From Page to Screen, Lockwood Knows a 'Bridezilla' When She Sees One

By LYNDA LIN
Assistant Editor

Call it wedding-wig-outs or matrimonial malfunctions, but slip a ring on a woman's finger and a level-headed married man turns into a modern day monster. Just ask Cara Tanamachi Lockwood, who has batted many brides in her days and has lived to write a novel about her experiences.

Melding tales, torn dresses and uninvited ex-girlfriends — Lockwood has heard all the horror stories — but she was most inspired to pen a novel about wedding day mayhem because her own friends uninvited ex-girlfriends stories.

So she dreamt up a fictitious hero named Lauren Cranell, a Methodist, on how to conduct the ceremony.

"I think [women] sometimes put too much emphasis on the ceremony and the pagantry and often not enough emphasis on what truly matters, which is the relationship you're celebrating with friends and family," Lockwood said.

"I pretty sure what we are trying to do is in many ways unprecedented, and this makes it so much emphasis on the ceremony and the pagantry and often not only that, but something on what truly matters, which is the relationship you're celebrating with friends and family," Lockwood said.

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An Innovative Concept or Just a Weird Idea?

NYC (New Yamato City) P Яm Aims to be a JA Enclave on the Japanese Island of Hokkaido

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

In the year 2020 Japanese Americans return to the motherland and establish a vibrant JA community on the northernmost island of Hokkaido. Donated complexes with climate-controlled interiors provide shelter from the blistering winter months. An international airport is the center of a bustling tourist hub where foreigners and Japanese alike can come and experience the wonders of the JA culture.

Sounds like a good premise for a science-fiction movie, right? Well not to Peter Wagner because this is his idea for establishing New Yamato City (NYC) Japan, a vibrant Japanese American community in the Hidako District of Hokkaido.

"When you think about the community NYC Japan could ultimately create, it's almost mythical... If we are successful, it will certainly be an example for the rest of the world."

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The development of NYC Japan involves three initiatives.

The first is the coordinated remembrance of JA's, those of Japanese descent living in both North and South America, to Hidako, an underdeveloped area of Southeastern Hokkaido. To deal with Hidako's famously harsh winter months, Wagner has come up with the idea for NYC Japan on a recent flight home from Japan with his wife, Kazumi Igashita Wagner. After several weeks of developing his ideas he the futuristic city, Wagner established NYCJapan.org in July, an informative, non-profit organization. The concept and details can be found at his website. See NYCJAPAN/Page 4

JA WWII Generation Remembers Fear After 9/11

By MELISSA NELSON
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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — In the days following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Sum Ozaki ate at a Middle Eastern restaurant that had seen a drop in business in his Chicago neighborhood.

"They had been a thriving business but 9/11 their business really fell off. I told the owners that this time was going to pass and to stick it out," Ozaki said.

Ozaki and fellow members of Chicago's JACL also visited a nearby mosque to show support for the city's Arab American community.

His empathy largely came from his own experience six decades earlier following Pearl Harbor when his family in Long Beach, Calif., became targets of suspicion and animosity.

This month, Ozaki plans to return to the Arkansas internment camp where he and his family were forced to live during the early years of World War II.

More than 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry were sent from the West Coast and Hawaii to 10 internment camps at the beginning of the war. The worst internment camps in the West, the Arkansas sites were the only ones in the South. Between 1942 and 1945, the two northeast Arkansas camps at Jerome and Rohwer held 16,000 detainees.

Ozaki and hundreds of other JAs who were detained in Arkansas will gather in Little Rock on Sept. 23-26 for the Life Interrupted National Conference.

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Course on JA internment Under Fire

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAINBRIDGE, Wash. — The Bainbridge Island School District is coming under fire for the way the World War II internment of Japanese Americans is being taught in a sixth grade social studies course.

The internment was ordered by the U.S. government after Japan's 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor brought the United States into the war.

During the 2003-2004 school year, a special program called "Leaving Our Island" was taught for the first time to sixth graders at Sakai Intermediate School. At a meeting with the district's board of commissioners recently, island resident Mary Dombrowski shared letters she'd exchanged with Superintendent Ken Crawford and Sakai Principal Jo Vander Stope. She argued the curriculum didn't provide supporting historical context for President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066. Dombrowski also took issue with a suggested link between the 1940s internment and today's Patriot Act, saying it "rises to the level of propaganda."

The complaints will result in changes to the curriculum, but Crawford said the course won't be taken away from its central idea that the internment was a mistake. On March 30, 1942, Japanese Americans on Bainbridge became the first people forced from their homes. See BAINBRIDGE/Page 12
Re: Michelle Malkin

Michelle Malkin, author of "In Defense of Internment: The Case for 'Racial Profiling' in World War II and the War on Terror," was on "Tucker Carlson: Unfiltered" on the PHS station, which was aired in Seattle Aug. 20. She made her case in favor of racial profiling and restricting civil liberties and used the Japanese American internment as an example.

