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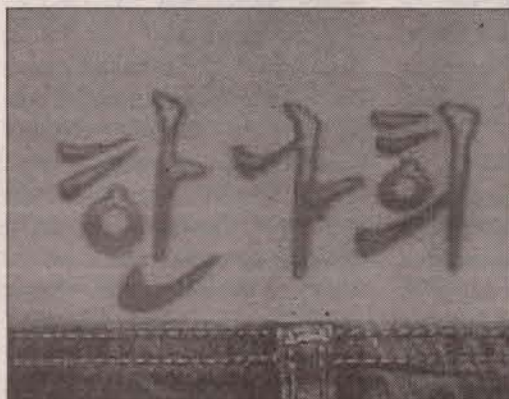
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## Culture is Skin Deep



**Ink in the Skin:** Megan Carriero had her Korean name, which means "Silky Girl," tattooed on her back as a reminder of her heritage. Many young people are following the fad to get tattoos with Asian writing etched on their bodies.

Tattoos with Asian writing is a fashion must-have, but does it symbolize cultural insensitivity?

By **LYNDA LIN**  
Assistant Editor

Some people describe the act of plunging a needle into flesh to create a permanent tattoo as nothing short of being a divine experience. The joining of man, art and culture in one sharp point hearkens to traditional tribal tattooing rituals of the

past, but the only difference is that these days, rituals are being replaced with convenience. People can now walk into nearly any tattoo shop and pick out a cultural identity of their choice and spell it out on their skin, all within 30 minutes or less.

The popularity of Asian-influenced tattoos in the mainstream is undeniable — dragons and swords have been a fashion staple for years, but a new wave of interest in tattoos with Asian writing, characters or words have created a veritable alphabet soup out of ink and flesh.

Some of the more common tattoos involve words of empowerment spelled out in Chinese characters that mean "strength" or in Japanese kanji like current Denver Nugget's star Marcus Camby's proclamation of "to strive" on his right arm.

"The use of kanji has always been popular since the 1980s because there's always a desire for something different. It's the allure of exoticism," said San Jose-based tattoo artist Horitaka.

But like Asian-influenced clothing, tattoos with Asian characters are saturating pop culture and becoming the latest fad for cultural consumption. Vending machines dispense temporary tattoos with Chinese writing for children and neighborhood walk-in tattoo shops carry a large selection of Asian characters.

The most popular form of tattoos

## SPRING CAMPAIGN A Quality Paper Despite the Hurdles

By **ANDREA K. PARKER**  
MPDC P.C. Ed. Rep.

I began my last *Pacific Citizen* article by describing a scene of me opening the front door of my apartment and picking up a copy of *The Daily Iowan (DI)* from my front porch.

I do this EVERY morning of the week. The *DI* is delivered free of charge to all University of Iowa students, so I read it out of convenience.

I only receive the *P.C.* every other

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## Parcells Use of 'Jap' Highlights Continued Efforts to Rid Texas of Racist Road Names

By **CAROLINE AOYAGI**  
Executive Editor

Dallas Cowboys head football coach Bill Parcells has seen his name in more than a few headlines lately with his recent use of a racial slur to describe surprise attack plays his team has coined "Jap plays."



Parcells and the Dallas Cowboys have since apologized for the coach's use of the slur but Japanese Americans across the country have noticed that this recent incident has striking similarities with efforts to rid the state of Texas of racist road names like "Jap Road" and "Jap Lane."

"It's one thing if this were a slip of the tongue, but it's a totally different matter when [Parcells] uses that word deliberately, knowing that it's offensive and a racial slur," said John Tateishi, JACL executive

director. "It disturbs me deeply that he felt Japanese Americans are so inconsequential that he could use such an insulting word and get away with it because we don't matter."

"[Parcells] probably was not realizing that he was being a racist by using a word that he thought was acceptable," said George Hirasaki, a Texan who has been fighting for the road name changes. "The residents of 'Jap Road' also said that they meant no offense by using the word. They believe saying, 'no offense' makes it OK."

Parcells was speaking at a press conference June 7 when he used the racial slur "Jap" to describe a play used by his coaching staff. He was apparently referring to Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor during World War II in 1941.

"You've got to keep an eye on those two, because they're going to try to get the upper hand," Parcells said about Sean Payton and Mike Zimmer during the team's recent minicamp.

"Mike wants the defense to do well, and Sean, he's going to have a few... no disrespect for the Orientals, but what we call Jap plays. OK, surprise things." After making his comments he repeated, "No disrespect to anyone."

Shortly after the incident was reported in several news outlets, the Dallas Cowboys organization issued a statement of apology. Parcells also apologized saying, "I made a very inappropriate refer-

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## JA Community Remembers President who Signed Historic Redress Bill



U.S. President Ronald Reagan celebrates with Sens. and Reps. during a signing ceremony in the Old Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C., Aug. 10, 1988. President Reagan signed into law legislation making moral and financial amends to Japanese Americans kept in U.S. internment camps during World War II. From left to right are, Sen. Spark Matsunaga, D-Hawaii; Rep. Patricia Saiki, R-Hawaii; Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif.; Don Young, R-Alaska; and Robert Matsui, D-California. (AP Photo)

By **Pacific Citizen Staff**

As the nation mourned the passing of the 40<sup>th</sup> U.S. President, Japanese Americans across the country remembered Ronald Reagan as the President who signed the historic redress bill.

Reagan passed away June 5 at the age of 93 after a lengthy battle with

Alzheimer's disease.

"The lasting legacy of Ronald Reagan for the Japanese American community will always be that he was the president who signed the Civil Liberties Act, the redress bill," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director who served as JACL's redress director during the 80s. "It's a significant act on his part and he'll

be remembered for providing a closing of the final chapter on the World War II internment episode."

It was on Aug. 10, 1988, that Reagan signed his name on HR 422, the historic Civil Liberties Bill, offering an official government apology and redress payments of \$20,000 to each surviving JA who

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## SPRING CAMPAIGN

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Monday, and that comes by way of my mailbox, not my front porch. Yet despite the less frequent (and somewhat less desirable type of) delivery, I much prefer this newspaper of the JACL over my own college's award-winning publication.

I eagerly await the arrival and get more fulfillment out of reading the JACL's semi-monthly paper than I do by reading, day after day, the University of Iowa's newspaper.

True, they are hard to compare because both are of much different content, with very different audience aims, but I can tell you as an experienced student studying journalism, that the quality of the P.C. is much better than the *Daily Iowan*.

In the three years that I have been at the University of Iowa, the *DI* has looked identical through every issue I've read... from font and flag style, to sections and layout designs. It has gotten quite mundane to see the exact same formula used over and over again for a daily paper.

And as most of you can see, the P.C. has recently undergone a tremendous makeover in its visual appeal. The changes that were made to update the layouts and styles of the headlines, photos, etc. of the paper have done wonders for it.

The P.C. is now much more modern, and looks more competitive among its peers in the world of print journalism. From what I have been studying, it takes a lot to completely re-do a paper like the P.C. staff has done.

In addition to the paper's visual appearance, I consider the P.C. superior to the *DI* in other aspects as well... especially when it comes to the writing and variety of stories covered.

I would give anything to read arti-

cles of the same quality and caliber of the P.C. staff's writing in my own school's newspaper. While both papers have specific audiences (the P.C.'s being JACL members and the *DI*'s being university students and staff), and are therefore more limited in article selection, the P.C. does a much better job of being well-rounded and up-to-date than the *DI* does.

The *DI* has a staff of over 25 people, not including all of the interns, reporters and freelance writers they sometimes employ. The P.C. has only three full-time staff and one part-timer. Yet they produce a better paper than that of the *DI*.

For the past few months, the P.C.'s readership has been informed of the need to "save" the paper. You've been told terrible tales of all the woes the P.C. staff has had to overcome in order to publish. I'm not going to re-hash all of the details, but instead, I'll reiterate and point out that DESPITE all of those hurdles that have been put in front of them, the staff at the P.C. has been amazing. And the product that they're putting out for the JACL is exceptional under the circumstances.

Obviously, it says something about the P.C. when a student of journalism would prefer it as an entire publication over her own school's newspaper. This sharing of my comparison between the two papers is just my own way of showing how important the P.C. is, not only to me, but to all who read it and to the world of journalism as a whole.

For all of you who haven't done so yet, please consider this last request to donate to the Spring Campaign. If I feel that the P.C. is worth this much in my life, you all should value it too. Show your support by giving back to a fabulous paper so it can continue to work wonders for its readers. ■

## WWII Veterans Support Name Changes in Texas

Honorable Commissioners of Jefferson County, Texas,

We three Japanese American World War II veterans were interviewed by the *New York Times* May 29 because of the newsworthy stories we had to tell. We served our country as Americans despite the fact that our parents remained behind barbed wire in concentration camps categorized as enemy aliens. We gave our best to prove we are loyal Americans, sometimes at a tremendous cost, such as the 800 plus casualties suffered by the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team in rescuing the 211 members of the "Lost Battalion" of the 36th Texas Division.

After Pearl Harbor in 1941, we were subjected to a barrage of racial slurs; one of the most stinging slurs is "Jap," making no distinction between the enemy and us who were American-born Americans like you. We became highly sensitized to the use of the word "Jap", which we regard as offensive, insulting and demeaning. The U.S. Congress passed Resolution 290 in July 1986 stating that the word "Jap" is racially derogatory and is offensive. In addition, on Oct. 21, 1963, one month before President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Texas, Governor John Connally made all members of the 442nd RCT honorary citizens of Texas, in his show of appreciation for the rescue of 211 members of the Texas "Lost Battalion."

While the original intent of naming the street "Jap Road" may have been a gesture of honoring the Japanese residents there, the word "Jap," during WWII, evolved into an insulting and offensive word. Therefore, isn't it about time for the Texans to recognize the current offensive flavor of the word "Jap" and change it to something which would truly reflect the original intent of naming a street to honor the early Japanese pioneers? As JA veterans of WWII, who proved beyond any doubt where our loyalties lie, our wartime actions helped erase most vestiges of racial slurs and discrimination against JAs. Although we realize it was the intent of the early settlers to honor the Japanese, the "Jap Road" today brings back very unpleasant memories of the discriminatory treatment we received including incarceration in concentration camps, during the war years.

