott and as of March 30 there are 14,589 signatures.

"We are going to disassemble 'Details' magazine from the ground up, starting with their advertising money," writes Lee. "We will not be quiet. We are going to make history, take this magazine down and show what Asians are capable of. Sign this petition if you are sick of being treated as a second rate citizen ..."

"Details" magazine is a men's lifestyle and fashion magazine that focuses on style, business, entertainment, travel, and celebrities. In addition to regular sections like "Anthropology," "Details" magazine has various feature stories including one on divorce in the April issue that has Nick Lachey, former 98 degrees band member, on its cover. ■

"Some students are disheartened," said Clark Lee, a CMC senior. "You probably won't see indifference on campus. It's more like shock, bitterness and anger."

Gail Tanaka, a 1991 graduate of CMC, was shocked to learn of the recent chain of events. "I did not experience any racial discrimination while I was there, and I am shocked to hear about these hate crimes," she said.

The car vandalism is only one of a recent string of hate-related incidences at the Claremont Colleges which included a cross burning and a college club's scavenger hunt that involved taking a picture with 10 Asians. The incidences occurred one after another beginning in January and became the lightning rod for a national dialogue on race relations.

For some, the attention signified the promise of change — a long awaited scrutiny of the colleges' curriculum and the need for tolerance on campus. However, the revelation that the most serious incidence may have been a hoax made some Asian Pacific American students fear that administrators and the public would abandon the movement for change.

According to Daren Mooko, director of the Asian American Resource Center on campus, for the past seven years APA students have been trying to push the idea of making a course called, Dynamics of Difference and Power, a graduation requirement.

"[The students] were asking what this means for all the things we've been asking for. Now that the incident may be a hoax, will the faculty not take the [the proposition] seriously?" said Mooko.

But in an e-mail to the college community on Mar. 18, Pomona College President David Oxtoby said the college remains committed to improving the racial climate on campus.

Associate Professor of Psychology and Chair of the Intercollegiate Department of Asian American Studies Sharon Goto said that for the faculty, the impact of the incidence is somewhat buffered by the fact that Dunn is a visiting professor who does not have a "long-standing connection" with the staff.

However, for the students, the impression is much deeper.

"Cynicism was introduced in the mix. People will approach future cases in a more skeptical fashion," said Bathgate.

"Probably the most important thing we can pull from all of this is the gained insight on other people's perspective ... Whether it is a hoax or not, we learned an important lesson," he said. ■

HATE CRIME

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issued a statement saying their joint investigation with the FBI revealed that Dunn had staged the crime. According to the Associated Press, two witnesses saw Dunn drive into the college parking lot with her car already spray-painted. They then saw her pop the tires.

Dunn, whose contract with the college is up for renewal this spring, was placed on paid administrative leave. She has publicly denied any connections to the crime. Neither Dunn nor her attorney, Gary Lincenberg, could be reached for comments.

Claremont Police Lt. Stan Van Horn said he's "really optimistic" about finding the person responsible for the crime. The case has since been sent to the L.A. County district attorney for review. According to Public Information Officer Sandi Gibbons, they have not pursued a formal case yet until more evidence is received from the Claremont Police Department.

The news of Dunn's involvement drew a myriad of responses from the community and students at the colleges' seven independent schools: Claremont McKenna College, Pomona College, Harvey Mudd College, Scripps College, Pitzer College, Keck Graduate Institute and Claremont Graduate School.

San Jose Chapter Wins Membership Drive



The JACL San Jose chapter was awarded the grand prize of a Hawaiian vacation donated by the JACL Credit Union for the 2003 membership drive. Results were based on increases in paid memberships: San Jose-58, Honolulu-36, Arizona-35, Mt. Olympus-34, Sacramento-32, Wasatch Front North-28, and Reedley-25.

Pictured are: (l-r): JACL Membership Coordinator Lucy Kishiue, Vice President of Membership Ryan Chin, Executive Director John Tateishi, NCWNP District Governor/San Jose Chapter Mark Kobayashi, National President Floyd Mori. ■

JACL GLAS Chapter Announces Scholarship

The JACL Greater L.A. Singles chapter is currently offering their annual Hana Uno Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 to Japanese American students from single-parent families.

The scholarship is awarded each year to not only help students financially but to help Sansei and Yonsei applicants become acquainted with the goals of JACL. The scholarship also helps students to become better acquainted with JA history.

The Hana Uno Memorial Scholarship was established in 1992 to honor Hana Uno Shepard who was an ardent supporter of the GLAS chapter and active in the JA

redress movement of the 80s. She passed away in 1987.

To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must be college bound seniors with a good academic achievement record from single-parent families. The students should be of Japanese descent and a resident of Los Angeles or Orange County.

Application forms are available through high school college counselors. Applications must be postmarked by May 3 or faxed by that date to Lyn Nishimura, scholarship chairperson, at 310/559-4024.

For information contact Nishimura at 310/937-6228 or e-mail: lbeluga9@aol.com. ■

YOUTH FORUM

JA Identity 101

By JESSICA KAWAMURA

It was during college orientation that I was eating lunch with a bunch of other freshmen. As I turned around to join a conversation behind me, one of my peers asked me "what" I was. "Japanese American" was my automatic response,

although looking back at the whole experience, I wonder if I should have offered something more along the lines of "Hi, my name is Jessica. What's yours?"

I can't remember the first time I identified as being JA. Perhaps it was implicit in the way my parents raised me or in the community I grew up in; however, growing up Asian American, I am sure that someone along the way asked me what I was, and I probably told them I was Japanese.

What does it mean to be a JA youth, especially a Yonsei? Many of us have grown up with a strong sense of being JA, yet this identity is not as simple as it seems. If there is such a thing as blood, we are Japanese, but by nationality and birth, we are without doubt American. Our culture is influenced by that of our Japanese forbearers, yet it is also American as well.

Each member of my generation has his or her own memories of what it means to be JA. I know that when I think of my experiences growing up, I remember making *mochi* for New Year's, eating gravy and rice on Thanksgiving, and warming the bench for my JA basketball teams. I recall bringing *omiyage* back from spring vacation and knowing to *enryo* when offered the last piece of food.



More importantly, I have a strong sense of my family's and our community's history. I understand that I stand on the backs of all of the previous generations who put up with blatant discrimination and overcame it. From those who made the journey from Japan and endured the humiliation of internment, to those who bravely fought for us on the battlefields of Europe and the Pacific and those who sought our civil rights at home, I know that I owe respect and gratitude to those who came before me.