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redress given to JAs was a scam and a rip off of the government. What Malkin presents as evidence, however, is hardly new. Scholars have examined the thousands of Magic cables for decades and for some reason, Malkin would have readers believe this is new evidence.

In what is very questionable research, Malkin claims to have come up with "the second generation" and, in various ways, suggest they were being sought as agents for Japan.

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As is the case with Malkin's book, the "presumed history" offers no historical veracity and could be nothing but a coincidence, given all of the statistical improbabilities mentioned above. Malkin's book is a monstrosity and she should come along and espouse a pro-internment argument in this politically charged time? That seems to be the real story behind the story.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many Thanks

By KENNETH K. INOUE
JACL Nat'l President

As I write my first article as JACL president, I would like to take a few moments to thank all of those dedicated JACLers who helped make the recent Hawaii Convention a very special event. In particular, I would like to thank the Hawaii chapter for hosting the convention and a special thanks to the convention co-chairs Art Koga and Susan Kirus for a job well done. I would also like to thank the members of the previous national board under former JACL National President Floyd Morri for their years of dedicated service and a warm welcome and thanks to the members of the new national board as we tend to the business of JACL in the upcoming biennium.

As I reflect on the achievements of the Mori board, I am grateful for the many Thanks of the Mori board, I am grateful for the fact that, in spite of all of the challenges they faced, JACL was still able to maintain its presence as one of the leading human and civil rights organizations in the country. All of us in JACL are indebted to the former board, to John Tateishi, JACL executive director, and the outstanding staff for all of their dedicated work.

As we look forward to the upcoming biennium it is clear that there has never been a greater need for an organization such as JACL as the country attempts to balance the very real need to maintain national security while at the same time preserving the civil liberties for all of those who live in this great country.

During the current biennium, I hope to visit many of the chapters/districns as national JACL co-sponsors local "town hall" meetings which will be used to highlight some of the very good work that both national and the local chapter/districts are accomplishing. There is no question that the work of the JACL is still relevant to the Japanese American community as we work with our neighbors to help build safe and inclusive communities.

I look forward to the honor of serving the JACL membership during the upcoming biennium and I hope to meet as many of you as I can. Thank you all for your past and continued support of our JACL.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heart Mountain Considered for Historic Landmark

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

POWELL, Wyo. — A National Park Service study recommends that the World War II Japanese American internment camp near here be considered for National Historical Landmark designation. The Heart Mountain Relocation Center site, located west of Powell, was one of nine properties recommended for historic landmark designation out of the 37 sites nationwide that were examined.

The study focused on sites associated with Japanese American incarceration, relocation and detention and with Japanese American service in the U.S. Military during World War II.

The announcement comes as good news to the Heart Mountain Foundation, the group involved in the preservation and enhancement of the site. Foundation President Dave Reetz said the group is currently re-evaluating whether 73 acres of land at the Heart Mountain site should remain under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The bureau's main concern is water management, and Reetz says there may be a government entity better equipped to handle the site.

Navy's newest destroyer named after Chinese American

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — The USS Chung-Hoon, the Navy's newest and most advanced warship, pulled into its homeport of Pearl Harbor for the first time Sept. 10. The 509-foot ship and 340 sailors aboard the guided-missile destroyer were greeted with a military band, lei and flowers, welcome signs and hundreds of cheering family members.

"We traveled 7,515 miles to get here for this warm aloha welcome," Cmdr. Kenneth Williams said. The $1 billion destroyer is named after the late Rear Adm. Gordon Patea Chung-Hoon, who was born and raised in Honolulu.

"If Uncle Gordon were here, he'd be very happy," said Pama Chung-Hoon, a niece of the World War II veteran. "To have the honor of having a ship named after him, he'd be very, very pleased.

"I think it's an ideal time to have a ship named after Hawaii, and especially Honolulu," he said.

"He's one of us." Chung-Hoon, who died in 1979, received the Navy Cross for his leadership after a kamikaze attack in 1945 left several of his crew dead and his ship, the USS Sigsbee, severely crippled.

Martinez said the people of Hawaii now have a ship named after one of their own.

"To have a ship named after a hero from World War II, a Chinese American, brings honor and value to the people of Hawaii," he said.

"He's one of us." The 509-foot ship joins 11 other surface ships and 150 sailors who are stationed in Hawaii.

The destroyer, which will officially be commissioned on Sept. 18, has the capabilities of fighting air, surface and subsurface battles simultaneously.

APIGHR/Ohana House to host First Queer API Youth Conference in Southern California

Asians Pacific Islanders, for Human Rights (APIGHR)/Ohana House will host "Double Vision: Reconciling Multiple Identities," the nation's first Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Questioning (LGBTIQ) conference Nov. 7 to educate and inspire the next generation of API LGBT youth leaders.