We, three WWII JA veterans,

therefore respectfully request you change the name of "Jap Road" to a name which truly honors the JA families, some of whom made the sacrifice of giving up their sons during WWII for the United States. Saburo Tanamachi, from your area of Texas, was killed in action on Oct. 29, 1944, during the rescue of Texas's Lost Battalion on Hill 617 in the Vosges Forest near Biffontaine, France. Saburo attended Beaumont Elementary School, Beaumont Junior School and Brownsville High School. Saburo was posthumously awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart and Combat Infantryman's Badge. He was buried with full honors at the Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. Honor Saburo Tanamachi, who made the supreme sacrifice, by changing the street name from "Jap Road" to a name which Saburo would have been proud to mention.

*Grant Ichikawa*

WWII Veteran MIS

*Grant Hirabayashi*

WWII Veteran,

Merrills Marauders

*Joe Ichijoji*

WWII Veteran,

522nd FA of 442nd RCT

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### Thanks :)

Just got hold of my latest P.C. (May 7-20) I would be one of those APA "dignitaries" who got her four-letter name mangled by the Tai Twins. I've been doing this job for four years and I've never heard my name like that. And now I've been cursed with a new chant whenever I enter a room... "Toga. Toga. Toga..."

Thanks for saying what was on all of our minds!

*Stacey Toda*

Senior Field Representative for  
Assemblyman George Nakano

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### A Bit Too Revealing

Concerning the article on Michelle Wie in the June 4-17 issue of the *Pacific Citizen*. I may be a prude or old fashion, but a 14-year-old in that revealing dress seems a little much.

*Jim Kamada*

Manhattan Beach, Calif.



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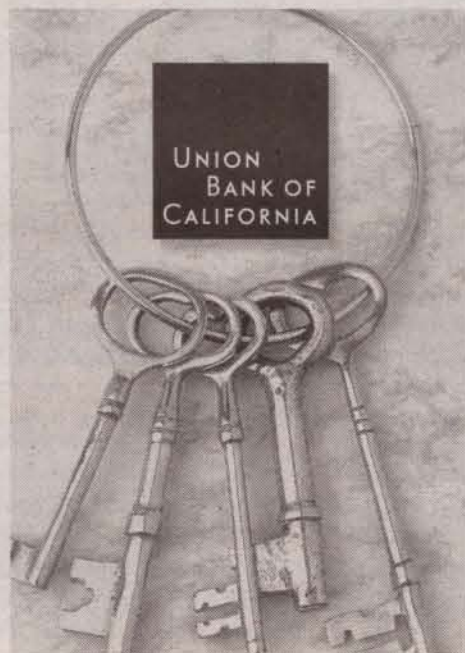
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## Vets Commemorate 5th Anniversary of Go For Broke Monument



The Go For Broke Educational Foundation June 5 commemorated the 5th anniversary of the Go For Broke Monument in Los Angeles observing the heroics and patriotism of the Japanese American soldiers from World War II. Over 500 people attended the "Honoring our Heroes" event to pay tribute to the more than 16,000 JA men and women who served in the U.S. military during WWII. Special tribute was given to the 21 JA Medal of Honor recipients, 20 of whom only recently received their medals in 2000.

## Portrait of Marutani Unveiled at Philadelphia's City Hall

The portrait of retired Judge William Marutani, the first Asian American to serve as a judge in any state outside of the West Coast, was unveiled at Philadelphia's City Hall June 7.

The Governor of Pennsylvania initially appointed Marutani to the bench in 1975. He subsequently won the election, which allowed him to serve until his retirement in 1986. In 1981, President Jimmy Carter appointed Marutani to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.

Marutani has served as JACL's legal counsel and continues to write a regular column in the *Pacific Citizen* newspaper. Before serving on the bench, Marutani practiced law with one of the major law firms in the city. During this period, he argued in *Loving v. Virginia* before the U.S. Supreme Court, a seminal case that struck down the anti-miscegenation laws in 17 states.



Originally from the state of Washington, Marutani was interned at Tule Lake, and served in the U.S. Army as an officer in the MIS. He completed his college degree at South Dakota Wesleyan College and went on to law school at the University of Chicago.

This event also marked the inauguration of the William Marutani Fellowship, a fellowship that will allow a law student from the Philadelphia area to take a summer internship position with a government agency or office or a public interest organization in the Philadelphia region. The Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley will administer this fellowship.

Many people in the community, including members of JACL, his wife Victoria, and three of his daughters attended this event. Marutani is currently a resident at Medford Leas, a New Jersey retirement community. ■

## Appeals Court Reinstates Petition Drive

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANSING, Mich.—An appeals court has reinstated a petition drive for a ballot proposal to end affirmative action at public universities and other agencies.

The Michigan Court of Appeals overturned an earlier ruling that the petition was improperly worded and likely to confuse voters.

The decision removes a major obstacle for the campaign led by Ward Connerly, who championed a successful ballot initiative dismantling most affirmative action programs in California.

A spokesman for the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, the group circulating the petition, said although they are elated by the decision, it may have come too late to salvage the petition drive for the 2004 ballot.

"We may have to switch gears for 2006," spokesman Chetly Zarko said. "But this gives us a major boost of momentum to continue."

Affirmative action supporters say they likely will appeal the decision to the Michigan Supreme Court.

A lower court had ruled that the form of the petitions should not have been approved by the Board of State Canvassers. ■

## Assembly Ceremony to Honor Former Accused Spy Canceled

By Associated Press and P.C. Staff

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—An Assembly ceremony to honor former accused spy Wen Ho Lee was called off after a group of Republican lawmakers threatened to fight the event.

The Asian legislative caucus had planned to honor Lee on the floor of the Assembly's Lower House on June 7 for his courage while facing spy accusations four years ago.

The former computer engineer at New Mexico's Los Alamos National Laboratory was jailed for nine months, but was never charged with stealing nuclear secrets for China, as news reports suggested.

But on June 5 the ceremony's organizers decided to cancel the event after Move America Forward, a new Republican group formed to support the war on terrorism, objected to the event.

The Republican group's members had told the *Oakland Tribune* that the Asian caucus members might be violating their oaths of office to defend domestic enemies.

The six-member Asian caucus said it was "outraged" by the

group's "inflammatory remarks" in the June 4 article. They said they canceled the ceremony to spare Lee from an "awkward situation."

"Dr. Lee has already been victimized by an overzealous prosecution by the government and I do not want him to be brutally victimized again," said Judy Chu, D-Monterey Park, chairwoman of the caucus.

The Asian caucus later privately honored Lee with a "profile in courage" award.

"Dr. Wen Ho Lee's courage in the face of such overwhelming persecution inspired Asian and Pacific Islanders all over the country," said Chu. "His perseverance and dignity during this horrendous ordeal is a beacon for all of us to follow ... I am proud to honor him with the inaugural API Legislative Caucus 'Profile In Courage' award."

"We applaud Assemblymember Chu and the API Legislative Caucus' decision to honor Dr. Wen Ho Lee and their decision to spare Dr. Lee from unwarranted, racially-charged, inaccurate and irresponsible accusations made by misinformed and overzealous politicians," said Phil Ting, executive director of the Asian Law Caucus. ■

## Rep. Honda Demands Investigation Into Yee Case; Calls on Army to Demonstrate Due Process

U.S. Rep. Mike Honda, D-San Jose, has formally requested an investigation into the U.S. Army's court martial of Chaplain James Yee, a commissioned officer of Islamic faith who was held in solitary confinement for 76 days on a variety of charges ranging from treason to mishandling classified documents. Ultimately, the Army dropped all criminal charges.



On June 4, Honda submitted a letter to Joseph Schmitz, inspector general of the Department of Defense, formally requesting the investigation into the Army's criminal probe and court martial of Yee. Honda authored the letter in conjunction with House Armed Services Committee Ranking Member Ike Skelton, D-MO, House Armed Services Total Force Subcommittee Ranking Member

Vic Snyder, D-AR, and Armed Services Committee member Adam Smith (D-WA).

The letter states in part:

"Given the unusual facts of this case, it is critical to determine whether Captain Yee was appropriately investigated, arrested and charged for criminal conduct by the U.S. Army. We are particularly interested in learning whether the Army, in this case, abided by the Manual for Courts Martial, which includes the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), the Rules for Courts Martial (RCM), and the Military Rules of Evidence (MRE), and whether its treatment of Captain Yee was consistent with military norms."

The letter goes on to say: "Our request for an IG investigation is motivated by our concern for our nation's security and the integrity of legal process of our Armed Forces. We value the important work your office performs and we trust that you will give this matter your close and urgent attention." ■

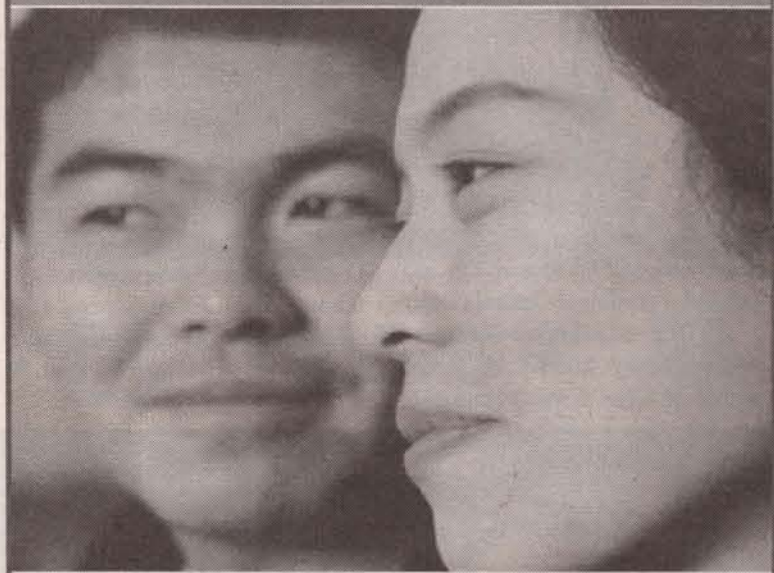
## JACL Takes Part in Memorial Day Service at Arlington Cemetery



The JACL Washington, D.C. chapter recently attended a Memorial Day Service at Arlington Cemetery. Pictured (l to r) are: Turner Kobayashi, chair of the Memorial Service, Lt. Fred Race, Iraqi veteran Marine, and Rear Admiral Kenneth Moritsugu, U.S. deputy surgeon general of the Public Health Services, and featured speaker at the recent Memorial Day event. A wreath was laid at the Tomb of the Unknown on behalf of all Japanese Americans.



