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



**Book soup to Lifetime TV —**  
Former 'Bond' girl Denise  
Richards and ex-'Superman'  
star Dean Cain bring Cara  
Tanamachi Lockwood's novel  
about wedding disasters to life.

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 maiden turns into a modern-day monster. Just ask Cara Tanamachi Lockwood, she has battled many brides in her days and has lived to write a novel about her experiences.

Melting cakes, 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 turned into "Bridezillas" on heels. On her own wedding day, Lockwood's atheist husband-to-be clashed with her mother, a devout Methodist, on how to conduct the ceremony.

"I think [women] sometimes put

too much emphasis on the ceremony and the pageantry and often not enough emphasis on what really matters, which is the relationship you're celebrating with friends and family," said Lockwood.

So she dreamt up a fictitious heroine named Lauren Crandell, a meticulous wedding planner whose talent begins and ends with arranging other people's happiest moments. "I Do (But I Don't)" enjoyed a successful stint on its publisher's best-selling list and debuted Lockwood into the swelling wave of "Chick Lit" authors like Candace "Sex and the City" Bushnell and Helen "Bridget Jones' Diary" Fielding — women who reject stuffy, high-minded literature and opt for lighter subject matters, usually involving fabulously flawed

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## An Innovative Concept or Just a Weird Idea?

**NYC (New Yamato City)  
Japan 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. Domed 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, Japan.

"I am pretty sure what we are trying to do is in many ways unprecedented, and this makes it



Sunset in Hidako, a district in Hokkaido, Japan.

potentially very historic. To me, it is this revolutionary aspect that makes NYC Japan so fascinating," said Wagner from his home in Maryland. "When you think about the community NYC Japan could ultimately create, it's almost mythic ... If we are successful, it will certainly be an example for the rest of the world."

Wagner, a 42-year-old retired Marine who works for the Department of Transportation, came up with the idea for NYC Japan on a recent flight home from Japan with his wife, Kazumi Ideguchi Wagner. After several weeks of developing his ideas for the futuris-

tic city, Wagner established NYCJapan.org in July, an informal, non-profit organization. The concept and details can be found at his website.

The development of NYC Japan involves three initiatives. The first is the coordinated resettlement of JAs, those of Japanese descent living in both North and South America, to Hidako, an underdeveloped area of Southeastern Hokkaido. To deal with Hokkaido's famously harsh winter months, Wagner has come

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## JA WWII Generation Remembers Fear After 9/11

By **MELISSA NELSON**  
Associated Press Writer

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

"They had been a thriving business and after 9/11 their business really fell off. I told (the owners) that this time was going to pass and to stick with it," 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. Eight camps were in the West; the Arkansas sites were the only ones in the South. Between 1942 and 1945, the two southeast 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

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## COMMENTARY Malkin's Message: Loud But False

By **JOHN TATEISHI**  
JACL Executive Director

"Almost everything you'll hear this week from the Japanese American Citizens' League about the internment of ethnic Japanese during World War II is false." — Michelle Malkin, author of "In Defense of Internment: The Case for 'Racial Profiling' in World War II and the World on Terror"

And thus began our week in Hawaii celebrating JACL's 75th anniversary. We were greeted with this statement by Malkin, a syndicated newspaper columnist and author, who is currently touring the country spreading her gospel on

the internment.

The thesis of her book is that the WWII internment of Japanese Americans was justified because, she claims, there is documented evidence that we were being successfully recruited as spies and saboteurs for Japan. And by the same



token, the current administration is being hampered by those of us who "play the internment card" in voicing strong objections to racial profiling of Arab and Muslim

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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 Stoep.

She argued the curriculum didn't provide sufficient 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 back 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

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## 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 PBS 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 her example.

When questioned by Carlson why children were involved in the internment when they were obviously not spies or saboteurs, she replied that she wanted to clear up a misconception about the camps. She said that tens of thousands were released after security clearance and that the internment was not punitive but a rational security measure.

She made the point that all people had to sacrifice during wartime and that those who were conscripted for military service had their liberties taken from them, so it's not asking too much if others were inconvenienced as well.

Malkin has been on a reading and book signing tour, so it might be prudent to go and see what transpires. Of course it can be somewhat intimidating when you get a lot of conservatives who buy into her theory and cheer her and interrupt her detractors as happened during her book reading/signing stint here in the Seattle area, which was sponsored by a conservative talk show station.

Ed Suguro  
Seattle, WA

I greatly appreciate the work that the JACL does for our community. The League's vigilance and fervor are much-needed components of our struggle.