APIGHR/Ohana House's Youth Conference is geared to support, educate, inspire, and promote leadership development in API LGBTIQ youth. Youth will be selected to attend a one-day conference held at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center. The youth will choose from a list of workshops ranging from curriculum organizing, to discrimination and homophobia, to health and coming out. This conference will provide interactive and social work shops while fostering leadership development.

"This conference is dedicated to teaching our API youth life skills and to help them integrate their identities with regards to their culture, ethnicity and sexuality," said Patrick Mangio, executive director of APIGHR/Ohana House. "The most important thing is that this is a conference that is organized and programmed by API youth for API youth.

The conference is for APIs and Pacific Islanders, including multiracial, traditionally and traditionally-adopted LGBTIQ youth 24 and under who want to learn and help transform the API LGBTIQ communi ties through openly discussing the struggles they face as API communities.

Individuals must come ready to participate in a safe environment, promoting healthy relationships and engage in discussions about being queer APIs. Individuals should be able to apply what they have learned and take it back to their communities.

Current enrollment in school is not required. Enrollment forms are available at APIGHR/Ohana House's website www.apihr.org.
In celebration of JACL's 75 years, the program will speak about the Issei and their pioneering spirit that laid the foundation of the Japanese American community. After the presentation, Furihata, L.A. Community College Board of Trustees, will talk about the Nisei, the generation that carried on the hardships of World War II but whose courage led them to build new communities post-war. Furihata's annual formal dinner will go towards the district's youth programs.

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The national JACL recently announced its 2004 scholarships. The following are recipients from the freshman and undergraduate division, with excerpts from their winning essays. Winners from the graduate division will appear in the next issue.

The JACL National Scholarship Program began in 1946 and continues to be one of the largest scholarship programs in the Asian Pacific American community. JACL annually hands out more than $50,000 in scholarships.

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2004**

**Henry & Chayo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship**

Daniel Kato
Scarsdale, NY
Yale University
Major: Undeclared

**Essay Excerpt:** I have long regarded myself as a cultural mosaic from Japan to the United States. Although I was born in the United States, I am a native of Yamagata, Japan, and moved to the United States as an Isssei, unlike many of my Asian-born peers. I began to realize in a school that I occupied a unique middle ground between East and West that put me in the position of serving as a bridge between the two. I am a fluent speaker of English and a long-time martial artist, which helped me understand that even though Japan is a country that is still connected to the West, it is a country that is unique and separate from it. In the future, I intend to continue pursuing my interest in Japanese culture and East Asian studies. I believe that it is important for me to be an asset to my community, to help bridge the gap between cultures, and to help people understand that even though Japan is a country that is still connected to the West, it is a country that is unique and separate from it.

**Patricia & Gail Ishimoto Scholarship**

Vanessa Vicer
Peninsula State University
Major: Political Science

**Essay Excerpt:** I am writing this essay on behalf of my younger brother, who is a junior at the University of Pittsburgh. He is studying political science and has a strong interest in public policy. I am writing this essay in an attempt to help him understand the importance of government and how it affects our lives. I have always been interested in politics and have been involved in various political campaigns in the past. I believe that it is important for young people to be involved in the political process and to be aware of the issues that affect them. I hope that this essay will help him understand the importance of government and how it affects our lives.

**South Park Japanese Community Scholarship**

Marcia Takahashi
San Diego State University
Major: Accounting or Mathematics

**Essay Excerpt:** I have been involved in various activities and events throughout my life, including volunteering at a local animal shelter, participating in community service projects, and participating in sports such as basketball and soccer. I believe that it is important for young people to be involved in the community and to give back to those who are less fortunate. I hope that my work will become bigger and better. I want to continue helping those in need, regardless of their race or ethnicity. I want to make a difference and help others in any way that I can.

**NEEDHIMEN**

**Michener Memorial Scholarship**

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The past few years since discovering Eisenhower). As my family became community level, to strengthen my generation, and were adamant about maintaining community. The importance of university's Asian American Student promote diversity awareness.

I had a rich family history of advocacy in the Japanese American community. My great uncle, Mike Masao, was a former director of the JACL, and his brother-in-law, Norman Mimiya, became the first Asian American to appointed to a cabinet level position, as Secretary of Transportation. Over the past few years, I have been tempered and refined by the experiences and opportunities that have presented themselves before me. I had the privilege to serve as the Pacific Representative, and later the President of the Student Government Association at Penn State. My main alias to work as the Director of Recruiting for the George Washington University Dance Marathon benefiting the Children's Miracle Network, and to interact with some of our nation's leading political analysts and legislators in the United States. I have fundraised for environmental and consumer advocacy groups and I have worked with young adults on preparing for college and obtaining internships. And I served the community as an intern at the JACL PSW office where I assisted in all aspects of the event planning for the JACL National Gala Dinner, perhaps the most prestigious event in JACL history. These experiences have both enriched my college experience and broadened my horizons. And although I am not completely sure yet of where my life's road will take me, I can state with confidence that my passion and passion will keep devoted to political, social, and moral issues. I want to continue the legacy and the experiences of others that have emerged from the Japanese American community and work on the same civil rights issues that have come to define, to enrich this rich and vibrant community.