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# National Newsbytes

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

## Anti-Asian Violence at Brooklyn High School Spurs Justice Department Action

WASHINGTON—Brooklyn's troubled Lafayette High School will institute new procedures to reduce violence against Asian American students under a consent decree with the Department of Justice.

Lafayette has been the subject of a federal civil rights investigation since 2002, when students complained that school district officials ignored student harassment and abuse.

According to a complaint filed in a Brooklyn federal court, Asian students were subjected to violent attacks involving thrown food, cans and heavy metal locks.

The school also faces complaints that some Asian students were forced to graduate early to bolster the school's graduation rate.

## 'Enola Gay' Pilot Visits Mission Launching Point for First Time

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii—Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets returned recently to Hawaii for the first time since piloting the B-29 bomber "Enola Gay" to drop the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945.

Tibbets, 89, was on a stopover while on his way to the Mariana Islands for ceremonies recently in the capital city of Saipan marking the 60th anniversary of the Battles for Saipan and Tinian.

Although hesitant at first, he visited the Pearl Harbor museum and memorial. He remains proud about his role in the atomic age.

"Ask me to do it again under the same circumstances, I wouldn't hesitate," he said.

## Advocates Call Recent Asian Medicine Sting Discriminatory

RICHMOND, Va.—A government sting on buyers of traditional Asian medicine ingredients is being condemned by Asian immigrant advocates who say the sting unfairly targeted individuals because of their cultural beliefs.

The three-year sting based in a Shenandoah Valley sporting goods store resulted in charges against more than 100 people in January, most of them Korean Americans.

The government says the sting, which targeted buyers of black bear parts and wild ginseng, is one of many nationwide investigations on black market items. Prosecutors say law enforcement agents warned everyone that their purchases were illegal by using a mix of short, English sentences and pantomime.

Korean communities derided the use of pantomime as a degrading way to signal the situation's severity to a vulnerable population.

## Cities, Institution Continue to Oppose U.S.A. Patriot Act

Two more cities and one university have recently gone on record opposing the USA Patriot Act.

Paterson is famous for being the temporary home of as many as six of the Sept. 11 hijackers. Now it is the ninth New Jersey city to adopt a resolution opposing the act, joining 325 other municipalities or counties across the country in passing similar resolutions. Lehigh University in Pennsylvania also took a stance against the act.

## Hmong Soldier Goes to Iraq Without His U.S. Citizenship

WAUSAU, Wis.—Yao Yang, a Hmong refugee born in a camp in Thailand has been called to active duty in Iraq, but he's not even a U.S. citizen.

Yang, 23, said he has filled out the needed paperwork for his citizenship but has not completed the process yet.

He joined the National Guard in November 2002 for tuition help and other benefits. But he says he also feels a certain sense of duty. He wants to show that being Hmong doesn't mean "being a burden for the government and the community."

## Ex Beauty Queen Joins Unocal Human Rights Lawsuit

LOS ANGELES—Louisa Benson, 63, a mother of three and former popular actress and beauty queen in her native Burma, joined the lawsuit alleging the oil giant Unocal's mistreatment of villagers during the 1990s when a natural gas pipeline was being built.

She lived a relatively privileged life and was not a witness to any of the alleged atrocities, but her father was jailed for more than three years under the regime.

Under California's unfair competition law, she was able to become a plaintiff in the lawsuit.

## Asians Continuing Explosive Growth

WASHINGTON—Explosive growth among Hispanics and Asians fueled a surge in the U.S. population between 2000 and 2003 as the national count pushed closer to 300 million.

Asians were the next-fastest-growing among the large minority groups, up 12.6 percent to 11.9 million, while the black population rose nearly 4 percent to 37 million. ■

## Fresno Dedicates First School Named After a JA



It was a historic day in California's Central Valley as the groundbreaking for the first school named after a Japanese American, Akira Yokomi, took place May 28.

Yokomi operated a fish market, Central Fish, from 1950 until his untimely slaying in 1996. His market was an icon in Fresno's Chinatown district.

"This occasion represents affirmation of our belief in the future and especially my uncle's belief in this area and his love of children," said Ernie Doizaki, a nephew of Yokomi's who bought his uncle's business in 1998. ■

## APAs in the News

By Associated Press and Pacific Citizen Staff

### 14-Year-Old Wins Best Actor at Cannes

TOKYO—Yuuya Yagira, winner of the best actor prize at this year's Cannes Film Festival, missed the awards ceremony because he had more pressing business: exams at his junior high school in Tokyo.

The 14-year-old, who won the award for his role in the Japanese film "Nobody Knows," received the crystal trophy May 26 from Hiraokazu Koreeda, the film's director.

Yagira plays the eldest of four siblings who takes charge of the family when their mother leaves. The film opens in Japan in July.

"It's my first trophy or award ever. I couldn't be happier," Yagira told a news conference. "I want to become a fine actor."

Asked where he plans to put his trophy, the teen replied: "Can I take it home?"

### Wong Steps Down as Director of Honolulu Symphony

HONOLULU—Samuel Wong, who helped bring some of classical music's biggest stars to Hawaii, is stepping down as musical director of the Honolulu Symphony after the 2004-05 classical season.

Wong, who has led the orchestra

since the 1996-97 season, plans to make several guest appearances through 2007, the symphony said.

The conductor said he wants to spend more time with his wife and two children in New York and pursue other projects.

### Tanonaka Challenges Abercrombie for 1st District Seat

HONOLULU—Dalton Tanonaka, a business consultant and former television newsman, announced June 2 that he's running for Congress as a Republican.

Tanonaka, who will try to unseat seven-term Democrat Neil Abercrombie in the 1st District, said he's running "because I believe I can serve Hawaii better."

"In this critical time for our country and state, we need an objective and sensible voice to truly represent the people of this district," he said.

The 1st District includes urban Honolulu, stretching west to Ewa Beach and east to Hawaii Kai and includes a portion of Central Oahu.

The Big Island-born Tanonaka, internationally known as senior anchor of CNN's Asian headquarter-

ters in Hong Kong, left that job late in 2001 to run for lieutenant governor in Hawaii, losing in the GOP primary to Lt. Gov. James "Duke" Aiona.

### Hong Recommended for Federal Judgeship

HONOLULU—State chief labor negotiator Ted Hong, who was rejected by the state Senate for a Circuit Court judgeship earlier this year, is now being recommended for a lifetime appointment to the U.S. District Court.

Hong's name is one of three names, along with Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Seabright and state Attorney General Mark Bennett, that Gov. Linda Lingle has submitted to President Bush to be considered for the federal judge post in Hawaii. It is unclear when Bush will make the nomination.

Lingle said she included Hilo attorney Hong, 46, for the same reasons she nominated him for the Circuit Court position. "He's an outstanding lawyer, a great person and a person of great fairness and integrity, and he would do a great job," she said.

The new judge would join U.S. Chief District Judge David Ezra and District Judges Helen Gillmor and Susan Oki Mollway. Samuel King and Alan Kay serve as senior district judges with a reduced case load. ■



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# JACL Announces Candidates for National Office

The 2004 Nominations Committee met via conference call to evaluate the nomination forms received from potential candidates for national board officers. The committee consists of Larry Grant, chair, Grace Kimoto (CCDC), Toshi Abe (EDC), Jeff Nakashima (IDC), Scott Sakamoto (PNW), Alayne Yonemoto (PSW), Jamie Cork (MDC), Sharon Ishii-Jordan (MPDC), Steve Okamoto (NCWNP), Leilani Savitt (NYSC-MDC), and Natalie Nakasone (NYSC-MDC) with staff support from Kristine Minami. The nominations committee will oversee the nominations at the conventions, the candidates' forum and the election.

The accepted, timely filed nominations for each office are shown below with brief background information. Each candidates' complete nomination materials may be viewed at the JACL website: [www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org)

There are two offices for which no complete, timely nomination was received. Late nominations for these or any other office will be considered by the committee at the national convention. Nominees from the floor must complete the official nominations form and shall be subject to the requirements of endorsement of the majority of the chapters of the candidates' district councils. (JACL Constitution and Bylaws, Article VIII., Sec. 1 (c))

Nomination forms for candidates from the floor may be signed by the president or delegate of a chapter, which has been determined by the credentials committee to be in good standing. In the case of the elected National Youth/Student Council positions, the nomination forms for candidates from the floor may be signed by the youth/student representatives or an official youth/student council proxy holder who has been determined by the credentials committee to be in good standing.

## President

### Kenneth K. Inouye

**JACL Background:** Current: National V.P. for Public Affairs, PSW District Treasurer, Co-chair of the PSW District Civil Rights Caucus, SELANOCO Chapter Program and Civil Rights Co-chair. Past: Chair of the *Pacific Citizen*

Ed Board, member of the ad-hoc finance committee (two separate occasions), PSW District Gov, PSW District board member (for more than 12 years), SELANOCO Chapter President (5 terms), member of the SELANOCO Chapter Board (24 years).

**Personal Background:** BS, Cal State LA. Co-founded CPA firm of Inouye, Shively and Longtin. Married with three daughters.

**Honors:** JACler of the Biennium, University Service Award from the Cal State LA, Orange County Community Service Award, Civil Rights Leadership Award from the California Association of Human Relations Organization, Nordstrom Community Service Award, Liberty Bell Award from the Orange County Bar Association, Village Keeper Award from the Williams Institute, Human

Relations Award presented by the Asian Business Association of Orange County, Community Service Award presented by the Orange County Nikkei Coordinating Council.

**Qualifications:** "I believe that my experience with JACL will allow me to provide the leadership that is needed to accomplish the goals contained in the National Program for Action while being respectful of the different roles that each of these levels has in the day to day operations of the organization. My many years of experience as the head of Human Relations Organizations at the City, County and State levels have afforded me the opportunity to develop the skills that are necessary to bring diverse individuals together in order to reach a common goal. I will work with the National Secretary-Treasurer and staff to develop the financial information that the National Board will need in order to make fiscally responsible decisions regarding JACL programs and operations."

### Leadership in Carrying Out The JACL Program For Action:

"As the National President, I would do everything within my power to ensure that JACL continues to be the premiere advocate for the Human and Civil Rights of Japanese Americans. I would work with the other National-board members and staff to develop strategic partnerships with other human and civil rights organizations, unite our voices against issues and events that may have a negative impact on the well-being of Japanese Americans and others who might be victimized by injustice, prejudice and racism."