Recently, Michelle Malkin has raised the ire of many with her incendiary views, and it was with interest that I read the JACL's commentary of Malkin's book, "In Defense of Internment: The Case for

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Americans when, in her view, racial profiling of some type is critical to keeping this nation safe.

The premise of her thesis is that JAs as a population posed a threat to U.S. security because there was proof that the Japanese government was successful in recruiting Nisei as spies and saboteurs. Her proof? Intercepts of Japanese intelligence cables between consular offices and Tokyo. These were referred to as the "Magic" cables, intercepts that were so highly secret that only a handful of individuals were aware of them.

There were literally thousands of cables sent to Tokyo before and during the war, and among them, only a handful that mention JAs and the Japanese government's efforts to recruit the Nisei to assist Japan against the United States. It's been about 20 years since I researched Magic, but as I recall, all mention of this effort to recruit the Nisei ceased once the war started.

Malkin claims that the cable intercepts about the Nisei (which she

wants her readers to believe are plentiful among the thousands of intercepts) provide substantial and unalterable truth that the Nisei were successfully recruited as spies for Japan.

She points to some of the cables that indicate contact had been made with "the second generation" and, in various ways, suggest they were being sought as agents for Japan.

What Malkin conveniently ignores is that the cables never indicate success in recruiting the Nisei but only state that the various Japanese consular offices were attempting to contact the Nisei as spies. There is nothing in the handful of cables that she presents as "proof" to indicate any cooperation by the Nisei, and that's because there is absolutely nothing in the evidence to substantiate her claim.

In what is very questionable research, Malkin claims to have uncovered evidence that the internment was justified and that any

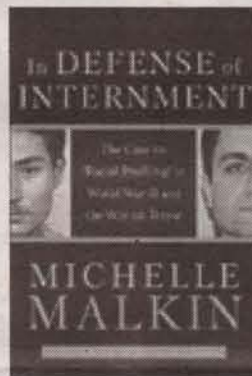
'Racial Profiling' in World War II and the War on Terror." While I agree that the book is a re-hash of pro-internment arguments and socially bankrupt, I'd like to offer a perspective that is not being discussed by Asians in general and Japanese Americans in specific.

That is, it strikes me as nothing less than provocative that of all of the right wing authors to put forth a pro-internment argument it should be an Asian American.

This choice of an AA pundit becomes all the more "interesting" when we consider the context: 1. AAs comprise a small portion of the population, perhaps 5 percent; 2. Of that 5 percent, very few are authors; 3. Of that foregoing slice that are authors, fewer are intellectuals; 4. Of that population in #3, even fewer are political pundits; 5. Of that fraction of a remaining pool, how many are pro internment?; 6. We are living in a time where "Others" are being detained unconstitutionally.

Given that the pool of AA authors who are intellectuals, politically

redress given to JAs was a scam and a rip off of the government. What Malkin presents as "new" evidence, however, is hardly new. Scholars have examined the thousands of



Magic cables for decades and have found absolutely no evidence in them that JAs were successfully recruited by the Japanese.

The very cables Malkin offers as "proof" as evidence of JA collaboration with Japan during WWII were presented at a Commission on War-time Relocation

and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) hearing in the 1980s and were carefully analyzed and considered but ultimately rejected by the congressional committee's research staff. Military researchers for decades have combed through the cables for similar evidence but have come up empty.

And finally, in the post-war occupation of Japan, military intelligence went through volumes of intelligence documents and found no evidence at all of the Japanese consular offices having been successful in their recruitment efforts. The "extensive espionage network" Malkin claims to have existed simply didn't exist.

She claims that the internment was not in fact based on racism and economic greed as the CWRIC had concluded. Noting that nearly half of those interned were of European ancestry, she debunks the argument that the internment was racially motivated. I was only a little boy in

engaged and pro internment is miniscule, what then are the odds of such an author stepping forward at a time when Others are being treated in some ways akin to JAs during WWII?

To frame this in another vein, consider if someone like Anne Coulter had written Malkin's book instead. Is there a different message being delivered? I say of course.

As a Sansei one generation removed from the internment, I am of course sensitive to the views espoused by Malkin. However, as an Asian and a human being, I am alarmed at the media manipulation being performed on a national stage on such shows as Dennis Miller. Is it just a coincidence, given all of the statistical improbabilities mentioned above, that an AA author should come along and espouse a pro internment argument in this politically charged time? THAT seems to be the real story behind the story.

Jeff Park  
Los Angeles

camp so maybe I didn't notice, but I sure don't remember nearly half the internees at Manzanar being Caucasian.