Saburo Kidoo Memorial
Peter Frandsen
Mt. Olympus Chapter
Brigham Young University
Major: Biology

Three stones were picked up and thrown into a nearby pond. Upon entering the water, each stone generated a small series of ripples that gradually extended outward. Although these ripples were small in relation to their environment, they did affect the pond, which is why I have always been somewhat aware of the stories of Asian American minority in the United States. However, I did not fully appreciate what my Nikkei forebearers, my own parents, my Nisei grandparents, and my Issei great-grandparents, had to endure during their lives — and especially the trail that they and other Nikkei and APA pioneers blazed for my generation — until I enrolled in my first Asian American Studies class. Our main project for this class was to write a paper based on in-depth interview of a family member of a Nikkei person. As I researched and experienced this member faced and how it affected their life. This project was a way for me to understand the experiences as it made me realize that there were a lot of things that I had taken granted. Having first-hand experience of overt discrimination that my parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents had to endure. At the same time, however, the course also served to make me much more aware of the current problems faced by Nikkei and other APAs, and that together with my parents' involvement with the JACL, prompted me to become a member of the JACL. Despite the civil rights gains that have been achieved in the last several decades and the redress movement by the government and the noninstitutional incarceration of Nikkei during the war, the JACL and the Nikkei community still face a number of serious issues. Therefore I wish to follow in the footsteps of my parents and other Nikkei who have been members of the Seattle or Lake Washington Chapters of JACL since the 1960s, and help to address some of these issues. For now, I have involved primarily in fundraising and helping my parents with their JACL responsibilities, but in the future, after I have completed graduate school, I intend to be more involved in the civil rights aspects of the JACL.
BADA-CHING! Brian Ching Becomes Key Offensive Cog for U.S. Soccer

BY RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

If Brian Ching keeps scoring a goal a game for the U.S. national team, as he was in his first MLS game with the Galaxy in February, he will give the U.S. national team a number of different options. He scored against the Earthquakes, his fourth goal in his first start and fourth appearance.

Playing for San Jose, he’s tied for the Major League Soccer lead with over 10 goals this season.

When Ching returned home from the U.S. national team, he received about 20 tele­phone calls of congratulations. As a Hawaiian on the U.S. national team, he’s different from the atmosphere I’m used to,” Tabuse said.

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The United States’ Brian Ching, left, goes after the ball against Panama during a World Cup qualifying match in Panama City, Panama. Sept. 6. (AP Photo/Kathryn Cooke)

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Fiji Proud of Its New King of Golf

SUVA, Fiji—Vijay Singh’s rise to No. 1 in golf could be a tonic for other ethnic minorities in Fiji, even if it takes a while for his achievement to sink in.

Singh finished his long climb to the top by beating Tiger Woods on Sept. 6, winning the Deutsche Bank Championship by three strokes to end Woods’ three-year reign at No. 1. Singh didn’t make his national team than the Earthquakes. The game in Kingston awakened him to what international soccer is like.

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Fiji Visitor’s Bureau chief executive spokesman Bill Gavoka said “we can’t pay for the publicity Vijays brings to Fiji tourism.”

“We’re so elated that a young man from Fiji … is now the world No. 1 in golf,” he said. “To put the publicity he brings to tourism in money terms is just out of the world.”

Singh might not visit often, but Fiji’s tourism industry is just recovering from the latest political upheaval in 2000, when George Speight led a coup that resulted in Fiji’s first elected ethnic Indian Prime Minister Mahendra Chaudhry losing power.

In the past, some indigenous Fijian politicians have objected to Singh being described as “Fijian.”

Deep-seated tension will remain in the tropical South Pacific nation, but Singh’s prominence gives some hope for more harmony.

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BASKETBALL

Suns Sign Japanese Guard Tabuse

PHOENIX—The Phoenix Suns signed Japanese guard Yuta Tabuse on Sept. 4.

Tabuse, 23, who was waived after training camp with the Denver Nuggets last year, hopes to become the first Japanese-born player to play in the National Basketball Association. He appeared in three preseason games last year with the Nuggets, averaging 3.0 points and 2.2 assists in 7.3 minutes.

"He has a great feel for the game and pushes the ball up the floor extremely well. He really has the ability to electrify an audience,” said Bryan Colangelo, Suns president and general manager.

"I’ve been playing basketball all my life with guys bigger than myself, and I’m used to this,” Tabuse said.