As Yonsei, we have the choice to decide whether or not we identify as JA. Although race is not a choice, ethnic identification is. I have chosen a JA identity because it reflects my upbringing and the supportive family and community in which I grew up. It is not because I don't think that I am not good enough to be "just American," but because I recognize that the past is not so easily forgotten.

For me, being JA is as much a political and social awareness as a cultural identity. When people look at me on the street, I will still look like a foreigner. I know that the racism of the past still exists today, perhaps not as blatantly or outright, but it is still there. In the past two months, the racial incidents at Columbia University and hate crimes at the Claremont Colleges have reminded our generation that racism still exists on our college campuses and in the outside world.

I hope that as Yonsei, we can use our JA identity as a means of coming together not only to preserve our history and culture, but also to stand for the civil rights of all people. ■

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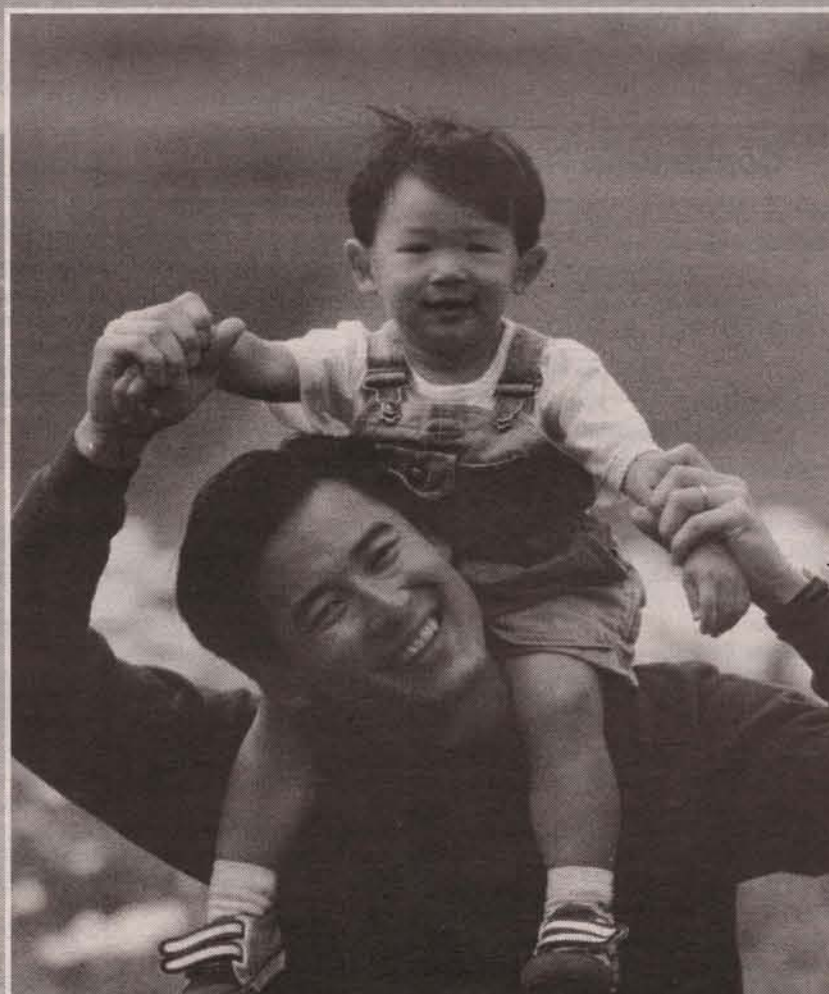
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REDRESS

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ed the long-standing battle between members of the Chinese Canadian community affected by the taxes and the Canadian government, which took the position against reparations in 1994.

"Jean Augustine's parrot of the 'official government' policy is completely unacceptable," said Kenda Gee, chair of the Edmonton Head Tax and Exclusion Act Redress Committee (HTEA). "The remarks ... merely underline the ignorance or willful blindness of this issue that is prevalent among our Ottawa bureaucrats and officials."

But even within the Chinese Canadian community there is disagreement on this issue.

"I've been in Canada for 54 years now. With the issue of the head tax, I wonder why they treat human beings like commodities," said Monty Jang, chairman of the Chinese Cultural Center of Greater Vancouver. "If the policy of the head tax was set up and the Chinese immigrants were fully aware of the details before they applied and were willing to pay, then there's nothing to complain about."

But for Dere, who calls Montreal his home, and Chinese Canadians affected like him, there is much to protest when there's still an uneasy feeling about being at home after all these years.

"True integration and true recognition of belonging is the redressing of past wrongs. I will not feel accepted 100 percent until the history is recognized," he said.

Finding Deep Racial Problems

Diene chose to visit and report on Canada this year because of "the country's interesting policies and programs to promote multiculturalism."

Canada was, in fact, the first country to introduce a multiculturalism act to promote, protect and recognize cultural and racial diversity. But after spending days meeting with members of the government and the community, Diene noticed a number of disparities.

He heard personal narratives of racial profiling by the Canadian police, seen countless tears shed by Canada's Aboriginal people and learned of African Canadians ousted from their homes then known as Africville in 1970,

another incident for which Diene suggests reparations should be paid.

Despite Canada's strong legal record in combating racial discrimination, the government has failed to adapt to changing interethnic relations and to provide adequate resources to human rights organizations, said Diene.

"The pictures that the government is giving of racial harmony is different from the community's," he said. "They (the community) have expressed experiences of racism."

In fact, in a recent ethnic diversity survey it was revealed that 49 percent of Canadians have experienced racism.

"We know we have some work to do," acknowledged Augustine.

\$500 Per Head

From 1885 to 1923, the Canadian government charged Chinese immigrants \$50 to \$500 to enter the country. According to the UN report, the accumulated profit is estimated to be \$23 million Canadian dollars.

In 1988, the government signed the Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement which provided reparations and an apology for the wrongful internment policies during World War II. The bill also created the Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF) with the one-time endowment of 24 million to monitor and service the country's racial climate.

In 1994, the Canadian government shut the door on financial payouts.

However, National President of the Chinese Canadian National Council (CCNC) says that reparations are needed in order to send a clear message that racism will not be tolerated, especially after last year's SARS epidemic brought out some of the same racist sentiment that existed during the time of the head tax.

"An apology without some sort of monetary commitment is hollow," said Pay.

For now, Augustine is standing with the 1994 resolution and favoring a more "forward-looking" agenda, but said that perhaps as the government takes more time to review the report, they may reverse the decision.