Yes, there were non-JAs in some of the camps, but those were mainly spouses (i.e., wives) of Nisei who accompanied their families into the camps, and their numbers were few (remember, there were anti-miscegenation laws at the time). And yes, they had a choice not to go to camp with their Nisei spouses and Hapa children. And yes, there were some Germans and Italians in places like Crystal City and in some of the federal prisons, but there certainly weren't tens of thousands as Malkin would have her readers believe.

If the decision to intern wasn't based on race, why then did Francis Biddle, FDR's Attorney General, write a memorandum to the President a year after the issuance of E.O. 9066 to remind him that the executive order was not intended for the Germans or Italians, but that "it was intended only for the Japs."

Ultimately, Malkin seeks to justify racial profiling of individuals today as a necessary inconvenience brought on by the terrorists and this nation's war on terror. Just as the WWII internment was a process that served to keep the nation safe from us JAs, she argues, profiling today will help keep Americans safe.

As an organization, we have spoken out in opposition to any policies promulgated by the current administration which we feel threatens civil liberties and undermines the Constitution. We know from our own experience that indicting an entire group of people simply because of the way they look or dress does nothing to make anyone safer.

In the next week, we'll be providing chapters with information and talking points in response to Malkin's book. It's important that our chapters and members are informed and respond to her if she appears in your areas.

Those who have had the opportunity to listen to her as some of us did at UC Berkeley recently have witnessed how she distorts and manufactures "truths" to suit her right-wing agenda, but they have also seen how so many in the audience love her message.

She got a standing ovation at Berkeley. For those of you who have thought we've made it and have no need any longer to fight for civil rights and our place in this society, think again. The message from Malkin is very loud and very clear.

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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 Kitsui for a job well done.

I would also like to thank the members of the previous national board under former JACL National President Floyd Mori 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 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 prior 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/districts 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 chapters/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.

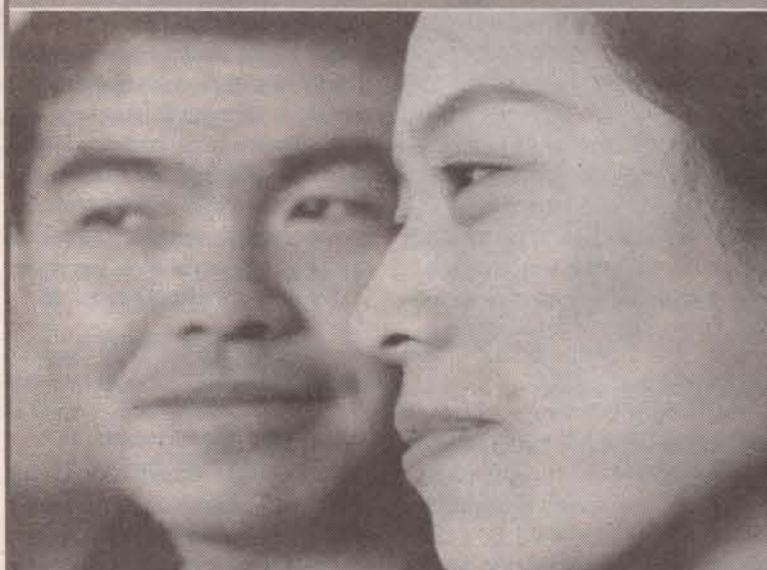
I look forward to the honor of serving the JACL membership during the upcoming biennium and I hope to meet as many of you as I can. Thank you all for your past and continued support of our JACL. ■



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## 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 JA exclusion, relocation and detention and with JA 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 a

historical site.

"I think it's an ideal time to think about who's going to take care of it in the long term," Reetz said.

Once a decision is reached on who will have jurisdiction, the foundation will begin the application process toward making the Heart Mountain site a National Historical Landmark.

Benefits of such a designation include the availability of state and

federal funds to help preserve and maintain the site and help from the National Park Service in the way of advice and expertise.

In addition, the site would gain the prestige that goes along with being named a National Historical Landmark.

"I feel the study does help emphasize and prove the site is significant and extremely worthy of preservation," Reetz said. ■

## Voice Your Opinion

**Who:** The National Park Service, the Organization of American Historians and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

**What:** Feedback is needed from the Japanese American community to ensure the draft study, "Japanese Americans in World War II," is accurate and comprehensive. The draft study recommends that nine properties be considered for National Historic Landmark designation or listing in the National Register or Historic Places. As mandated by legislation, the study needs input from JAs.

**When:** Comments must be submitted by Oct. 15.

**How:** Download the draft study at: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nhl/themes/jats.pdf>

Send comments to either two addresses:

National Historic Landmarks Survey, National Park Service  
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## 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 32 officers and 348 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 Paia Chung-Hoon, who was born and raised in Honolulu.