I'm very happy that I was able to sign. But as I said, this is just the starting line, and I know that this is the real beginning. I would like to continue to stay focused,” Tabuse said.

The 5-foot-10 Tabuse played two seasons at Brigham Young University-Hawaii, but he doesn’t consider his height to be a disadvantage.

"I’ve been playing basketball all my life with guys bigger than myself, and I’m used to this,” Tabuse said.
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Youth Forum

Hate Crimes and JAs

By Brigham Walker

I was recently asked to address the issue of anti-Asian American sentiments on school campuses and to provide what I feel is the most practical and effective approach in dealing with these crimes. It seems that for hate crimes, antagonists simply target those who they can’t identify with. People can hate that which they don’t understand, and those who they feel to be hopelessly un-American.

Today, immigrant communities in America are in limbo between retaining the cultural identity of their ancestors and asserting their own distinct culture, including the culturally distinct experiences of the 442nd, and the victory of reparation. As JAs we truly have created our own distinct culture, including the culturally distinct experiences of the internment camps, the pride of the 442nd, and the victory of reparations/redress. We are Japanese, not Asian. Not surprisingly, we aren’t the only ones who misunderstand this crucial distinction.

Given the fact that many crimes today are the result of wrongly identifying us as foreigners, I’d imagine that if we assert our nationality and people realize that we are Americans, they will identify us and hate crimes will decrease.

Now, this isn’t to say that we should lose our cultural flavor simply to accommodate the tastes of racist groups. In fact, being American and embracing ethnicity is a huge part of being JA. We need to realize that some people will never get over racism or racial profiling.

We do live in white-America. Due to our relatively recent immigration status, coupled with negative propaganda towards the Japanese population during wars fought between the United States and Japan, Korea, and Vietnam, we need to qualify ourselves as "Asian American." That is the flag of my country. My "Asian Pride" has bothered me since elementary school because it has exclusive implications, rather than an actual proclamation of pride.

Tasteful integration need not be so hopeless un-American. Luckily America is a nation of false patriotism and cultural exclusivity. We aren’t the only ones who misidentify group members. In fact, being Japanese and embracing ethnicity is built on the intimidation and broken spirits of others — Don’t be a building block!

Saving this may save your life...

What to do when you need an interpreter to explain your ailment to a doctor.

Every year, thousands get misdiagnosed because they only speak and understand limited English; some even lose their lives. Not all hospitals and clinics have the resources to pay interpreters, but there are steps you can take to improve your access, like the ones listed below. Save this page because you’ll never know when you might need it.

1. Make an appointment

First and always, when making an appointment, ask a friend or family member who speaks English to make the appointment for you. When they call, they should ask if there are interpreters available by phone.

2. Medi-Cal or Healthy Families

If you have Medi-Cal or Healthy Families, call your doctor and ask for an interpreter. Federally funded clinics and hospitals must provide you with language assistance.

3. Private Health Plans

If you belong to a private health plan, call the member hotline and ask about interpreter services. If you have a problem with your health plan, call the HMO Helpline: 1-888-HMO-2219 or visit www.hmohelp.ca.gov.

4. Tell your doctor about telephone interpreters

Although these services charge fees, many doctors feel these services are important to their patients.

5. SAG/PALS for Health

Provides bilingual cards that are convenient to carry with you and will help you request an interpreter from your health care provider. To request one, call 213-553-1876.

If there is an attack, the ideal situation is to contact the local authorities and the JACL (jacl@jacl.org; 415/921-5225). If you are too afraid of the backlash of reporting a crime, or are too embarrassed or unsure if a crime has even occurred, contact the JACL where there is an elaborate, well-funded support system for you. People don’t attack individuals, they attack the delusion that you represent another country. The fact is, attacks on JAs in America is a mistaken identity case. Ethnically you are Japanese, nationally you are American, culturally you are JA.

Brigham Walker is currently a student at Princeton University.
PACIFIC CITIZEN, Sept. 17-30, 2004

Feeling a bit lonely these days? Tired of all the stress and uncertainty involved with today’s dating labyrinth? Well then maybe “Virtual Girlfriend” is the answer for you...

A creation of Hong Kong based Artificial Life, Inc., “Virtual Girlfriend” is a 3G mobile game that allows you to use your cell phone to meet, woo, date, and develop a relationship with a “20-year-old sexy young girl” only in the virtual world.

“We are very proud of this new product line,” said Eberhard Schoneburg, chairman and CEO of Artificial Life, Inc. “The Virtual Girlfriend is a lot of fun to play and the game sets new and high standards for future 3G mobile games.”

Often compared to the ever popular Tamagochi game, players of “Virtual Girlfriend” must constantly pay attention to their animated 3-D girl by sending a regular stream of flowers, cards, and anything else that might help you win the heart of your virtual paramour. And if you don’t, she’ll dump you with gifts, prepare to suffer the consequences of the cold shoulder and the pain of being ignored in a mobile world.