"My mere recommendation to Canada is to recognize the reality of racism," said Diene. "The very basic principle of the law says that any wrongdoing must be corrected. Once Canada does this assessment, they will realize that a very terrible wrong has been done." ■

'JAP ROAD'

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Americans and Asian Americans don't need to be reckoned with," said Scott Newar, legal counsel for Tanamachi and Kuwahara. "But it's a matter of time before this gets done. There's no place for the word 'jap' in American politics, culture, or society."

Newar noted that they are still awaiting a decision on the federal complaint and hinted that a lawsuit may be the next step.

So far promises to take the issue up with the Jefferson County Commissioners Court, the political body that has the authority to change "Jap Road," have not materialized.

Jefferson County Commissioner Mark Domingue believes the name change issue should be discussed in an informal, roundtable discussion among residents and the various civil rights groups. Although an exact date has yet to be set, he hopes to have the talks sometime in April.

"People in the immediate area consider it a non-issue. The people who care about this are from outside of the area," said Domingue.

Although he believes local residents are against a name change he would be in favor of changing "Jap Road" to "Japanese Road" or "Japanese Farm Road" to honor the pioneering Japanese American families in the area.

Wayne Wright and his wife Polly have lived on "Jap Road" for 31 years and believe the name should remain unchanged from the original purpose of honoring pioneering Japanese farmer Yoshio Mayumi who settled in the area 100 years ago.

"There's no one I know of that wants to change it," said Wright, who has been compiling information on the history of the road and on the word "jap." "I have done enough research that disproves what they are saying," he said. "'Jap' is not a word, it's an abbreviation."

Wright notes that he has invited the concerned JAs to his home to discuss the issue but has been turned down. "I have no animosity against the Japanese or whoever you are," he said.

The "Jap Road" controversy has inevitably trickled over to neighboring Orange County, Texas where "Jap Lane" has also come under criticism, although it was not a part of the

recently filed federal civil rights complaint.

After watching neighboring Jefferson County deal with the recent uproar, Orange County commissioners decided to poll residents living on "Jap Lane" to see if they wanted a name change. About 70 percent said they wanted the name to remain the same, citing financial costs as the most important factor.

"We felt it should be their decision," said Judge Carl Thibodeaux. "It's a major expense to change the road and we have to consider the residents living on the road."

Although "Jap Lane" will remain, the commissioners passed a resolution March 15 asking the Texas Department of Transportation to designate Highway Road 1135 as "Kishi Road" in honor of pioneer Taro Kishi who settled in the area in the 1900s.

"This is our way of honoring Kishi and Japanese Americans," said Thibodeaux. "We took the initiative on ourselves before this goes to court."

But the latest action taken by Orange County is not enough, said Tanamachi, who thinks "Jap Lane" should be changed. "I really don't think it's right because it's still there," she said. "It's still going to cause a lot of pain for Japanese Americans."

George Hirasaki, president of the JACL Houston chapter and Taro Kishi's grandson, believes "Jap Road" should be renamed "Mayumi Road" and "Jap Lane" changed to "Kishi Lane" in honor of the local JA pioneers.

This year marks the 100-year anniversary of Japanese Texans and Hirasaki hopes that through various events and educational opportunities local residents and politicians will be swayed to make the name changes.

"We're doing it for historical reasons rather than over civil rights objections," said Hirasaki, who was born in Orange County and whose brother currently lives on "Jap Lane." "I find 'jap' very offensive and I want the names changed."

Although more than 10 years have passed since Tanamachi started the uphill battle to change "Jap Road," she's still hopeful that the road will be renamed.

"The residents are more educated and have come to understand our situation. The younger children are more educated and my hope is that they will come around and change the name," she said. "I'm not going to give up hope." ■

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GOLF

Kodama Wins Hawaii State Amateur Golf Championship

Matt Kodama, a senior at the University of Hawaii, won the Hawaii State Amateur Golf Championship March 14.

After completing 72 holes Kodama drained a 20-foot birdie on the final hole during play at the Pearl Country Club. Fellow UH senior James Beston went for a 20-foot birdie moments later only to have the ball spin out.

Kodama closed with a 2-over-par 74 for a four-day total of 1-under 287.

Kodama is also the reigning Nevada State Amateur Golf champion and is ranked in the top 50 among the NCAA division I golfers. ■

Grace Park Wins First Major

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Michelle Wie and Aree Song may be the future of the LPGA Tour. For Grace Park, though, the future is now.

Once a teen golf prodigy herself, Park can now be called something else—a major champion.

She earned the right by holding off the two teenage sensations on a tension-filled March 28 tournament, when the outcome was still in doubt until Park calmly rolled in a 6-footer for birdie on the final hole of the Kraft Nabisco Championship for the biggest win of her five-year career.

"If you want it really, really badly you can do it," Park said. "I guess I was the one who wanted it the most."

Wie and Song wanted it too, but Park's experience and tenacity proved to be just a little too much in the end.

Park could have folded when she hit a tree and then chunked a shot on the 15th hole. She came back with a couple of routine pars, then made the putt after Song had just sunk a dramatic 30-footer for eagle to give herself a chance.

The putt was simple enough, but the moment was big. In five years on the LPGA Tour, the closest Park had come to a major title was last year when she lost to Annika Sorenstam in a playoff at the LPGA Championship.

Park felt the pressure, but managed to make the perfect stroke. The ball fell gently in the hole, and all that was left was for Park to figure out just how to take the traditional winner's plunge into the pond surrounding the 18th green.

"I don't think I'll ever forget that moment," she said. ■

Michelle Wie Nominated for Newcomer of Year Award

LONDON—Golfer Michelle Wie is up for a World Sports Award, nominated in the Newcomer of the Year award.

Wie and fellow golfer Ben Curtis will compete for the Newcomer of the Year award with NBA rookie sensation LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers; Spanish F1 champion Fernando Alonso; Robinho, a striker with Brazilian club Santos; and 16-year-old Russian tennis player Maria Sharapova.

Wie became the first female to shoot a sub-par round on the men's PGA Tour in the Sony Open. Curtis won last year's British Open for his first major.

The winners will be announced at a ceremony in Estoril, Portugal, on May 10. ■

BASEBALL

Yankees Get Royal Treatment in Japan

TOKYO—The warm welcome the New York Yankees received when they arrived in Tokyo was not enough to garner a victory — they lost 8-3 against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays March 29 in the first of the two major league season-opening games in Japan.