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## V.P. for General Operations

### Larry Oda

**JACL Background:** Positions: Board Member, Delegate, President (7 terms) for Monterey Peninsula Chapter, Vice Chair of the JACL

Health Trust, Chair of District 75th Anniversary Celebration, 36th Biennial Convention Chair, National Convention Consultant, President of JACL Japanese Language School.

**Activities:** successfully listed the historic Monterey JACL Hall as an historic property with regional significance, initiated a scholarship in the name of a former chapter president.

**Personal Background:** BA, MA California State University Fresno; U.S. Navy, Vietnam Veteran.

**Occupation:** Fleet Maintenance Manager, City of Salinas, CA. Married.

**Honors:** City of Salinas Management Employee of the Year 2002.

**Qualifications:** "Internal Structure of JACL: My experience and ongoing training as a municipal division manager has given me a different perception of organizational structure than my experience as a business owner or employee. The diverse view helps me understand the dynamics of organizations in

general, and JACL in particular. Personnel Policies: Municipal Management-level employees are the administrators of personnel policy and are provided with ongoing training on every aspect of personnel administration. This ongoing training has given me a wealth of knowledge as well as reference material at my disposal beyond what I personally possess."

### Leadership in Carrying Out The JACL Program For Action:

"The leadership involved in implementing the Program for Action would be to communicate the validity of the programs, provide a clear vision of the need, set goals to accomplish, and empower staff with the tools and methods they will need to fulfill these goals. In terms of general operations, the leadership I would provide would be to hire a consultant to review and update the personnel manual and job descriptions, develop a succession plan for headquarters staff, and propose an organizational chart for an effective JACL for the future, 5 years and more."

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## V.P. for Public Affairs

### Heidi Tanakatsubo

**JACL Background:** Positions: San Mateo Chapter Board Member (2000-present), San Mateo Chapter Youth Chair (2000-2001), San Mateo Chapter V.P. of Membership (2003), JACL National Scholarship Committee (2003-2004), JACL NCWNP District Council Executive Board Member (2004), JACL NCWNP District Council Youth Committee Chairperson, (2002-present).

**Activities:** attended the JACL National Youth Conference in Seattle, WA.

**Personal Background:** BA in American Studies from University of California at Berkeley.

**Occupation:** Senior Marketing Communications Specialist for *PC World* magazine.

**Honors:** 2002 Klara Ma Women's Leadership Award from Northern California Cherry Blossom Pageant Committee (for dedication to the JA community).

**Qualifications:** "My professional responsibilities dovetail well with the duties of the JACL National Vice President for Public Affairs. As a marketing specialist, I am in constant communication with members of the press, high level management, as well as vendors. Though I always act on behalf of my company, I must always keep the needs of others in mind, and remain as impartial as possible. In addition, my role as chairperson of the NCWNP District Council Youth Committee has taught me how to deal with a group, delegate, and work effectively to balance many different interests. It is my responsibility to weigh each individual's perspective and work with the group to achieve a decision that best meets the needs of the group."

### Leadership in Carrying Out The JACL Program For Action:

"I believe that my background in marketing, as well as my experi-

ences in JACL and the Japanese American community will allow me to play a key role in implementing the JACL's 2004-2006 Program for Action. I plan to utilize my existing relationships with members of the press and organizational leaders, to build and further strengthen JACL's relationships. As a third-generation, bi-racial Japanese American woman, I am committed to my community and passionate about the ongoing efforts of this organization. Given my background, I believe that I am uniquely positioned to develop and deliver a communications and marketing plan designed to reach out to a broader population. The JACL Communications Plan for 2004 and Beyond must focus attention on the past success of the organization, as well as the ongoing efforts of the organization to combat hate crimes and discrimination."

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## V.P. for Planning and Development

No candidate.

## V.P. for One Thousand Club, Membership and Services

### Edwin Endow

**JACL Background:** Stockton Chapter: President (1985, 1986, 1994), Board Member (1978-2001, 2003-present), Co-chairperson Stockton Reunion Committee; NCWNP District Executive Board 1996-1999, 2002-present, Membership chairperson, Vice-Governor 2003-present; National: 1000 Club Life Member-Membership Trust, 2000 Convention-Awards and Recognition Committee, 2002 Convention Credentials Committee; 2004 Convention Credentials Committee Chairperson.

**Personal Background:** BA in Elementary Education, University of the Pacific.

**Occupation:** President of George's Shoe Store, Inc. dba Red Wing Shoe Store in Stockton and Modesto, CA. Married, one son.

**Qualifications:** "I have been involved at the chapter level for many years and more recently, at the district level. I have seen what works and what doesn't. Hopefully, I can bring that experience to the board, especially in the membership area, so that we can come up with a program that everyone can use to help grow this great organization."

### Leadership in Carrying Out The JACL Program For Action:

"I feel that part of being a leader is acknowledging the fact that you do not know everything. I hope to bring my experience to the board, but also be open to the ideas of the rest of the board and especially the regular members, to help us reach a consensus on the correct path for JACL to take. We need to add new members to the organization. Expanding our membership does two important things-it adds revenue so that we have the money to pay for the programs and it adds new ideas and energy to the entire organization. Finally, I will always try to remind everyone of the JACL motto: "For Better Americans in a Greater

America." After all ... after everything is said and done, I feel that is why we do all of this."

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## Jason Jackson

**JACL Background:** Positions: Imperial Valley Chapter President (2002-present); National Conference chapter delegate (2002); PSW Executive Board Member (2004); PSW Membership

Chairman (2004). **Activities:** Initiated and organized my chapter in participating in the California Adopt-A-Highway program (2003-present); initiated membership drive within my chapter, and increased total membership numbers in excess of 150% since January 2002; organized and participated in the 2003 Los Angeles Dodgers Nikkei celebration with over 40 chapter members; organized our chapter's first participation in the 2003 National Gala Dinner with a full table in attendance.

**Personal Background:** BS in Criminal Justice Administration, San Diego State University; MA in Public Administration, San Diego State University.

**Occupation:** General Manager of Desert Security and Investigative Services.

**Honors:** Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor, Boy Scouts of America Recipient of the District Award of Merit (Districts highest award for an adult volunteer), Boy Scouts of America Recipient of the Silver Beaver Award (Council's highest award for an adult volunteer), Recipient of the Citizen of the Month for the 51 Congressional District, presented by Congressman Bob Filner. Engaged.

**Qualifications:** "My experience in both membership and financial growth that I have gained not only through my association with the Boy Scouts of America, but through my employment will be an added benefit to the JACL. Furthermore, my recent education in Public Administration will help bring updated and new innovative ideas to our organization."

### Leadership in Carrying Out The JACL Program For Action:

"Specifically, I will establish a broader 'Membership Benefits' package that will help chapters and districts in their recruitment of new members. I will develop a membership retention program. And most importantly, I will strive to obtain an 8% growth of this organization over the next biennium."

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## Secretary/Treasurer

### Mark Kobayashi

**JACL Background:** San Jose chapter Vice President of civic affairs (1990-91), San Jose chapter Vice President of activities (1992-93, 1995), San Jose chapter



President (1996-97), NCWNP District Council member (1997-2002), Outlook (chapter newsletter) coordinator (2001-02), NCWNPDC representative to Legacy Grants committee (2001-2004), NCWNP District Council secretary (2002), NCWNP District Council Governor (2003-present); Booster/Alternate Delegate JACL National Conventions in Salt Lake and Philadelphia, JACL National Convention San Jose convention coordinator/co-chair, Delegate JACL National Conventions in Monterey, Las Vegas and Hawaii.

**Personal Background:** BS in Electrical Engineering, Santa Clara University, MS in Electrical Engineering, UCLA.

**Occupation:** Electrical Engineer, Senior Staff Engineer, Broadcom Corporation. Married with two daughters.

**Honors:** Tau Beta Pi, Electrical Engineering Honor Society.

**Qualifications:** "I'm qualified for the position of Secretary/ Treasurer of the National JACL based on these essential characteristics: 1) As the NCWNP governor, I've worked actively on the 2003 National Operational Budget that netted over \$344k. 2) I have managed budgets at the district and chapter level. I also have managed significant projects within the JACL such as the 1996 National JACL Convention and the first NCWNP district gala dinner; 3) I am a long time JACLER that would like to help the organization to help create a stable base from which the JACL can create programs that are beneficial for the JACL and our country; 4) As an engineer, I have dealt with financial information and data in general and would be able to

apply this background in this position. Finally as the NCWNP governor, I have gotten a first hand look at how the JACL National board operates and in the position of Secretary/Treasurer, I can see many ways in which the JACL can operate more efficiently and as a stronger organization."

**Leadership in Carrying Out The JACL Program For Action:** "As the Secretary/Treasurer, I would manage the finances of the National JACL such that the national budget passed by the National Council can be carried out within the extent possible. The upcoming years may be difficult years as we have suffered in the past few years. I hope to be a key member in helping set a strong foundation for the organization in the coming biennium and beyond. I bring knowledge and experience about the JACL through being everything from a chapter board member, chapter president and district governor. I will also be bringing the energy and a willingness to roll up my sleeves to get the goals of the organization accomplished."

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**National Youth/Student Council Chairperson**

No candidate.

**National Youth/Student Council Representative**  
Andrea Parker

**JACL Background:** Positions: Omaha Chapter member of the planning committee for Tri-district conference (hosted by Omaha Chapter, July 2003), planner for children's activities at annual Easter Egg Hunt (1997-2001), participant in chapter's



Japanese Dance Ensemble (1995-2002), MPDC Youth Representative (2002-present), National Youth/Student Council participant as MPDC rep. (2002-present), planning, hospitality committee chair, member of workshop committee for the NY/SC "Gateway to Leadership Conference" in St. Louis (June 2003), Pacific Citizen Editorial Board Member as MPDC rep. and contributing writer for the paper (2003-present), Legacy Funds Grants committee member as MPDC rep. (2002-present), Constitution/Bylaws committee member as MPDC rep. (2004).

**Personal Background:** Will begin fourth year at the University of Iowa in August of 2004, pursuing BA degrees in Dance and Journalism.

**Honors:** Dean's List of University of Iowa.

**Qualifications:** "I feel like after serving on the NY/SC for two years as a district representative, I am ready to move onto more responsible things. I have learned well and gained valuable knowledge and experience from all I've done with the NY/SC so far, and I believe I will best serve them in the future as their leader."