The 3-D characters perform various activities such as shopping, eating at a restaurant, or taking a shower. And they follow a daily and weekly schedule that constantly changes and progresses as the game is played. Users can contact the characters at any time through their mobile phone.

“Virtual Girlfriend” is already creating a stir in the gaming world with an onslaught of media coverage, including pieces on CNN, ABC, and in ESA Today. Set to launch on November 15, the game will be available in a variety of languages including English, German, Chinese, Korean, and Japanese.

And for the women out there wondering what’s in it for them, “Virtual Boyfriend” is set to make its debut on Feb. 1, 2005.

Pacific Citizen recently had a chance to chat with Schoneburg about “Virtual Girlfriend” and what’s behind the creation of this innovative yet humorous game.

Pacific Citizen: Most people I’ve talked to about “Virtual Girlfriend” are first amazed and then a look of disbelief. Was this the reaction you were hoping for? Eberhard Schoneburg: Absolutely. This will happen in the next level of intelligence for games. I think “Virtual Girlfriend” the next step in interactive dating.

ES: Our “Virtual Girlfriend” is first and foremost MOBILE ENTERTAINMENT. It is funny and cool to chat or play with. The social components are very innovative, the interaction with the girls are non-linear. However, that means you cannot predict how they will behave as a result of your interaction. That makes it more like real life dating game. There are much like other simple games. You have to learn what the girl is all about, what her goals are, her intentions, her character, her plans. She has secrets that you need to find out to get closer to her and she has moods, changes her routine and mind once in a while. It’s the next level of intelligence for games.

PC: In the photos of the virtual girlfriend she appears to be Asian. Will you be developing different ethnic virtual girlfriends as you market the game in different countries?

ES: Asia is our first market and Europe. We will have different types of women, Asian, Caucasian, South American, Indian, depending on popularity and demand.

PC: I understand that the more attention games make to their virtual girlfriends, the higher the levels they can reach in the game. Is an engagement or possible marriage in the future for virtual girlfriend? Can she have kids?

ES: Anything is possible. The appealing thing with this mobile game is that you don’t know what will happen. Things are constantly changing, like in real life. She can get fired from her job, she may move her home, she may get sick or even pregnant — or she may even cheat on you — who knows?

PC: In terms of intimacy, can virtual girlfriends kiss and have sex with their mule partners?

ES: How could it be? A mobile game. No sex possible nor intended. It’s fun and entertaining, teasing at times, but no sex.

PC: Can virtual girlfriend make moral decisions such as not kissing before a certain number of dates, etc.

ES: Absolutely. This will happen all the time during the play. Remember, we do Artificial LIFE, and that is what life is all about; making decisions that change the rest of your life. But it’s about kissing. She will behave as much like a normal person as possible. She will not tell you anything intimate on the first visit. She will only introduce other friends of hers when she knows the user well, etc.

PC: In order to advance in the game, will males have to virtual their girlfriend with gifts.

ES: No. In the beginning, when they buy ‘V’. They can use ‘V’ as a way to get closer, understand that the more flowers they send, the more she will like you and the more level you can ascend. But that’s only the beginning. They have to keep up their relationship as they ascend. It’s a long-term game.

PC: How successful do you think “Virtual Girlfriend” will be in other countries besides Japan, Korea, and China? Do you think it will do as well in the United States and Europe?

ES: We think the game will be very successful in Asia, Central and Southern Europe and South America just by the huge positive response we got from these areas after our initial announcement.

PC: Do you think “Virtual Girlfriend” will be so time consuming that some males will no longer spend time dating real women?

ES: I hope that the people will go for the game and find it fascinating. But I think our users are intelligent enough to see the advantages of real life dates.

Have there been any complaints that this may enforce sexist conceptions of women?

ES: Why is it sexist to try to win a woman’s heart by giving her virtual flowers? Why always try to find something negative? The whole idea of virtual gifts is just another way of getting to the next game level! But as I said before, the game is non-linear. Buying a gift, even an expensive one, will not necessarily get you any closer to her. It depends what you do and how you behave in general. An inappropriate gift may even offend her!

PC: I understand that Artificial Life, Inc. has plans to unveil “Virtual Boyfriend” next year. Can you tell us a little bit more about this?

ES: Yes, in Feb 2005; pretty much the same game just with virtual boyfriends.

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Sun., Sept. 19—6th-Annual Perimun Race; 3 p.m., small horse, $6500 admission; dinner buffet; $55 per person; $15 for those who don a dish. Info: 513/849-9079.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.