"If Uncle Gordon were here, he'd be very happy," said Punana 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."

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.

He was also assigned to the USS Arizona, but was not onboard during the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

"That is the only thing that saved his life because where his duty station would be on the bridge, all the officers were killed up there," Pearl Harbor historian Daniel Martinez said.

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 15,000 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. ■



## APIHR/Ohana House to Host First Queer API Youth Conference in Southern California

Asians Pacific Islanders for Human Rights (APIHR)/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.

APIHR/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 campus organizing, to discrimination and homophobia, to health and coming out. This conference will provide interactive and social workshops 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 Mangto, executive director of APIHR/Ohana House. "The most important thing is that this is a conference that is organized and programmed by API youth for API LGBTIQ youth. It will speak directly to their issues and concerns."

The conference is for Asian and Pacific Islander, including multiracial, transnationally and transracially adopted LGBTIQ youth 24 and under who want to learn and help transform the API LGBT communities through openly discussing the struggles this community faces.

Individuals must come ready to participate in a safe environment, promoting healthy dialogue 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 of APIHR/Ohana House's website [www.apihr.org](http://www.apihr.org). ■



# National Newsbytes

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

## UIC Medical School Revamps Admissions

CHICAGO—The University of Illinois-Chicago's medical school recently approved a new admission system that eliminates the point advantage for students of color.

The system mirrored a model used by the University of Michigan that was ruled unconstitutional by the high court.

Minorities made up about one-fifth of the school's 1,200 students last year. The UC nursing school has also revised its point-based system.

## Filipino Language Classes May be Cut

HONOLULU—Students at the University of Hawaii (UH) have organized to support Filipino language programs, which they fear will fall victim to future budget cuts.

The department is considering eliminating those classes in the spring semester, which means eventually UH will offer only one cycle of language classes in the fall.

About 200 students are currently taking Filipino classes, while an additional 100 are taking Ilocano.

## Lawsuit Challenges Federal Ruling Requiring Translation Services

SAN DIEGO—A lawsuit is challenging a policy requiring federally funded hospitals and doctors to provide translators for patients who speak little English.

Proponents of the suit against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services argue that it is an illegal intrusion that will drive physicians out of practice and that family translators are more cost-efficient.

However, opponents say that family members may lack the skill to accurately translate medical terms.

## Police Investigate Hate Crime Against Muslim

TUCSON, Ariz.—The vandalism of a Muslim man's car is being investigated as a possible hate crime. The car's tires were slashed, its windshield smashed and a note taped to the vehicle read: "You are not welcome here. Go home you stupid (epithet)."

The car owner, a U.S. resident from Jordan, parked his car in the lot of an apartment building in midtown Tucson.

## Media Credentials Asking for Applicant's Race Spur Controversy

ST. LOUIS—Journalists are angry that the credential application to cover a scheduled presidential debate in St. Louis is asking for racial data. The online application only provides a drop list of set ethnicities to choose from.

Debate officials say that the request was required by the Secret Service, who uses the data to conduct full background checks.

## Top AA in Bush Administration Leads Campaign for Community's Votes

NEW YORK—Labor Secretary Elaine Chao is leading a call for Asian Pacific Americans to vote for her boss's re-election in November. She lauded Bush for appointing more than 225 APAs to high office and focusing on education. ■

## APAs in the News

### High School Honors Ochi, Other 'Hall of Fame' Alumni



Rose Matsui Ochi, Los Angeles Police Commissioner, will be honored Oct. 3 at Roosevelt High School's Third Annual All Alumni "Hall of Fame" Luncheon and Dance.

A former lawyer and criminal justice executive, Ochi was appointed to police commissioner August 2001 by Mayor James Hahn. She will join other prominent alumni, including L.A. Clippers' owner Donald Sterling at the event.

### Matsushima Assumes Command

The Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana recently named Lt. Col. Mark Matsushima as commander of the 8th Information Warfare Flight. Matsushima, a Sansei, was a senior Air Battle Manager with over 1000 hours in Operation Desert Shield, Northern Watch and Southern Watch. He was also a part of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

### First Minority Judge to be Confirmed in 2nd District Court

John R. Morris, a 55-year-old Japanese American lawyer and Hawaii native is Utah's 2nd District Court's first minority judge.

Morris said much of the family history from his mother's side no longer exists because it was held just a few blocks from the center of the U.S. nuclear attack on Hiroshima.