**Leadership in Carrying Out The JACL Program For Action:** "The program for action in the next biennium I know will be very focused on youth, specifically getting more participation and retaining those current members. I believe one of the keys to doing this is getting

core representatives from all parts of the country ... right now it is currently focused mainly out in the west and so I would definitely try to broaden that out. Another thing I plan to do more of and be more successful at for the Youth Council in this biennium is finding funding, whether it be writing more grants, seeking out more corporate sponsorship or just plain old-fashioned fundraising. I feel these two things will be very beneficial in accomplishing the goal I stated above in JACL's next program for action."

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**Todd Sato**

**JACL Background:** Positions: Current JACL Pacific Southwest District Youth Representative, Dinner Committee for PSW Gala, National Student/Youth Council.

**Activities:** Youth Forum, Website design, National Student/Youth Conference.

**Personal Background:** Currently attending Pasadena City College hoping to transfer to Woodbury University to attain a Business Degree. Attend Gardena Valley Baptist Church and serve in the Junior High Ministry.

**Honors:** Lois Padilla Outstanding Student Volunteer award from Japanese American National Museum.

**Qualifications:** "Experience is gained by taking leadership positions. I believe that I have gained a lot of experience with the various

positions I have taken while being a high school and college student. Being Vice President and then President of the Nikkei Student Association at Cal State Northridge, I have learned how to delegate duties to officers, run meetings, and to be flexible with a time table. Also being the chair of the PR/Outreach committee for Spectrum: Broadening the Views of the Young Nikkei, helped me learn how to market a conference by using flyers, press releases, articles in the local Japanese American newspaper, spreading the word and creating a brochure. Currently, being the Youth Representative for the JACL Pacific Southwest District, I have gained experience by watching other leaders in the JACL on how they lead."

**Leadership in Carrying Out The JACL Program For Action:** "I would demonstrate a work ethic that will carry out the program for action. I would make sure that the NYSC be more involved with the planning of youth portion of the national convention and make sure the NYSC is informed about any civil rights issues that have to do with youth. I would have the council put on one or more programs to generate interest in JACL on a social, cultural and civil rights area. With the district's help I believe that we can fulfill the Program for Action and gain more youth members."

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## Starting Line

### COLLEGE BASEBALL

#### Sukuzi a Finalist for Johnny Bench Award

Cal State Fullerton junior catcher **Kurt Suzuki** has a wish list and on it it lists Johnny Bench as the person he'd most like to meet.

Now he just might get his chance.

Suzuki, a first-team All-American and the Big West Conference Player of the Year, was recently named one of three finalists for the Johnny Bench Award. The award is presented annually at the Greater Wichita Sports Banquet to the country's top collegiate catcher, as voted on by a panel of sportswriters, sportscasters, Division I coaches and scouts.

The final vote among the national selection committee will take place during the College World Series. Suzuki and the other finalists will be invited to Wichita for the 7th Annual Greater Wichita Sports Banquet on June 30 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Wichita. And the award will be presented to the winner by Johnny Bench himself.

Suzuki is fifth in the nation in batting (.438), ninth in RBI per game (1.32) and 19th in slugging percentage (.726). On the Big West Conference leader board, he ranks among the top three in 10 categories, including first in batting, on-base and slugging percentage, RBI and sac flies. He has driven in 74 runs, the most RBIs by a Titan this decade and has been walked 42 times — seven times intentionally.

The other finalists are South Carolina's Landon Powell and North Carolina's Chris Iannetta. ■

### OLYMPICS

#### Yao Carries Olympic Torch

SHANGHAI, China—**Yao Ming** carried the Olympic torch June 9 for the final stage of the Beijing relay.

The Houston Rockets center was one of 148 torchbearers, organizers said. After the flame arrived at the Summer Palace, the former imperial resort, Yao carried the torch to ignite a ceremonial cauldron.

The Beijing relay started at the Great Hall of the People in the center of the capital, which will host the 2008 Summer Olympics. From there it passed the Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven on the 31-mile route.

Other torchbearers included former Olympic table tennis champion Deng Yaping and gymnast Sang Lan, who was paralyzed from the waist down in a fall.

The torch arrived from Seoul, South Korea, on June 8 for a two-day stay. After Beijing, it traveled to New Delhi, India. The worldwide relay leading to the Athens Games in August will cover six continents. ■



### OLYMPICS

#### Old-timer Soldati Claims Spot on Olympic Diving Team

**Kimiko Soldati** bounced back from a poor dive to win the 3-meter springboard at the U.S. trials June 12. At 30, she's the oldest diver at the trials.

Soldati didn't start diving seriously until a dozen years ago and overcame numerous injuries to claim her first spot on the Olympic team.

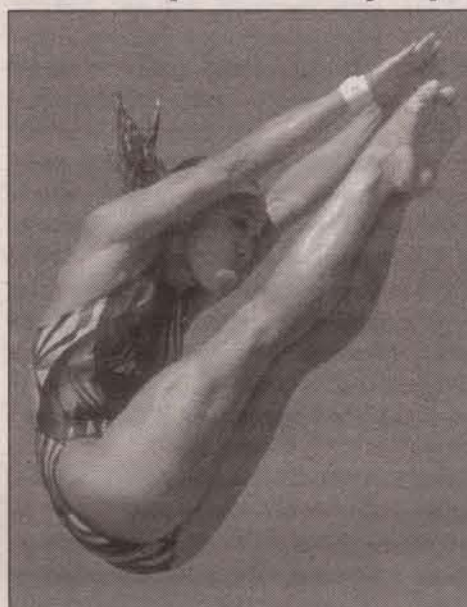
Her second dive was ugly — Soldati over-rotated on an inward pike 2 1/2 somersault, creating a huge splash as she sliced through the water. The crowd groaned and the scores confirmed their assessment — 4s and 4.5s that dropped her into second place behind Rachel Kunkel.

Michelle Davison, a 2000 Olympian, was charging, too. She was just 7.2 points behind Soldati with three dives remaining.

"I missed that dive, but I was OK with it," said Soldati, a Colorado native who now lives in Texas. "I thought about it for about 30 seconds. That's it. Then it was time to move on."

Soldati, who passed time between dives listening to the Usher song "Yeah!" on her headphones, bounced right back. Her last three dives were on the mark, closing with a reverse pike 2 1/2 somersault that clinched it.

Soldati finished with 884.70 points, while Kunkel became a first-



time Olympian with 874.38.

Davison settled for third at 870.60 — just 3.78 points out of a return trip to the Games. She was 12th in the springboard at Sydney.

Soldati was a top-level gymnast in high school, but the first of her injuries — a torn knee ligament — prompted her father to encourage a switch to diving. She finally got serious about it as a freshman at Colorado State, where she competed on the 3-meter board for the first time.

A steady string of injuries slowed Soldati's progress. In all, she's had four shoulder surgeries and two

knee operations.

"I'm not amazed she pulled it off, but I'm amazed she got to this point," said her husband, Adam. "I know that day in, day out is a constant struggle. There are days she gets out of bed and can't even move her arms."

Soldati's father, Gary Hirai, was born in an internment camp for Japanese Americans during the closing months of World War II. He was there on June 12, cheering on his daughter with about 30 family and friends, thrilled that she'll

be representing the country that once locked up his parents.

"It's just neat," Hirai said. "It all fits together perfectly, as far as I'm concerned."

Soldati's mother, Judy Hirai, died in 1992 after a long struggle with breast cancer. Her influence was evident at the trials — from her wedding ring, which Soldati wears while diving, to her daughter's indomitable will.

"My wife was so strong and so focused on not complaining while she was sick. She just wanted to do the best she could," Hirai said. "That carried over to our daughter." ■

### GOLF

#### Wie Helps United States Win Curtis Cup

FORMBY, England—Hawaii's **Michelle Wie** helped the United States retain the Curtis Cup on June 13 with a 10-8 victory over Britain and Ireland.

The Americans have now won four straight and 24 overall in the biennial amateur competition, which has been played 33 times.

The 14-year-old Wie beat Nicola Timmins 6 and 5 to give the United States a 7-6 lead. Wie, the youngest player in Curtis Cup history, is part of a U.S. team that doesn't have a player over 22.

Paula Creamer won her singles

June 13, Jane Park lost hers, then Elizabeth Janangelo beat Shelley McKeivitt 1-up to give the United States an insurmountable 9-7 lead.

Claire Coughlan beat Brittany Lang, but Annie Thurman downed Danielle Masters for an outright win. Wie, Creamer, and Thurman each won two singles matches.

"Both sides played well, but we just happened to squeeze in an extra putt or two," U.S. captain Martha Kirouac said.

Kirouac said she was initially "a little concerned" about fielding such a young team. "But then I got com-

fortable with the abilities they have," she added.


Britain and Ireland won two of three alternate shots June 13 to tie it up at 6. Wie and Janangelo lost to Coughlan and Anne Laing 3 and 2 when Coughlan holed the winning downhill putt from 6 feet on the 16th green.

"We put ourselves into a hole in the foursomes," Kirouac said. "But we have a very competitive arena in junior and college golf at home. That's why we're so tough in singles." ■

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## PARCELLS

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ence, and although I prefaced it with the remark, 'no disrespect to anyone intended,' it was still uncalled for and inconsiderate. For that I apologize to anyone who may have been offended."

Soon after the apologies were released, the NFL announced their decision not to fine Parcels for his use of the derogatory term and that it would not review the coach's comments.

But that reaction isn't good enough for many JAs and Tateishi noted that the JACL will continue to press the issue with the NFL in hopes of opening a dialogue to discuss the league's policy regarding racial slurs by coaches and players.

"This is something the JACL will continue to pursue until we're satisfied with some results, which includes confronting the Cowboys organization and [NFL Commissioner] Paul Tagliabue," he said. "I'm especially interested in learning why the NFL dismissed this

issue so quickly and why they feel JAs and APAs can so easily be brushed aside."

The Parcels' incident coincides with current efforts by local JAs and various civil rights groups to rename various roads in Texas that still use the racial slur "Jap."

Late last year, a federal complaint was filed with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development asking Jefferson County to rename "Jap Road." They are asking that federal funds be withheld until a name change takes place. So far, the road in Jefferson County still exists and the neighboring county of Orange has also kept its "Jap Lane."