Through Oct. 15—Exhibits, symposiums, documentaries and publications about the Japanese-American experience at Jerome and Rohwer internment camps. Statehouse Convention Center, Markham & Main Streets; includes traveling exhibits from the JACL: "Going to Camp: The Japanese American Experience in World War II Arkansas," "Witness: Our Brother's Keeper," "Henry Sugimoto: Painting an American Landscape," "Beyond the Call of Duty:" partnership of Arkansas at Little Rock and funded by the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation. Info: Hawaiian Cultural and Community Center of Arkansas, 805 S. Main St.; email: histgaster@wulaf.com. Fri., Sept. 24—Premiere, "Time of Fear," part of "Camp Connections: A Conversation about Social Justice and Civil Rights in Arkansas." Litte Rock is a project of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Public History Program, in partnership with JANM. The project is dedicated to researching and educating the citizens of Arkansas and the nation about the experiences of JAs in World War II.

Sat., Sept. 25—All-day conference, "Camp Connections: A Conference about Social Justice and Civil Rights in Arkansas" at the Peabody Hotel adjacent to the Statehouse Convention Center. Info: Jessica Hayes, 501/569-8391; jhayes@sau.edu, or Nancy Araki, JANM, 213/3830-5649; narak@j janm.org.

TWIN CITIES

Sun., Sept. 26—Bus tour to Jerome and Rohwer camps. Info: Jessica Hayes, 501/569-8391; jhayes@sau.edu, or Nancy Araki, JANM, 213/3830-5649; narak@j janm.org.

**Pacific Northwest**

Olympia

Thurs., Sept. 25—APF Leadership Conference; 8 a.m.-4:30; The Longhouse, Evergreen State College; $50 for JACL members; $55 non members. Reservations: Dale Watanuki, 509/768-3722.

**Northern California**

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San Mateo


Salinas

Through Nov. 7—Exhibition, "From the Sierras to the Sea: The California Landscapes of Chiura Obata," National Steinbeck Center, 1 Main St. Info: 831/796-3833 or www.steinbeck.org.

San Francisco

Mon., Sept., Sept. 21-23—Shizunai USA Nikkei Youth Goodwill Basketball Program of Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCC); Info: JCCCNC, 415/567-5505 or kmatoba@jcccnc.org. Fri., Sept. 24, 25—Exhibit, "Geisha: Beyond the Painted Screen," Asian Art Museum of San Francisco; Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; $12, children under 12, museum members free. Info: 415/581-3500 or psw@jacl.org.

GOLETA

Sat., Sept. 12—2nd Annual Golf Tournament/Fundraiser; noon start, Crowne Plaza Golf Club; $125/golfer (includes green fee, cart and barbecue); $25/person, dinner only. Info: Peter Nakashima, 805/488-3912.

IRVINE

Sat., Sept. 1, 9th—First Annual JACL Live for Youth, Strawberry Farms Golf Club; 10 a.m. registration; $300 golfer (includes lunch, cocktail hour, dinner, discounted future round, range balls, shotgun start), supports JACL youth leadership development programs. Info: 213/826-4471, ps@jacl.org or ejacl.org.

LOUISIANA

LAUGHLIN

Fri., Sept. 5—10th—Poston I Family Reunion; Smithsonian Institution. Info: 702/293-6165 or 800/704-9040.

NEW MEXICO

TORRANCE

Sat., Oct. 9—Health Fair; "Health and Wellness for All Ages;" 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; San Pedro Senior Center, 2645 Alamada de las Flores; sponsored by the San Mateo JACL Community Center. Info: SMJACC, 650/342-2793.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

COMMERCE

Sat., Oct. 2—JACL District JACL 75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner; Crown Plaza Commerce Casino, 6121 E. Telegraph Road; 6 p.m. cocktails, $7 p.m. dinner. Info: PSW Regional Office, 213/626-4711 or psw@jacl.org.

LAWS OF THE LAND

Sat., Sept. 17—Exhibition, "Magic: Beyond the Painted Screen," Asian Art Museum of San Francisco; Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., noon-5 p.m.; $12, children under 12, museum members free. Info: 415/581-3500 or psw@jacl.org.

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**PACIFIC COAST**

West Covina

Sat., Oct. 2—22nd Annual Akimatsuri; 12-8 p.m.; ESGVJC, 120 W. Puente Ave.; Info: 626/925-2566, 626/357-9213, akimatsuri@esgvjc.org or hakatemoto@esgvjc.org.

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**NATIONAL JACL**

San Jose

Sat., Oct. 9—Reunion 2004; Hyatt Regency, 415/985-8391; Info: 408/622-1101 or pam@hyatt.com.
OBITUARIES

All the towns in California except as noted.

Alu, James (Donna) Jett, Aug. 21; Lawai, Kunio, Hawai'i-born; survived by husband, Ernest; sons, Thomas (Connie) and Ernest, Jr.; daughters, Christine (Derek) Quezada and Catherine Eber; 11 gc.; brother, Edwin Okuma; and sister, Elise (Roy) Fujita.