With many of its star players heading to major league teams — including the Yankees — Japanese baseball has recently found itself in the unfamiliar position of having to compete with other sports such as soccer, which has gained popularity among younger fans since Japan co-hosted the 2002 World Cup.

But a visit by the Yankees, who have always had a huge following in Japan, helped put baseball back in the spotlight.

The last time baseball's most storied franchise came to Japan was 1955, when it featured Hall of Famers Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford and Yogi Berra.

This time, the Yankees arrived with Japanese star Hideki Matsui and slugger Alex Rodriguez, considered the best all-around player in the sport.

"The fact that we're bringing Hideki Matsui back to the Tokyo Dome will make these the most important games Major League Baseball has staged outside of the United States," said Jim Small, vice president of international market development for MLB.

Selling for as much as \$250, tickets for the Yankees-Devil Rays games at the 55,000-seat stadium



New York Yankees slugger Hideki Matsui hits a solo homer off Japan's Yomiuri Giants' pitcher Hisanori Takahashi as Giants' catcher Shinosuke Abe looks on in the second inning in their exhibition game March 28 at Tokyo Dome in Tokyo. The Yankees lost 8-3 to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays March 29. (AP Photo/Kyodo News)

sold out in just a few hours.

The March 30-31 games marked the second time Major League Baseball has opened the regular season in Japan. The Chicago Cubs and New York Mets began the 2000 season here.

The Seattle Mariners, featuring Ichiro Suzuki, were scheduled to open the 2003 season at Tokyo Dome against the Oakland Athletics, but the games were canceled because of the war in Iraq.

Japanese baseball has come a long way since the Yankees went 15-0-1 against Japanese teams the last time they were here.

Former New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine, who now manages

the Lotte Marines of Japan's Pacific League, maintains that any one of his current players could make it in the majors.

It also was a homecoming for Matsui, who joined the Yankees last season after a prolific career with the Giants.

Matsui hit 332 homers in 10 seasons with Yomiuri. His 16 homers last year for the Yankees fell short of expectations in Japan, and local fans will be looking for him to start his second season in the majors by clearing the fences in his old home.

Matsui, a three-time MVP with the Giants, is still a huge star here, and Yankees games are regularly shown on television. ■

FIGURESKATING

Kwan Places Third in World Championship

DORTMUND, Germany—Michelle's Kwan championship reign ended amid a mix of low, high and perfect scores. Japan's Shizuka Arakawa was the startling winner with a triple jump-packed routine while Sasha Cohen dropped to second place and Kwan finished third.

Kwan failed to capture her sixth world title but did gain her ninth consecutive medal in a world championship.

"It's crazy," she said. "After 11 world championships, and still there are lots of things."

She skated a fast, fluid and elegant program to "Tosca." Judges rewarded her with six 6.0 marks for artistry, giving her a career total of 50 perfect marks in Olympic-eligible competition. With a new judging system most likely to be implemented, they could be the last.

A streaker temporarily distract-

ed Kwan before her skate. After taking off his shirt and donning a tutu, the streaker was forced off the ice by five security guards. Organizers identified him as a 30-year-old Canadian. He was briefly detained and released.

"I was skating around and I thought he was a big flower girl," Kwan said. "Then I thought he might have a gun. Who knows what he was thinking? He was crazy, but thank God he wasn't that crazy."

Kwan's medal streak at the worlds is a U.S. record, with only Sonja Henie ahead of her with 11 medals.

Kwan would not say if she will be back next year.

She entered the March 27 free skate with little chance to win the gold. She had fallen in the qualifying round and was fourth after the short program in which she was penalized by skating two seconds too long.

A U.S. protest was denied over Kwan's short program. The International Skating Union said three independent sources confirmed the time of 2 minutes, 42 seconds.

Arakawa won a perfect 6.0 mark, rarely given for technical merit. The artistry marks for her stirring "Turandot" program also were high, between 5.8 and 5.9. ■

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Orchids for JACL's 'Emperors and Empresses'

The Japanese American National Museum stages special exhibits throughout the year, but none compare in concentrated drawing power than the three-day showcase of gorgeous orchids presented by the Torrance Cymbidium Society in mid-March which featured James Toya, the hybridizer par excellence. Plants were on display throughout the two floors of the pavilion and workshops on "how to plant and care for cymbidiums" were held.

Adding to the atmosphere were the strings, an oboe and clarinet, of the South Bay Youth Orchestra, which performed Saturday in the Central Hall. Everett Stockstill, the genial society president, in thanking their presence, acknowledged when he was in high school, Saturday mornings were for meeting with

friends or for doing what you want to do, and he was obviously speaking for the audience who can well remember those days.

Talking to one of the Torrance Cymbidium club members, he said they grow all their beautiful cymbidium plants in their backyard, have monthly meetings, and affectionately call Everett, "Emperor," for being club president for so many years.

This excited me to comb the last P.C. Holiday Issue for JACL-type "emperors" — those who have served continuously for many years — starting with seven terms. Ladies on the list, of course, should be addressed as Empress. Some have served two-year terms then rested a year or so only to return to the chapter beat.

Here's that list. The asterisks designate former national presidents.

- 7—*Lillian Kimura, New York: 86-92
- 7—Betty Oka, Orange County: 97-03
- 7—Dr. William Takahashi, Mile-Hi: 79-84,90
- 7—Edward Yamamoto, Columbia Basin: 72-73,81,84-85,89-90
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- 7—Glen Pacheco, Downtown L.A.: 77-83
- 7—Harvey Watanabe, White River Valley: 79-81,86-89
- 7—Hero Shiozaki, Pocatello-Blackfoot: 46,59-60,87-89,92
- 7—Tom Sakai, Coachella Valley: 48-49,58-60,62-63
- 7—"Lefty" Tom Miyanaga, Salinas Valley: 51-52,63,73-74,84,90
- 8—*Henry T. Tanaka, Cleveland: 52,63,70,81,85-87,91
- 8—John J. Saito, East Los Angeles: 93-03
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- 8—May Yamamoto, API Lambda: 96-03
- 8—Robert Okamura, Parlier: 62-

63,70,81-82,93-95
8—Tadashi Kozuki, Parlier: 96-03
8—Toyoe Kato, Ben Lomond/Ogden: 44-45,52-57