The recent Parcels incident "can be used to help educate the state of Texas that using such racial slurs in any manner will not be tolerated in this day and age," said Texas resi-

dent Sandra Nakata Tanamachi, a plaintiff in the federal complaint who has been trying to get "Jap Road" renamed for more than ten years now. "Racial epithets certainly are not tolerated by African Americans or Hispanics."

Tateishi noted that Parcels is originally from the East Coast but that the manner in which the Dallas Cowboys dealt with the situation highlights the need for more education in the state of Texas.

"I do think there's something to be said about this incident and the way the Cowboys organization brushed this incident aside as inconsequential. Add to that the refusal of the towns in Jefferson and Orange counties refusing to change the names 'Jap Road' and 'Jap Lane,'" said Tateishi. "In both cases, it's a refusal to accept that this word is offensive to Japanese Americans. And even if

they know that it's a derogatory word, it doesn't matter to them, to the Cowboys or to the two Texas counties. In a way, it's racism at its worst when they know but continue to use it anyway."

Ken Inouye, JACL vice president of public affairs, believes responding to the Parcels incident helps keep the focus on efforts to rename "Jap Road" and "Jap Lane."

"Parcels apologized so this shows that this racial slur should not be used," said Inouye. "Until these road names are changed we have to keep talking about this issue."

He noted that educating Texans about the slur "Jap" is important but it's a lesson that needs to be spread throughout the country. "It's a good lesson for all people, people who haven't had the opportunity to understand how hurtful this phrase is," he said. ■

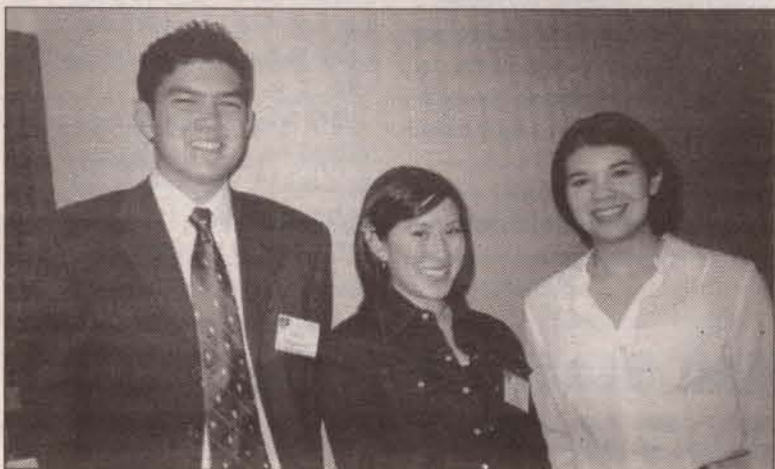
## MDC Hosts Min Yasui Oratorical Contest

The Midwest district's Min Yasui Oratorical Contest was held recently at the MDC meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Three contestants addressed the question: With the increasing number of reported hate crimes in the Asian Pacific American community, what is the challenge facing JACL youth in dealing with these kinds of vicious crimes?

This year's winner was Miyoko Conley of West Chester, Ohio, a

senior at Lakota West High School. Conley will receive a travel stipend and two nights' accommodation to represent MDC at the national competition in Honolulu, Hawaii this August.

Also participating were: David Miyamasu of Beavercreek, Ohio, senior at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; and Jane Allen of Yellow Springs, Ohio, sophomore at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. ■



Pictured are (l-r): David Miyamasu, Jane Allen and Miyoko Conley.



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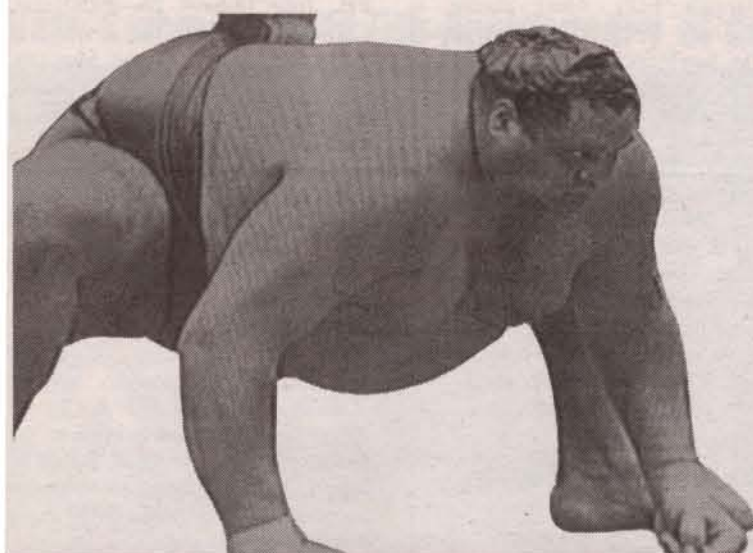
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'Sumo is like the ultimate human drama. There's conflict and these two guys are settling the conflict,' said Manny Yarborough, seven-time member of the U.S. national sumo team.



## Examining culture clashes with 'Sumo East and West'

# The Unarmed Warriors

### FILM RETROSPECTIVE

By **LYNDA LIN**  
Assistant Editor

There's no crying in sumo. In fact, the ancient Japanese sport pooh-poohs all expression of emotion, but when Wayne Vierra, a former professional sumo wrestler from Hawaii, fought his way back from illness to win his first amateur match in Nevada, he flexed his muscles like the Incredible Hulk.

Normally, this behavior would be unacceptable even in the amateur arena, where 2,000-year-old traditions are optional, but Vierra is not your everyday sumo wrestler. His is a story that has built-in human drama of triumph and agony. First, there's his comparatively smallish stature, then there's his undeniable charisma that sneaks up on you through interview testimonies and

then there's his heartbreaking story of rising in the ranks of professional sumo wrestling only to be sidelined by a ruptured pancreas.

Then you realize why the documentary, "Sumo East and West," is such an easy watch and why Vierra struck a pose after his comeback match.

"I got emotional," said Manny Yarborough about the scene in a telephone interview before leaving for the Atlanta Film Festival to promote the film.

The veteran amateur sumo wrestler is also featured in the documentary and if his name does not jog recognition, then here are some visual cues:

- Yarborough is 6'8"
- He is the 1999 Guinness World Record holder for heaviest living athlete.
- He is also the self-proclaimed "sexiest man over 700 pounds."

The documentary, brilliantly

directed by Ferne Pearlstein, shows the faces and personalities that changed the notoriously closed sport of sumo and effectively examines cultural conflicts when a traditional sport is dominated by "gaijin" or foreigners.

Since the 1970s, the success of American sumo wrestlers from Hawai'i has been bittersweet for sumo purists. On the one hand, the unprecedented popularity of Akebono (Chad Rowan) as *yokozuna* or grand champion breathed new life into the ancient sport, but on the other it signified the end of some exclusive traditions.

With interviews with some of the most prominent foreign wrestlers including Akebono and Konishiki (Salevaa Atisanoe), the film promises to throw open the doors of sumo to reveal little-known facts, but intelligently skirts sensational issues like harsh sumo training techniques and overabundant sumo diets.

It also boasts some impressive historic footage of sumo wrestling in the past, including some of Thomas Edison participating in a makeshift match.

The documentary then shifts its focus to the burgeoning amateur world of sumo in the United States, where matches take place in the casino of a seedy Los Angeles race-track and the integrity of the sport is

threatened by commercialism and corporate sponsorship.

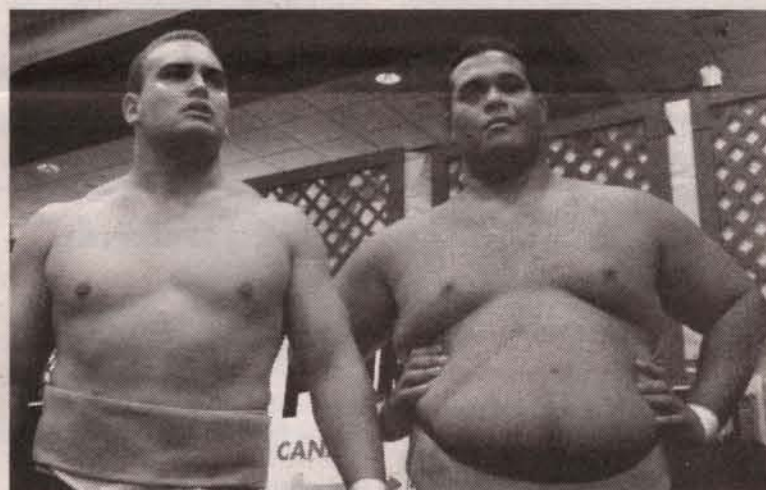
Pearlstein decided to follow-up her award-winning work on the documentary, "Imelda," about the controversial wife of Philippines dictator Ferdinand Marcos with "Sumo East and West" because of its majesty beauty and because it would be the ideal prism to study cultural misunderstandings.

"Before becoming a filmmaker, my background was a still photographer for the Japanese newspapers, *The Tokyo/Chunichi Shimbun* and *The Chugoku Shimbun*, and I was often asked to photograph Japanese life through the eyes of a foreigner," said Pearlstein.

"And now, as a director as well as a cinematographer, the idea that I could introduce sumo to a Western audience with the same beauty and reverence I felt and not as 'the grotesque spectacle' it is often referred to in the West, was a real motivator for me," she added.

Engrossing, entertaining and at points heartbreaking, the film shines a light on racism and xenophobia in the evolving sport. Yes. It most definitely exists outside of basketball. Are you listening, Larry Bird? ■

Check local listings or [www.pbs.org/independentlens/sumoe](http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/sumoe) and west for 'Sumo East and West' airtimes. It is also available for purchase on [www.customflix.com](http://www.customflix.com).



**Gaijin sumos:** Kenna Hefferman (left) and Wayne Vierra, at a sumo event in Los Angeles, add diversity to the ancient sport.

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### WHEATON, Maryland

**Sat., June 26**—JACL Picnic; 12:30 p.m.; Wheaton Regional Park, Shelter D, Shorefield Road.

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### ALBUQUERQUE

**Sun., June 20**—Annual Asian Festival of Cultures, sponsored by the Asian American Association of New Mexico; 1-5 p.m.; Cesar Chavez Community Center; 7505 Kathryn SE. Info: Esther Churchwell, 505/883-5320.