Ehata, Emilio, 80, Gardena, Aug. 15; Honomu, Maui, Hawaii, born; survived by daughter, Diane (Thomas) Sholtz; daughter-in-law, Donna; 3 gc.; brothers, Harold, Wallace, and Steven; daughters, Margaret (Connie) and Elvin (Cheryl) Aoyagi; and sister-in-law, Martha Aoyagi.

Fujimoto, Fuji, 86, Los Angeles, Aug. 15; survived by husband, Isamu; sisters, Mitsuko Omoto and Elaine Murakami; brothers-in-law, Irleo (Violet) Shimizu and Yaeo (Helen) Shimizu; and sisters-in-law, Tsuko Kuboyama, Etako Shima and Lillian (Richard) Arakaki.

Ishii, Shokichi, 82, Torrance, Calif., Aug. 6; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife, Betty; sons, Greg (Claudia), Gary and Wayne (Joey); grandson, mother, Asano; brothers, Yukio, Yasumura (Eiko) and Ken; mother-in-law, Yone Kobata; and brothers-in-law, Wayne (Yone) Koba.

Komai, Hiroshi, 83, Temple City, Calif., Aug. 16; survived by wife, Lilie; daughter, Elaine; and son, Dale.

Komatsu, George Shozo, 94, Altadena, Aug. 10; Hawaiian-born; survived by wife, Michi; son, Terry (Annie); daughters, Christiine (George) Iwamatsu and Meri Los Anderson; 9 gc.; and 3 gc.

Osawasuki, Stone T., 94, Palo Alto, July 27; Seattle, Wash., born; survived by wife, Pauline; daughters, Yoko and Debbie; brother, Shigeru; sisters, Yuni Kabu, Kim Sembia and Fumi Iizuka; and 2 gc.

Ogawa, Iwao Yamanaka, 79, San Jose, Aug. 20, Hiroshima, Japan; survived by daughters, Kazuko (Mij) Taji, Toeyo Kurasuzi and Sumiko (Keizum) Sasaki; 10 gc.; and 16 gc.

Okuno, Yaye Cheryi, 85, Los Angeles, Aug. 17; Wilmington-bom Nisei; survived by husband, Howard; son, Howard (Earl) Takemura; 4 gc.; brother, Thon (Janice) Nakahara; and sister, Tuyako Hime.

Sakai, Mabel Funksko, 87, West Los Angeles, Aug. 16; El Monte; survived by son, Donald (Cynthia); and 2 gc.

Shimizu, Yukawa, 96, West Los Angeles, Aug. 7; Maui, Hawaii-bom Nisei; survived by sons, Hisashi (Kay), Stan and Melvin (Kosai); daughter, Dorothy Myake; 11 gc.; sisters, Mitsuko Omoto and Elaine Murakami; brothers-in-law, Ikkeso (Violet) Shimizu and Yaeo (Helen) Shimizu; and sisters-in-law, Tsuko Kuboyama, Etako Shima and Lillian (Richard) Arakaki.

Tatsumi, Lily Midori, 81, Monterey Park, Aug. 25; survived by sons, Brian (Shirley), Walter and Kenji (Lisa); daughters, Naomi (Joseph) Hiraguri and 4 gc.

Ueda, Akio Araki, 87, Chico, Aug. 5; survived by sons, James, Gerald and Steven; sisters, Carole Ueda and Gloria Starkovich; 6 gc.; and 2 gc.

Yamada, Shigeto, 82, Monterey Park, Aug. 18; Caledo-bom Nisei; survived by wife, Hanako; sons, Glenn (Sally), Tommy (Debbie) and brothers, Sam, Steve and Bill (Molly) Taikabashi.

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Fuji Kako, 86, passed away July 17. She was born in Bursall, Utah and served in the United States Army in Company K of the 442nd RCT. He is survived by her sons, James, Michael and Ross. She is survived by sons, James, Michael and Ross. She is survived by his wife, Yoko (Takeshi) Masuda, 2 gc.; and brothers, Sam and Steve.

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homes as a result of the government policy. Social studies teacher Marie Marrs won a $17,000 grant from the Washington Civil Liberties Education Program to offer the internment program to Sakai sixth graders. It was taught in February as part of a U.S. history class.

At the recent meeting, Marrs showed a video about the program, which included visits with island residents who were interned, field trips and reading assignments. In the video, several students refer to the camps as "incarceration camps" and use terms such as "persecuted.

"We have to speak up when civil rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution are trampled in the name of national security," one student said.

The internment of approximately 110,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry, about two-thirds of whom were U.S.-born, has generally become regarded as an overreaction to wartime hysteria. Faith Chapel, associate superintendent of curriculum and instruction for the district, said specific changes to the course haven't been decided.

"We haven't pulled our group of teachers together to look back at the unit and make our decisions," Chapel said. "That probably won't happen for a month."

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