9—Agnes Hikida, Carson: 89-91,98-03
9—Alan Mikumi, Fremont: 91-92,97-03
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9—Douglas K. Masuda, East Los Angeles: 79-86,90
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9—Janet Kubo, Greater L.A.: 91-92,97-03
9—Larry Ishimoto, Tulare County: 87-89,98-03
9—Linda Hara, Marina/SCAN: 98-03
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10—Ben Nagatani, Delano: 77,81,85,89,93-94,97-00
10—George Kanegai, West Los Angeles: 71-73,76-77,94-98
10—Joe Sakamoto, Carson: 76-77,86-87,92-96
10—Masa Tsukamoto, Pocatello-Blackfoot: 49-50,66,72-74,78-79,93,99-00
10—Mike Kaku, Sequoia: 93-02

11—Dr. James Nagatani, Delano: 55,68,72,74,79,84,90-92,95-96
11—Harry Miyake, Santa Maria Valley: 40-42,49-56
11—Mas Hironaka, San Diego: 67,76-85

13—*Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Southwest L.A./Wilshire: 48-49,89-00
13—Carrie Okumura, Orange County: 84-96

15—Miyo Senzaki, Pasadena: 77,79-80,84-94,03

16—George Ohashi: San Diego: 35-39, Mile-Hi: 48, Santa Barbara: 63-64,67-75

18—Deni Uejima, San Gabriel Valley: 71,84-93,97-03
18—George Ushiyama, Arkansas Valley: 56,76-80,85-00
18—Yas Yasutake, Ventura County: 64-81

19—Tut Yata, Southwest L.A./Wilshire: 50-51,63-69,77-89

21—Mike Hide, Santa Barbara: 58-59,67,76-03

23—Nancy Tajima, Alameda: 80-86,88-03
23—Thomas Sonoda, North San

Diego, 65-68,81-97

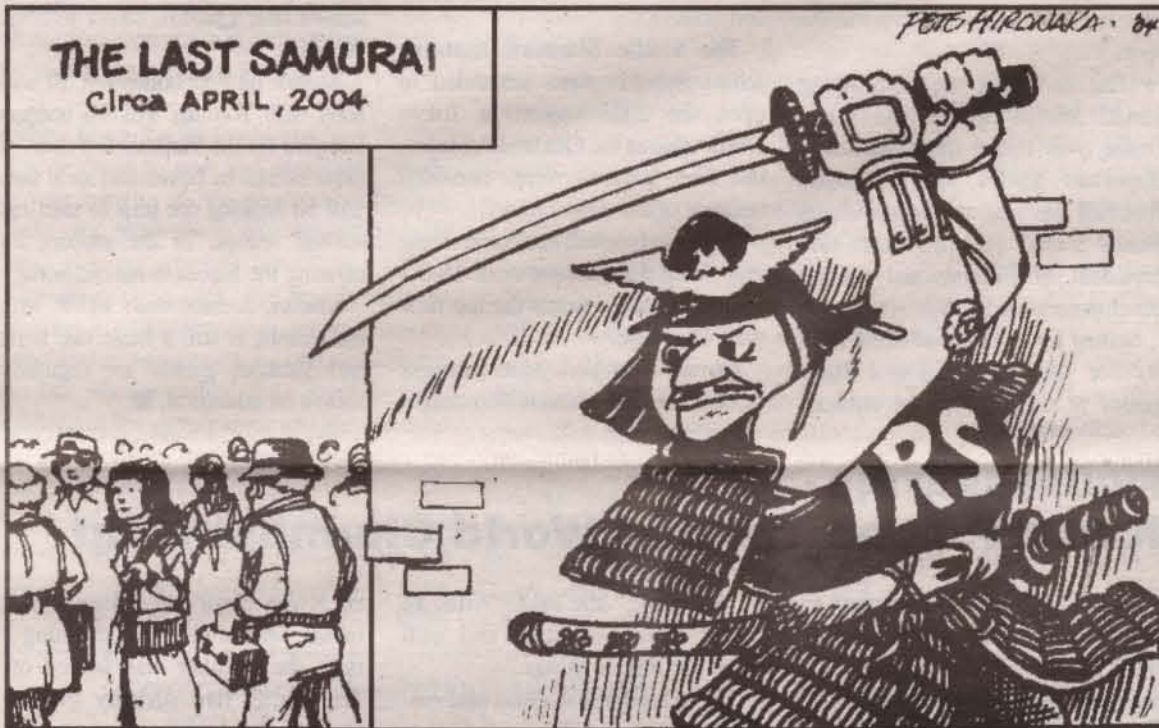
A rare public Little Tokyo attraction last month was the U.S./Japan 150 Years "Samurai Parade" — the same week as the Cymbidium Showcase. The parade was brief — no more than a half-hour featuring equestrian riders and attendants from Japan in "Yoroi" armor. [Can someone explain the significance of Yoroi armor?] They were preceded by bicycle units, ondo dancers, martial artists, the marching band of the 379 Boy Scouts, mounted U.S. Cavalry veterans and a few open cars with Japanese and Los Angeles dignitaries.

One of them was L.A. Police Capt. Terry S. Hara, whose wife's cousin is General Eric Shinseki.

By 4 p.m., we were in Gardena for the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California's annual installation. George Kiriya, former member of the L.A. Unified School District Board (and a founder of JAHSSC some 20 years ago) is president. As guest speaker, Superior Court Judge Vincent Okamoto, a DSC-bearing Vietnam War veteran gave an inkling of his forthcoming book about the "grunts" — the combat infantrymen due in December.

Highlight was the book signing of "Nanka Nikkei Voices III: Little Tokyo, Changing Times, Changing Faces" (158 pages, over fifty writers, \$17 plus \$3 shipping). If you can't wait till my next column, send your order to JAHSSC, P.O. Box 3164, Torrance, CA 90501.

Finally, PANA-USA held its belated New Year party with fabulous door prizes at a Montebello hotel recently. Guests, there for the first time, must have thoroughly enjoyed the four styles of Brazilian samba dancers shaking their bellies and hips. Energized by the music, attendees joined them on the floor. Nowhere else in America will you see colorful Latin American entertainers at a Nikkei dinner. ■



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A Director's Meditation on His New Film

By **LYNDA LIN**
Assistant Editor

Beverly Hills, CALIF.—South Korean Director Kim Ki-Duk does not look like a monster.