**Sun., June 27**—Annual JACL picnic; Holiday Park (Comanche NE, between Juan Tabo and Tramway NE).

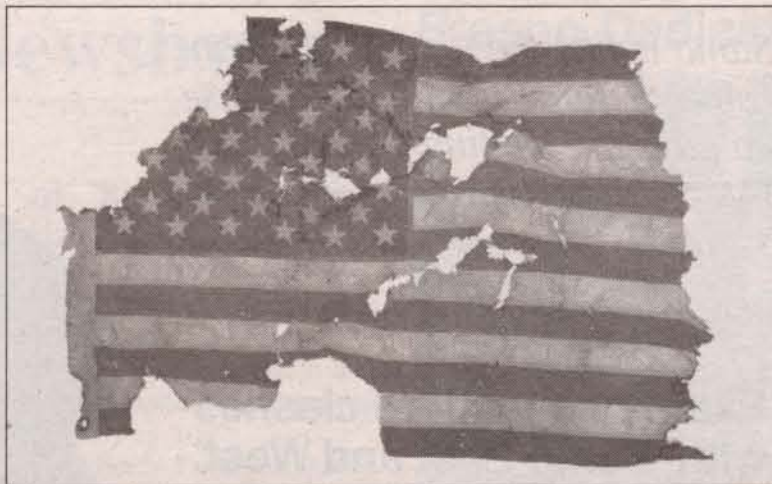
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**Sat., June 26**—14th Annual Walk for Rice; 8 a.m.; Seward Park. Info: 206/695-7551 or www.WalkForRice.com

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**Mon.-Fri., July 19-23**—Taiko and Japanese Culture Camp; Session I for ages 7-9; **July 26-30**—Session II for ages 10-12; both sessions 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Enmanji Temple; \$125 per child per session; JACL members \$100 per child per session. Info and reservations: 707/575-0723 or email, info@sonomacountytaiko.org.

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**Fri.-Mon., July 2-5**—2004 Tule Lake Pilgrimage; accommodations at the Oregon Institute of Technology in

Klamath Falls, Ore.; theme is "Citizens Betrayed"; 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.

## Southern California

### CAMARILLO

**Sat., June 26**—Seminar: Using Southern California plants to create a Japanese style garden; 2-3 p.m.; Camarillo Community Library, 3100 Ponderosa Dr.; Free. Sponsored by Ventura County JACL. Info: Anne Chilcott, 805/492-0146 or vcjacl@hotmail.com.

### GARDENA

**Sat.-Sun., June 26-27**—Exhibit: Japanese American Korean War Veterans Memorial in conjunction with the JCI Carnival; 12-7 p.m.; JCI, 1964 W. 162nd St. Info: 310/324-6611.

### LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE

**Fri., June 18-June 20**—34th Annual Bonsai Exhibition; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Descanso Gardens, Van de Kamp Hall, 1418 Descanso Drive. Info: 818/952-4400.

### LOS ANGELES

**Sat., June 19-July 25**—Contemporary Japanese Crafts; an exhibition that explores the heart of late 20th century Japanese applied arts; The works of bamboo artist Hajime Nakatomi will be on special exhibit concurrently; George J. Doizaki Gallery, JACCC, 244 S. San Pedro St. Free. Info: 213/628-2725 or www.jaccc.org.

**Thurs., July 1-Aug. 15**—Exhibition, September 11: Bearing Witness to History; JANM, 369 E. First St.; objects and stories from Sept. 11 tragedies presented in Smithsonian Memorial Exhibition. Info: www.janm.org.

### PASADENA

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

**Fri., June 18-Sept. 20**—Exhibition: Chinese Art from the Permanent Collection; Norton Simon Museum, 411 W. Colorado Blvd.; \$6 for adults, seniors, \$3. Info: 626/449-6840 or www.nortonsimon.org.

### REDLANDS

**Sun., June 27**—Riverside JACL Annual Community Picnic; 11:30 a.m.; Sylvan Park; RSVP with names and ages to Helen Yoshikawa, 909/735-8481.

### TORRANCE

**Sat., June 26**—Go For Broke Educational Foundation Seeks Volunteers; 10-1 p.m.; Go For Broke office; the orientation is open to the public, but space is limited. RSVP by June 21 to Dori Sugiyama, volunteer coordinator, 310/222-5704 or dori@goforbroke.org.

### WEST COVINA

**Sat., June 19**—Casino Night, benefits the E. San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center and the Sabers/Saberettes Youth Basketball Organizations; 6-11 p.m.; 1203 W. Puente Ave.; Donation \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door; Info: Susie Kozono, 909/598-8450 or Sabersmama@aol.com.

**Sat., July 3**—Obon Festival; 1-9 p.m.; E. San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave. Info: West Covina Buddhist Temple, 626/913-0622 or 626/960-2566.

## Arizona - Nevada

### LAS VEGAS

**Sat., June 26**—18th Annual Hawaiian Luau and Scholarship Luncheon; 11-4 p.m.; Spring Meadows Presbyterian Church, 1600 E. Oakley; \$10; entertainment and raffle prizes. Info: Las Vegas JACL, 702/382-4443. ■

## Correction

In the June 4-17 Pacific Citizen issue's "Very Truly Yours" column, the correct ZIP code to order a copy of "Nanka Nikkei Voice III" is: P.O. Box 3164, Torrance, CA 90510, \$20 postpaid. ■

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## REAGAN

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suffered the indignities of forced internment during World War II.

The signing took place during the same time as the 1988 JACL national convention in Seattle and several JACL representatives and officials flew a red eye flight to Washington, D.C., for the official signing ceremony.

*Pacific Citizen* Editor Emeritus Harry Honda remembers attending the historic ceremony and was pleasantly surprised when Reagan mentioned a *P.C.* article he had read during his speech at the White House signing ceremony.

"It was a pleasant and an unexpected moment for me to hear President Reagan mention the *Pacific Citizen* in his remarks at the signing of HR 442 — the Redress bill," said Honda. "No other President has ever cited the national publication in public."

Reagan was California's governor from 1967 to 1975 and was elected to the U.S. presidency in 1980 at the age of 69, the oldest man ever elected president. He went on to serve a second term and was best known as the president who ended the Cold War.

He left office in 1989 with the highest popularity rating of any retiring president in the history of modern-day public opinion polls. For most of the past decade, Reagan spent his time in seclusion while battling Alzheimer's and did not give media interviews.

Dignitaries and officials throughout the nation honored

and paid respects to Reagan. Both U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and U.S. Rep. Bob Matsui, D-Sacramento, worked with Reagan during the Redress campaign and praised the President for his leadership and vision.

"I join America in mourning the passing of a great man," said Inouye, in a statement. "He was a leader of eloquence and humor, whose optimistic faith in the United States of America was unshakable."

"We will all remember President Ronald Reagan's warmth, vitality and leadership," said Matsui in a prepared statement. "He led our country through many difficult changes, but through it all he kept his eternal sense of optimism and always stood for what he believed in."

U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, stated: "President Ronald Reagan ended the cold war and changed the world. He made government responsive to the American people. His optimism, courage, and love of freedom changed the way we perceived ourselves as Americans. I was privileged to work in his Administration."

Reagan is survived by his wife Nancy; three children, Michael, from his first marriage and Patti Davis and Ron from his second. His oldest daughter, Maureen, from his first marriage, died in August 2001 at age 60 of cancer.

*Associated Press contributed to this article.*

## Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Fugikawa, Mary, 92**, Cincinnati, Ohio; survived by children, Jane Sugawara, Betty Koenig, Edward, Les and Diane Williams; 24 gc.; 16 ggc.; brother, Tom Nakamoto; and sisters, Leona Inamasu and Gladys Inouye.

**Kawauchi, Yukio, 84**, Gardena,

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April 27; Terminal Island-born Nisei; WWII Veteran; survived by wife, Hisako; sons, Roy and Gary (Sophie); daughter, Linda (Bruce) Fujikawa; 2 gc.; brothers, Kazuo (Haruko) and Yoshihiro (Tamiko); sisters-in-law, Aiko and Setsuko Kawauchi, Kayoe Funaoka and Aki Fujii; and brother-in-law, Rev. Yoshikazu (Miyoko) Fujii.

**Lee, Cpl. Bumrok, 21**, Sunnyvale, June 2; fought in Iraq; survived by his parents; and sister, Elis Lee.

**Makino, Edith, 94**, Henderson, Nev., May 29; San Jose-born, Gila Internee, French Camp JACler; survived by daughter, Anne (Roger) Yamamoto and brother, Tom (Kay) Nakata.

**Miyagawa, Helen Sumiko**, Chicago, Jan. 28; survived by husband, George; daughter, Gail (Rich) Hanaoka; 5 gc.; brother, Tomy (Mary) Endo; sister, Jean Endo; brother-in-law, Nori (Lorain) Miyagawa; and sister-in-law, Seiko (Ed) Edamatsu.

**Saito, Takako, 89**, Ontario, Canada, April 29; survived by daughter, Masako.

**Sato, Yonetaro "John," 89**, Seattle, April 12; 442nd Veteran; survived by sister, Hiroko Yoshida; brother, Fred (Amy); and sisters-in-law, Hamayo Sato and Marion Sato.

**Shimidzu, Mary**, Gardena, March 31; survived by sister, Nettie Muramoto; cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews.

**Tada, Masako, 49**, May 1; sur-

### DEATH NOTICE

#### HISA H. AMIMOTO

CHICAGO, Ill.—Hisa H. Amimoto, 86, beloved wife of the late Minoru, beloved sister of George (Irene) and Tami (Yayoi) Hirashiki and dear aunt of many nieces and nephews, has passed away. A memorial service was held June 9 at the Ravenswood Fellowship United Methodist Church in Chicago.

### DEATH NOTICE

#### ELMER MASAACKI UCHIDA

Memorial services for the late Mr. Elmer Masaaki Uchida, 89-year-old, Florin, Calif., Manzanar Internee and Nisei born resident of West Los Angeles, who was born Dec. 15, 1914, passed away May 30 at Berkeley East Convalescent Hospital, were held June 4 at West Los Angeles United Methodist Church under the direction of Fukui Mortuary. He is survived by his son, Randy (Gloria) Uchida; daughter, Joan (Ron) Watanabe; grandsons, Andrew Uchida and Scott and Ryan Watanabe; granddaughter, Lisa Watanabe; brothers, David (Mary), Leo (Florence) and George (Frances) Uchida; sisters, Mary (Yoshio) Kiino and Sumiye (Roy) Takeno; brother-in-law, Jimmy Fukuhara; cousin, Mitsuko Uchida; many nieces, nephews and other relatives of the Uchida and Nishi families of West Los Angeles. He is preceded in death by his wife, Setsuko Nishi Uchida; siblings, Ruby (Fred) Nakano, Daniel, Ruth, May (Ed) Tominaga, and Eileen Fukuhara; cousins, Howard and Kazuo Uchida.

vived by husband, Masatoshi; children, Miho (Takeshi) Oka, Yukio, toshiyuki and Mizuho; father, Wing Tung; step-mother, Li-Feng; brothers, Francis (Soo-Kwen), Thomas (Cecilia), and Joseph; and sisters, Bick-Yuk (Chi-Keung) and Katie (Allan).