He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton and graduated from Brigham Young University Law School in 1977. ■

### Nunotani, Kizuka Receive Community Award

This year's Takeo Okamoto Community Award was presented to Wallace Nunotani of San Francisco and Shigeru "Shig" Kizuka of Watsonville. Both are World War II war veterans who are still active in their communities. This award is presented to persons who embody a spirit that is modest, scholarly and who has positively impacted their community through their long-term commitment. ■

## PSWD to Honor the Generations at Annual Dinner Oct. 23

In celebration of JACL's 75 years, the Pacific Southwest District will be honoring the Issei, Nisei, Sansei, and future generations at its annual dinner Oct. 23.

As JACL looks at its past and paves its way to the future, the organization will honor the tremendous passion and courage of those who have made the success of Japanese Americans possible.

Representing the various generations will be speakers: Akemi Kikumura-Yano, Warren Furutani, Alayne Yonemoto, and Eric Nakano.

Kikumura-Yano, author of

"Through Harsh Winters: The Life of a Japanese Immigrant Woman," will speak about the Issei and their pioneering spirit that laid the foundation for the community. Warren Furutani, L.A. Community College Board of Trustees, will talk about the Nisei, the generation that endured the hardships of World War II but whose courage led them to build new communities post-war.

Funds raised at the annual PSWD dinner will go towards the district's youth programs.

Alayne Yonemoto, PSW district vice-governor, will speak about the Sansei, whose determination to

seek social justice spearheaded the historic redress movement. And finally, Eric Nakano, former PSWD intern and recent national JACL scholarship winner, will represent the future generations that include the Yonsei, Gosei, and Hapa.

The PSWD dinner will take place Oct. 23 at the Crowne Plaza Commerce Casino, 6121 East Telegraph Road, Commerce, California 90040. There will be a no-host cocktail at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 per person. For tickets, contact the PSWD office at 213/626-4471, psw@jacl.org. ■

## NYC JAPAN

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up with the idea to build a network of "solar dome communities" to create pleasant living conditions. The third initiative would involve the construction of an international airport and commercial center that would provide jobs for the relocating JAs and create a world-renowned tourist mecca.

Wagner doesn't have an exact timeline for NYC Japan but his first goal is to recruit interest from both the JA and Japanese communities, especially from those JAs who would actually be willing to relocate to Japan. He's hoping to get about 10,000 signatures for a petition posted on the NYC Japan website.

"I really think it is just a matter of getting the idea out there and letting it sell itself by its own merits and by the natural enthusiasm of people when they see a better way to live and raise their children," said Wagner, who has three kids: Yamato, Makoto and Katomi. "If nobody is interested, then there is obviously no sense to take NYC Japan any further ... NYC Japan is not about a sales pitch; it's a potential that either has merit in today's world or it doesn't. The JA community gets to decide."

Since Wagner's website has only been up for a few weeks, he doesn't yet have a clear idea of how people will respond to NYC Japan. But so far his wife and brother-in-law are supportive of the idea.

"[Kimiko] is as excited about the possibilities and the great potential

of NYC Japan as I am," he said. "At first she had a lot of questions ... but after she really got to understand the concept the way I was imagining it, we became one in mind about it." Wagner added; "My wife's brother, who works as an architect in Japan, thinks it's a great idea."

A century has passed since the first wave of Japanese immigrants headed to the United States, and with the passage of time has come vast differences between the JA and Japanese cultures. Asked whether these differences may present a challenge in creating NYC Japan, Wagner said, "The goal is not to reconcile the two cultures, but instead to create something totally new and better from the foundation of the rich JA experience."

"Only JAs collectively can determine what they want in a culture, and being familiar with the Japanese and American versions, they have a brilliant vantage point from which to decide," he added. "What NYC Japan could be is a celebration of the best of both Japan and America."

Wagner readily admits that he cannot easily identify what JA culture is and in this respect, he hopes his current outreach efforts will help provide some defining.

"I really don't know what [JA culture] is," he said. "I'd be interested to hear what others have to say. The way I see it, I am not sure if there even is such a thing as JA culture ... I just know what goes on in my house, and it is bilingual, and just about everything else is pretty much merged as well. The way we do it is very symbiotic, as I am sure it prob-

ably is with most others."

Wagner hopes he'll start to hear from the JA and Japanese communities and once that happens he plans to bring the concept for NYC Japan to the Japanese government, especially the representatives in Hokkaido, and eventually to the officials in both North and South America. Once the officials get involved then there's the matter of recruiting professionals to help in the development and building of NYC Japan, especially those futuristic solar domed communities.