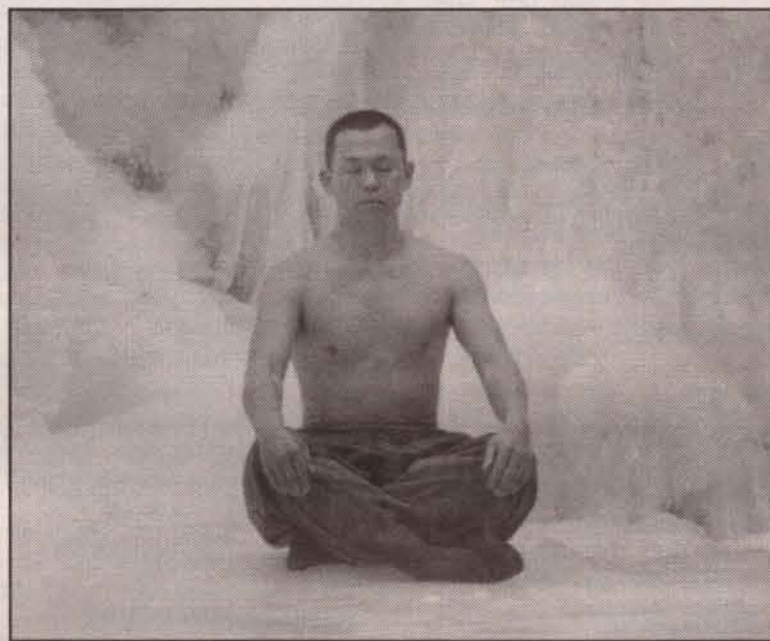
The face once decried by feminist groups as misogynistic enters the room on a sunny day in Beverly Hills shrouded under a black cap. His presence generates silent whispers — Is this the mind that has given birth to some of international cinema's most uncomfortable and visceral depictions of violence and women?

For those who are looking for the obvious, the track record is there. Kim's 1999 film "The Isle" celebrates the love of a mute prostitute and "Bad Guy" follows the life of a beautiful college girl sucked into a twisted criminal ring with a pimp. Even his most recent film, "Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter ... and Spring," is a meditation on man's more depraved tendencies towards woman.

Yet, face-to-face, the 44-year-old critically acclaimed director looks at the world with soft eyes and always seems to come back to one point: Everything is beautiful and he is merely trying to capture the beauty on film.

"Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter ... and Spring," Kim's most scenic and introspective film to date, was the official Korean entry into the 2004 Academy Awards for Best Foreign Language Film. Not bad for a filmmaker with only an elementary school education and no formal educational background in film or the arts.

For the first time, Kim tacks on the description of "actor" to his already impressive list of titles,



FOUR SEASONS: Kim Ki-Duk (pictured above) in his debut as an actor in 'Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter ... and Spring.' Kim also directed and wrote the film. Actress Ha Yeo-jin (right) is the man's downfall in the film.

including director and writer. In the film about one man's physical and emotional growth through time, Kim portrays an adult monk fighting for redemption for past sins.

The film is slated to premiere in the United States in limited release on April 2. Here, the director speaks to the *Pacific Citizen* with the help of a translator about his new film, women and his hatred of "The Lord of the Rings."

Pacific Citizen: There has been



debate about the portrayal of women in your films. How do you characterize women? Are they victims or are they tragic heroes?

Kim Ki-Duk: In Korean society, females are very victimized. If my films make it look like the female characters are victimized or are the victims of violence, it is true because it is a reflection of society.

P.C.: What are the distinguishing features of Korean film?

KKD: Korean films have no character that is distinctive yet. Korean filmmakers are trying to copy the Japanese style, the Hollywood style, and also the European style. It's been like that all through history, so right now it's kind of the first step for Korean films.

P.C.: What was your inspiration for this film?

KKD: I started this film with the question, "What is the meaning of life?" Everybody needs their own chance to ask themselves what life means to them, especially when a person goes through a painful period.

P.C.: Can you talk about your choice of setting?

KKD: Initially, I wanted to build a temple on top of a hill, but I could not find the quiet, perfect location for the temple. I just decided,

'Oh what about a pond?' I thought it would be beautiful for this film and perfect for this idea because the meaning of water is always flowing. It always moves around, but it always stays balanced. It really delivers the meaning of a human being's emotions.

P.C.: Any plans for Hollywood?

KKD: Hollywood doesn't need

me. I made this film based on a treatment not on a script. Just imagine if I made a movie this way in Hollywood! Who would support and finance that?

P.C.: Which Hollywood films have you enjoyed?

KKD: There are some good quality films like "Minority Report" by Steven Spielberg. But at the same time, I don't understand the obsession with "Lord of the Rings." What is the meaning of the ring? I don't understand why people spend money to watch this film.

P.C.: But "Lord of the Rings" is a fantasy film and you include a lot of fantasy elements in your films. Isn't there a similarity between you and Director Peter Jackson then?

KKD: The biggest problem with the "Lord of the Rings" is that there is only fantasy. There are only computer graphics. I believe that the most precious thing in life is simplicity rather than spectacular computer graphics. If my movie were made in America, I think the temple and the set would be built out of computer graphics.

P.C.: So there was really a temple built in the middle of a pond for this movie?

KKD: I got everybody involved in building the temple. If they built the building with their own hands, it delivers a more emotional message to the audience.

P.C.: How long was the shoot?

KKD: It took one year. I just stayed in Korea from spring to winter. I traveled and wrote while I waited for the next season.

P.C.: Why was it important for you to act in this film?

KKD: Initially, I cast another guy as the actor in that part, but he had some other business to deal with, and winter was coming. I could not wait for him, so I decided to act. ■



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will follow. Info: JACCCNC, 415/567-5505; jccnc@jccnc.org.

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LOS ANGELES

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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, 5001 Hwy. 395, Independence; 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. Directons: www.nps.gov/manz; 760/878-2932. 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.

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Former Internees Return to Santa Anita

By BACON SAKATANI

For most of the 130 who attended the Santa Anita Race Track on March 14, it was the "Day at the Races" sponsored by the Japanese American Korean War Veterans. But for the 16 persons who actually lived in those stables and barracks during the early days of World War II it was a different story. A tour of the facilities recently united some former internees in bittersweet memories.

After the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941, "Executive Order 9066" authorized the creation of temporary sites to assemble those excluded: "...all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien..."

One of the assembly center sites selected was the Santa Anita Race Track which held over 18,937 JAs, beginning March 27, 1942.

Tom Sugamura was 13-years-old when his family was sent to Santa Anita Assembly Center. On the recent tour, Sugamura was overcome with feeling when he noticed a familiar area — Stable 38.