**Tsuji, Kenryu T., 84**, San Mateo, Feb. 26; first U.S. citizen to serve as bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America; survived by wife, Sakaye; 5 children; and 6 gc. ■

### DEATH NOTICE

#### MARION I. FUJII

CHICAGO, Ill.—Marion I. Fujii, 82, beloved wife of Fred Y., loving mother of Stephen (Mary), John and Gary Fujii, fond grandmother of Darren, Brian (Kelly), Denise, Michael (Elenora), Gregory, Elaine, Sarah and great grandmother of Madison Fujii, passed away. A memorial service was held June 5 at Montrose Cemetery.

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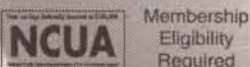
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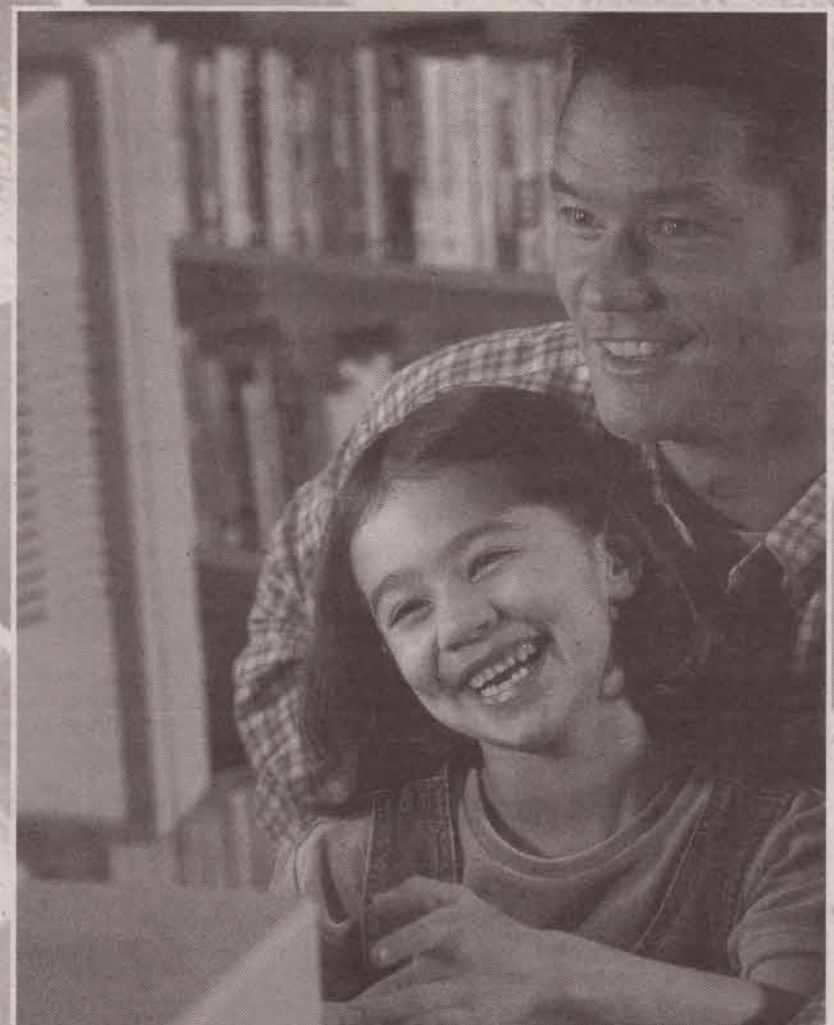
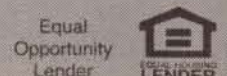


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## SKIN DEEP

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with Asian writing is something Horitaka calls a strictly American tendency — tattooing one's own name onto the body.

A small kanji character that translates to "Haru" sits on Amy Wakayama's right hipbone. In the summer of 1998, when "tattoos were the rage," Wakayama summoned her language skills learned from past Japanese classes and chose the character because it represented her middle name "Harue" and her father's name "Haruo."

But for others, getting a self-refer-

ential tattoo is a very personal attempt to reclaim their diminishing heritage.

Ken Arata, 25, is planning to get his family name tattooed down his spine in kanji to show that his Japanese heritage is the backbone of his existence even though he does not speak the language.

Megan Carriero, 20, is South Korean but she was adopted at a young age by a European American couple in Connecticut who kept reminding her of her Korean name, which means "Silky Girl." The tattoo on her lower back is the Korean characters for "Silky Girl," which she researched by rifling through

her adoption papers and then showed to the tattoo artist to have etched into her skin.

"Not that I want to combine both my lives, because I am who I am. I am American, but from Asian descent. It's just my way of giving tribute, in a way, and remembering that I am originally from Asia," said Carriero.

Because of her own experience, Carriero said that she finds the current popularity of tattoos with Asian characters silly for people to get unless they have a real connection with the culture.

But Nicole Conley defends her decision to get the Chinese words for "Year of the Ram" and "Year of the Rooster" tattooed on the front of each shoulder next to her collarbone. Even though she is not Asian, she has a love for the culture. And her tattoos are not just fashion accessories, but are symbols of a special

bond between herself and her husband who has matching tattoos.

Still, Conley said that when Asian Americans see her tattoos, they give her a "quick quiz" and seem pleased as long as she knows the true meaning of the characters.

In his 13 years of experience as a tattoo artist in Los Angeles, Kirk Alley estimated that one out of every 20 customers goes to a walk-in tattoo shop to get a tattoo with Asian characters, and from that percentile most of those are Caucasians and African Americans. He attributes this popularity to a "monkey see, monkey do" attitude.

However, the popularity of these tattoos has created another problem — nonsensical writing and unintentionally funny denotations.

"The Chinese-Japanese written language is very complex. Unless the tattoo artist speaks and writes the language, it's impossible to translate

correctly," said Alley. "One wrong brush stroke and it says something completely different."

Stories about tattoo artists wreaking revenge on nasty customers by inking derogatory phrases like "slut" and "ugly" float from one tattoo shop to another like urban legends, but Horitaka has seen a lot of really messed up kanji that declare gibberish.

Whether for cultural or fashionable reasons, he has advice for the burgeoning group of young people scrambling to get their ethnic phrase inked in their skin: do your research.

"People come [into the tattoo shop] and say, 'I got this off the internet,'" said Horitaka. "Well, the internet is a toilet bowl. Others come in and say, 'We were at a Chinese restaurant and someone helped us translate this.' Well, did you tip well?" ■

## Alice Kasai Scholarship Winners Announced



The Alice Kasai scholarship awards were presented as part of a joint scholarship award dinner for the three Utah chapters — Salt Lake City, Mt. Olympus, and Wasatch North — held recently at the Salt Lake Community College.

Thanks to a successful Tanoshimi no Yoru fundraiser a total of \$4,000 in scholarships was awarded from the Alice Kasai Scholarship Fund. This year's winners, pictured left to right, are: Eric Murakami (\$500), Greg Stillman (\$1,000), Jamie Doi (\$1,000), Ryan Akimoto (\$1,000), and Krista Furubayashi (\$500). ■

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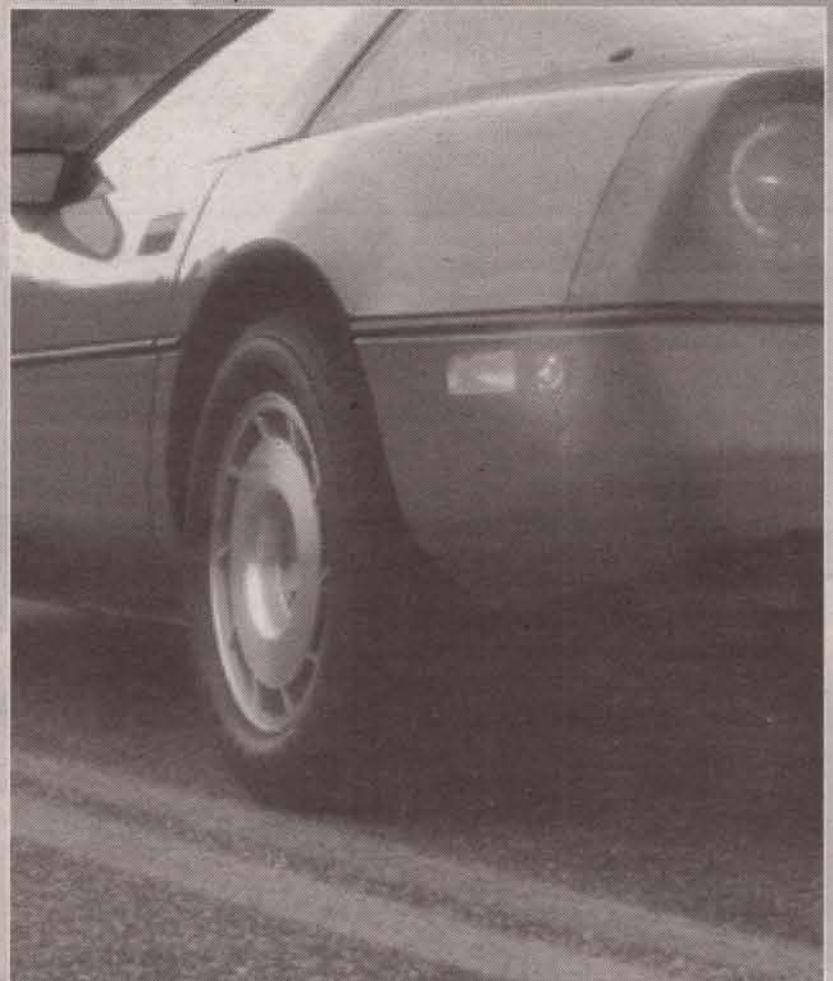


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