"I have the heart of an architect, but not necessarily the mind of one," said Wagner, when asked how he came up with the idea for the solar domes. "All I can say is that once the concept is fully developed ... it will not only be feasible, but it will be clearly the MOST feasible approach. Just about every study shows that small communities are the most efficient, productive and family friendly places to live."

Wagner hopes to visit Hokkaido with his wife in the near future and would love to have signatures of support to show some of the Hokkaido officials.

"Kazumi and I know we are just common people with a big dream against great odds. That is why it is important for other common people like us to join the movement so we can show strength in numbers, and also strength in a common mind, heart and spirit of the JA community," he said. "NYC Japan is definitely a people movement, and as the saying goes, people have the power ... but only if they believe it." ■

## LOCKWOOD

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heroines balancing beautiful men, successful careers and children.

And like Carrie Bradshaw and Bridget Jones, Lauren Crandell leapt from the pages of a book and was brought to life by a hot Hollywood actress — former Bond girl Denise Richards — for Lifetime TV, a watering hole for all types of chicks.

The movie premiered Sept. 13 and will repeat several times during the week. In it, Crandell battles her own divorce, psycho brides, a neurotic boss and newfound love with Nick Corina (Dean Cain). It seems that the woman who color-coordinates for a living is having problems getting her personal life together.

The plot points are not very new. Echoes of another film aptly titled, "The Wedding Planner," with Jennifer Lopez are apparent, but after watching Crandell fabulously worm her way from one misadventure to another, the movie becomes what it's supposed to be: a guilty pleasure.

"I think Lauren, like many other women who are approaching 30, is trying to find out who she is and what she wants out of life. I think women can relate to Lauren because

she's just like them," said Lockwood.

Admittedly, watching Richards, a recent real-life mom trying to tame wedding perils in her impossibly slim frame and tossing her perfectly coiffed hair in the wind is a little alienating at times, but the author insists that it's reassuring to know that good-looking people still struggle for happiness.

After all, Lockwood, 31, will be the first to say that the lighter side of life is the place to be. She sends copies of her books to the *Pacific Citizen* personalized with a pink post-it in the shape of a cute purse and proclaims in an e-mail that, "Sometimes you watch PBS, and sometimes you watch made for TV movies, and that's OK."

But it's not always pink and breezy for the Texan native. She works part time as the director for communications at Northwestern University in Chicago where she currently lives with her husband. And she has an English degree from the University of Pennsylvania and journalism experience to boot, but she says her writing style is not meant to stimulate critical thinking so much as elicit laughter.

"I think that sometimes critics are

too harsh when it comes to chick lit. I don't think people should be made to feel inferior because they want to be entertained."

Lockwood's second book, "Pink Slip Party" follows the same humor about women getting fired from their jobs and her third book due out next May is titled, "Dixieland Sushi." She describes it as a "homecoming story" inspired by her own experiences growing up bi-racial in the South in the 1980s (her father is third generation Japanese American and her mother has English and Irish roots).

"My goal was to write a uniquely American story, and one that I hope resonates with a lot of people," she said.

In the meantime, the best-selling author is living a surreal life visiting movie sets and watching her characters walk and talk onscreen — an experience not many other chick lit writers can say they've done. Only a good hair day could top that. ■

"I Do (But I Don't)"

Lifetime Original Movie

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# 2004 JACL Scholarship Recipients

The national JACL recently announced its 2004 scholarship winners. The following are recipients from the freshmen and undergraduate divisions 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 \$60,000 in scholarships.

## FRESHMEN

### Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial Scholarship

**Daniel Kato**  
Scarsdale, NY  
Yale University  
Major: Undecided

**Essay Excerpt:** I have long thought of myself as a cultural emissary from Japan to the United States.



Although I am only half Japanese in background, I was born in Japan, and moved to the United States as an Issei, unlike many of my Asian-born peers. I began to realize in high 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 longtime resident of the United States, more integrated into the community than many of my Japanese friends who came and left within a matter of years due to their fathers' changing business posts, and who often spoke little or no English. On the other hand, as a result of six years of living in Japan, I felt that I had a much more profound connection to Asia ... In the future, I intend to continue pursuing my interest in Japanese and East Asian studies. Certainly I intend to continue studying kendo — I hope to make it into the *dan* rankings in a year or so ... I intend to continue using my unique place between Japan and America to serve as a cultural bridge between the two, helping to interest and educate Americans and Asian Americans about the traditions of Japan and the rest of Asia and to raise consciousness about the challenges that Asian Americans still face in this society.