"Oh! That's where I lived!" he said. "There was no feeling of bitterness or sadness, more like that Japanese word — *Natsukashi* — a nostalgic feeling. Made me remember some people who lived in the stables with us, wondering what happened to them."

He remembers "chopping off" lumber from the foundation of barracks to make "getas" [wooden sandals with straps]. The famous race horse, Seabiscuit, was formerly housed in nearby stall 28, and the boy housed there was given the nickname Seabiscuit.

Min Tonai was also 13-years-old at the time and stayed in the stables. During his visit, he felt a myriad of emotions.

"It brought back unpleasant

memories. It smelled so much, badly, when it got warm. They put in a thin layer of asphalt on the ground, white-washed the walls, and when it got warm, the cots would sink into the asphalt, and that's why it smelled so bad," he said.

Tohoru Isobe celebrated his 16th birthday at Santa Anita when he was one of the last to be sent there in May. He was assigned to the "yellow" mess hall and didn't like the food served.

Jean Ishikawa Umekubo was 8-years-old and remembers leaving from St. Mary's church in Los Angeles in a bus, ending up in the stables. She recalls her family going to the main gate on weekends to see visitors from the outside, who passed food through the fences and brought them things.

Katsuya Nakatani was 13-years-old when his family was told they lived too close to the Vultee Aircraft defense factory. They soon got notice to report to Santa Anita Assembly Center in April 1942. The family of seven was assigned to the stables in a stall fit for one horse, with a single light bulb hanging down in the center.

"Horse stables were not for humans ... I can't believe I was here," said Nakatani. "They dehumanized us. How could they do this to somebody who is innocent?"

The day culminated with a race in honor of the JAKWV.

It was a day of "win some, lose some" for most. Chris McCarron, the former jockey and now vice president/general manager of Santa Anita, personally led the tour of the stables and gave his personal insights on the horses. A surprise stop at the stables to take a group photo made this a "Day to Remember." ■

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Hasebe, Hiro, 88, Ontario, Ore. Dec. 19, 2003; Honolulu-born, Japan-educated; survived by sons Roy (Jamie) of Ontario, Frank (Lois) of Beaverton, Ore, Jack (Paulette) of Ontario, Henry (Cheryl) of Mesa, Ariz., Norman of Fruitland, Idaho,

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Mike of Arlington, Wash.; daughters Yuri (John) Murata of Sacramento and Sue (George) Uyeki of Weiser, Idaho; 10 gc. and 6 ggc.; and sister Tatsu Yoshida of Fukushima, Japan. Predeceased by husband Takeo, son Harry, her parents and a brother and sister.

Horikawa, Herb, 90, Quakertown, Pa.; Watsonville-born; Poston, Ariz., internee; survived by sons David of Pennsbury, Pa., Dr. Theodore of Rochester, N.Y., and Dr. Ronald of New Haven, Conn.; 9 gc.; sister Aiko Sakamoto; and brothers George and Kenji. Predeceased by wife Taneko.

Ikenaga, George N., 80, San Francisco, March 10; Suisun-born; survived by daughters Jill (Jordan) Wong of Union City and Lynn (Randy) Furuta; 2 gc.; brother Frank (Kiyoko) and sisters Namiko (Takio) Yokoyama and Mary Ikenaga.

Ishimoto, Dale Isamu, 80, Mar. 4; Colo.-born Nisei; 442nd veteran; survived by son Gregory (Jeanie) Shikata; sister Mary Collins; and 3 gc.

Ito, Toshihiko Bill, 79, Walnut Creek, March 17; Sacramento-born; WWII U.S. Army MIS veteran and chief procurement contracting officer of the U.S. Armed Forces in Japan; survived by wife Naoko; son Dan and daughter Charlotte Ito; 4 gc.; and brothers Frank, George and Raymond Ito and sister Reiko Osaki.

Kimura, Tadao, 83, Sacramento, March 10; Sacramento-born; survived by wife Michi; sons Glenn, Allan (Doreen); daughters Nadine (Ken) Namikawa and Beverly Kimura; gc.; daughter-in-law Pattie; brother Jimmy (Dorothy), and brothers and a sister in Japan: Ryo (Masako), Minoru Kimura and Matsuyo Hayashi. Predeceased by son Wayne.

Kuroda, Lillian Yuriko, 81, Sacramento, March 16; Courtland-born; survived by husband Shigem; daughters Sharon Yamamoto, Diane (Gerald) Muranaka, Donna (Gordon) Kunisaki of Sacramento and Margaret (Gail) of Captain Cook, Hawaii; son Robert (Debbie) Kiroda of Sierra Madre; 11 gc.; brother Jim (Takeko) Taniguchi and sister-in-law Masako Tomono, both of Sacramento.

Matsubayashi, Herbert Hideto, 64, Monterey, March 1; Hilo, Hawaii-born; survived by wife Chikako Jean; son Don (Kiyoko); daughter Chiyo of Orange County; brothers Rev. George (Kay) Matsubayashi of Los Angeles and Rev. Yoshihide (Kyoko) Matsubayashi of Salinas; sisters Yooko (Ryo) Munekata of Los Angeles and

Reiko (Toshifumi) Koike of Japan.

Matsuhara, Masako, 93, Gardena, March 1; Los Angeles-born Nisei; survived by son Kiyoshi; daughters Emiko (Shingo) Sakamoto, Michiko (Jimmy) Matsunami and Toshie (Yoshio) Setoguchi; 8 gc.; 9 ggc.; sister Masae Yoshida; and sisters-in-law Fusako Kanemoto and Marge Nagata.

Miyamoto, Harry Tameo, 87, Oxnard, March 10; San Luis Obispo-born; Japan-educated; Poston, Ariz., internee; survived by wife Michi; daughters Margaret (James) Hosaki, Harriet (Robert) Hiji, Sue (Gary) Nakamura, Fumi (Steve) Nishimori and Joyce (David) Schoonmaker; sons Ken (Karen), Paul (Sharon) of New York, John (Joan) and Alan (Heloisa) of Brazil; 28 gc. and 9 ggc.; brother Roy Miyamoto; and sisters Satsuki Nishi, Nobuko Shigenaga, Hisato Akazaki and Yoshiko Yoshida.

Oye, Dr. Kent, 74, Santa Maria, Feb. 13; Norwalk-born; survived by wife Kazue; son Craig; and daughter Susan (Jeffrey) Smith.