### Mr. & Mrs. Takashi Moriuchi

**Michael Oshima**  
Somerville, MA  
Harvard University  
Major: Linguistics or Physics

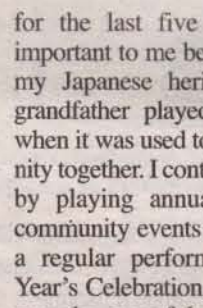
Growing up half-Japanese was quite the experience for me. It was quite normal that I was the only Japanese or even Asian in my classes, extracurricular activities and groups of friends. Although I was lucky enough to grow up in a very pluralistic community, meeting other Japanese was very rare ... I had always felt pride in my cultural background, and now I was searching for an appropriate outlet to express this pride — something other than drawing Japanese flags on my notebooks. My first major exposure to Japanese culture would become one of the great loves of my life and became a major influence in my post-high school plans. My

father, a third-generation Japanese American, brought me to Tohoku Judo Club in my hometown of Somerville, MA when I was 9 years old ... In the beginning, I was not a promising athlete, and did not appear cut out for a competitive career. However, I came to love the sport, and kept going back no matter what the results. With the invaluable help of my father, who acts as my coach, and my training partners, I built a successful competitive career ... My hope is to retire from competitive judo with a World Championship, an Olympic Championship, but above all a much better understanding of who I am.

### Sam S. Kuwahara Memorial

**Denise Ponganis**  
Beaverton, OR  
Stanford University  
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Taiko is a form of Japanese drumming that is a physically demanding performance art which incorporates the spiritual aspects of a martial art. I started playing taiko over seven years ago and have been in a performing group, Tanuki Taiko, for the last five years. Taiko is important to me because it is part of my Japanese heritage. My grandfather played taiko in Japan when it was used to call the community together. I continue that tradition by playing annually at Japanese community events in Portland. I am a regular performer at the New Year's Celebration, Mochitsuki, and was also one of the masters of ceremonies last year. Tanuki Taiko performs for both the Children's Day Festival at the Japanese Tea Garden and the Nikkei Community Picnic at Oaks Park. Our inaugural performance as Tanuki Taiko was for the opening of the Nikkei Legacy Society in Portland. As a performer at all of these events, I have been able to stay connected with the Japanese American community in Portland. Because of my involvement with Tanuki Taiko, I feel it is part of my responsibility to share my knowledge and love of taiko with the greater community.



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### Patricia & Gail Ishimoto Memorial

**Vanessa Vicera**  
Miami, FL  
Pennsylvania State University  
Major: Geographic Information Systems

My family and I have been victims of racial discrimination. Everyone seemed to have Asian jokes to say about me. After repeatedly hearing them, I began losing my self-esteem and became ashamed of my Asian identity. I



began seeing my Asian ethnicity as a burden. Slowly, but surely, I began realizing that my being different was an asset ... Everything I have done was all in the hope that my work will become bigger and better. I want to continue helping the people of my ethnic origin through other forms of volunteer work and through my future profession. There is so much to be done that I am not yet qualified to do now. For now, all I can do is continue my projects and volunteer work as I wait for my future to unfold. After recalling all that I had experienced, I came to the realization that the issue of discrimination was what motivated me to do the things I did. If it had not been for my need to gain respect, I would have passed up the chance to help so many people. I would not have learned the importance of being proud of my Asian identity, therefore, never acquiring the passion to help the people of my race. I was able to help a lot of people inside and outside the Asian community. My experiences have truly shaped my way of looking at life and pushed me to do things to help make this world a better place.

### Masao & Sumako Itano Memorial

**Jamie Doi**  
Salt Lake City, UT  
University of Utah  
Major: Accounting or Pharmacy

With a long line of participation on both sides of my family, my involvement in the Japanese American community was almost ingrained in my blood since my birth. I've grown up attending the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple every Sunday, which in itself has opened me up to a large Japanese American population and a thriving culture. Besides regular attendance, I am involved with church events and the Young Buddhists Association (YBA) ... As for the future, I hope to not only continue what I have been and currently am doing within the Japanese American community but also to expand my horizons. In college I am looking forward to joining Asian organizations or clubs that will allow me to meet fellow youth and further my involvement. I plan to continue my participation in JACL and the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, which have both served as outlets to the Japanese American community. However, no matter how I participate or what organization I participate in, I will continue to seize opportunities to be involved. After all, it's hard to imagine my life without the Japanese American community. It's become my second home.