Sakamoto, Akira, 82, Pacoima, March 3; El Monte-born; survived by wife Haruko; brother George; sisters Evelyn Motoyama and Toshiko (Jack) Takeshita; and brother-in-law Bill Yokoyama.

Sakamoto, James H., 85, Stanton, March 13; Idaho-born Nisei; WWII veteran; survived by sisters Mary Noda and Emi and Fumi Sakamoto.

Shundo, Jack Y., 79, San Pedro, Feb. 28; Upland-born; survived by wife Miyoko; son Donnie (Connie); 1 gc.; and brother Bill.

Soga, George, 86, Oakland, Feb. 25; Alameda JACLer; survived by wife Evelyn Fumi; sisters Sachiyo

Akimori and Sayoko Soga; and brothers Tsugio and Sadao Soga.

Soo Hoo, Nancy Kumasaki, 83, San Francisco, Dec. 24, 2003; Parlier-born; Gila, Ariz., internee; survived by husband Moo T. "Butch"; daughters Mona and Sonia; 3 gc.; and son-in-law Michael Black.

Takashima, Shoetsu "Ken," 48, Torrance, Feb. 28; Miyagi-ken, Japan-born; survived by wife Hisako; daughter Airi; son Jimmy;

DEATH NOTICE

SHIROW ENOMOTO
CENTENNIAL, Colo. — Shirow Enomoto, 82, a resident of Playa del Rey, Calif. and formerly of Colorado Springs and Alamosa, Colo. passed away March 5 at his daughter's home in Centennial, Colo. He was a self-employed Certified Dental Technician who for many years owned the Alamosa Dental Lab. Shirow was born Oct. 1, 1921 in San Jose to Yoshiro and Shizue (Hatanaka) Enomoto. Before the war, the family farmed in Merced, Calif. and when WWII broke out, they were interned at the Merced Assembly Center and then Amache, Colo. Relocation Center. He served in the U.S. Army during the war. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge in Alamosa and Colorado Springs, the Rocky Mountain Consistory and the Al Kaly Shrine. Shirow was very active in the San Luis Valley JACL in Colorado. His joys were gardening, fishing and his family. The last two years were spent in Southern California and he was a member of the Nikkei Widowed Group of Los Angeles, the Continuing Education for the Nikkei Widowed Group of Gardena, the Westchester Senior Center and the Los Angeles Centenary UMC and took part in many of the WLA JACL activities. He spent his time in Playa del Rey with his companion, Fumie Yahiro. Shirow is survived by three daughters, 5 grandchildren, two brothers, Roy Enomoto of Ogden, Utah and Rayton (Amey) Enomoto of Monterey Park, Calif. and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brothers John and Marvin and granddaughter April. A memorial service was held March 13 at the Good Shepherd UMC in Colorado Springs with inurnment at the church columbarium.

parents Sanya and Mitsuko of Japan; and sister Satomi (Shoichi) Oshino, also of Japan.

Yamamoto, Grace Sakiyo, 91, Los Angeles, Feb. 27; Kahuku, Hawaii-born Nisei; survived by son Don (Setsuko); daughters Irene and Ellen (Don) Mizota; 6 gc.; sister Tsuchino Mori of Hawaii; brothers Jack (Margaret) Kakuni, Jimmy (Betsy) and Noboru (Flora), all of Hawaii; and sister-in-law Joyce Kakuni, also of Hawaii.

Yukihiro, Kaoru Carrie, 88, Yorba Linda, Feb. 29; San Pedro-born; survived by sons Henry (Betty) Robert (Donna) and Richard (Pam); 7 gc.; and 8 ggc.; brothers Minoru (Yone) and George (Janet) Kariya; sister Setsuko Hatada. ■

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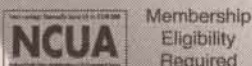
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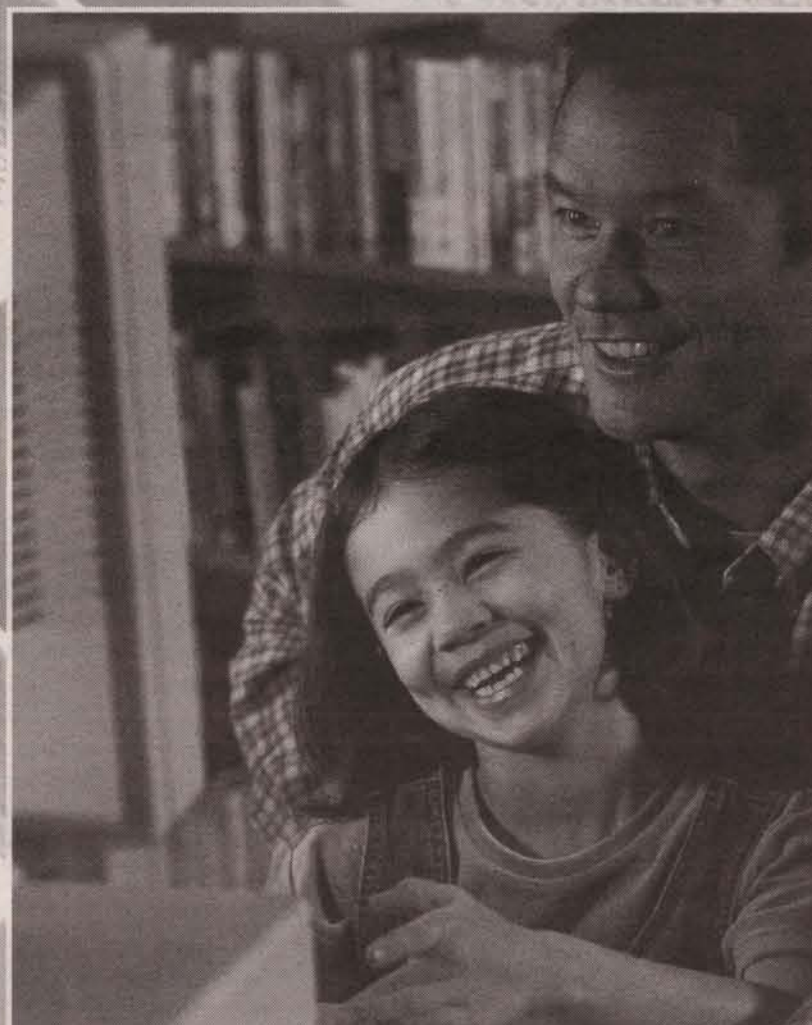
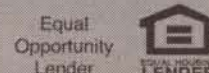


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