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### Kenji Kasai Memorial

**Stephanie Huang**  
Los Angeles, CA  
UC Berkeley  
Major: Business Administration

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and especially good at math because I am Asian. Though academically successful, I am certainly not innately "smart," and math is my weakest, and thereby least favorite, subject in the world. I do not fit the generic stereotype that most people associate with Asians ... Being involved in the Asian American community has



given me a better understanding of my rich heritage as a Japanese and Chinese American. I am very proud to be part of such a strong community, and I hope to continue learning and involving myself in Asian American affairs in college. I eventually want to go into non-profit business administration, hopefully for an organization like the American Cancer Society. I am hoping first to intern for an Asian American non-profit organization like the JACL to gain experience in business administration. Through interning for an Asian American non-profit organization I will continue to learn about and support the Asian American community. Understanding my national heritage has helped me understand myself, and I plan to make sure that my children learn to love their heritage too.

### South Park Japanese Community

**Student: Midori Wong**  
City: Davis, CA  
School: UC San Diego  
Major: International Relations

Aside from JACL involvement, I have been involved in the APIA community for the majority of my school years. I have had the opportunity to participate in many different activities and events, broadening my school and community learning as a half-Japanese, half-Chinese young person. Last April, I attended the Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Program (APYLP) conference in Sacramento. Over four days, the fifty of us Asian Pacific youths from all over California selected for the program explored a variety of topics — what it's like to grow up as an Asian American, how to combat racism marketed in the form of clothes (such as the offensive tee shirts of the popular teen clothing company Abercrombie and Fitch), and how we relate to our respective cultures ... In the future, I hope to become more involved in college with the JACL or the OCA. Considering that I did not even join the JACL until last summer, I feel that our youth outreach efforts are vital to the organization's future success. Additionally, if we want young people to remain connected to their culture, we must work to keep APIA influence present in school curriculum and a guiding influence in the lives of not only Asian American students, but all students.

## UNDERGRADS

### Sam S. Kuwahara Memorial

**Joshua Spry**  
St. Louis Chapter  
Washington University, St. Louis  
Major: Finance/Accounting

Over the past five years, I have had the amazing opportunity to be involved in the JACL with many responsibilities in a diverse range of

areas of the organization. If I had to describe my level of involvement in the organization, "high" or "very involved" seems appropriate, but the evaluation of "enveloped" is more creative and accurate for my relationship with the JACL.

My activity on the National Board and Youth Council has included facilitating dialogue between local youth leaders to develop a national youth program, planning and coordinating the National Youth Student Conference along with Maya Yamazaki, and fulfilling my role as a full National Board Member. There are times I feel enveloped by the organization when I see on my desk



are budget reports, or memos to email a youth asking questions about the oratorical contest, but I feel that the work and extent to which JACL has come into my life has been rewarded by amazing experiences, mentors, and challenges. These things are some of my most treasured prizes from the organization and I feel that I can still be an effective youth leader in the organization as the newly elected National Youth Student Council Chair.

### Alice Yuriko Endo

**Nikiko Masumoto**  
Fresno Chapter  
UC Berkeley  
Major: Women's Studies & History

My involvement in the Asian American community is a reflection of my personal goal to work towards equality and promote diversity. I work to break boundaries like language, class, and culture that are



constructed to block many people's success. My passion for fighting discrimination has led me to a new student group at UC Berkeley. A small group of about ten women and I have started a coalition dedicated to breaking race and gender barriers. Our goals are to encourage coalitions and dialogue between identity-based groups (such as Japanese American groups). My vision is to work specifically in the Asian American community on campus, promoting coalition and embracing difference. In becoming more aware of my identity as a Japanese-German American woman at Berkeley, I now see and feel the prevalence of racist and sexist ideologies. I live in a world of constructed boundaries, dividing people, raping dreams, and starving pride in diversity. I will fight against these boundaries and have already begun with tutoring and activism. I welcome the responsibility and accept the challenge to eliminate prejudice through work in and with Japanese American and Asian Pacific communities.

### Mari & James Michener Memorial

**Emi Bennett**  
Twin Cities Chapter  
Scripps College  
Major: Politics & International Relations

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My appreciation for the Japanese American community has grown in the past few years since discovering more about my family's history. The son of migrant cane field workers in



Hawaii, my grandfather went on to become the first American of Japanese ancestry to be appointed to a judicial position by a U.S. President (President Eisenhower). As my family became "Americanized," my grandparents were adamant about maintaining ties to their Japanese culture. Some of those ties have been weakened in my generation, and I am now working hard, on both an individual and community level, to strengthen these bonds again.

I am an active member of my university's Asian American Student Union, which promotes awareness of issues facing Asian Americans both on campus and in the greater community. The importance of supporting diversity became even more apparent this spring when my campus experienced a number of race-related hate crimes. My experiences with discrimination and hate over the last three months has motivated me to become even more involved with the Japanese community to promote diversity awareness. I plan on becoming even more involved with the JACL because I believe that it plays an indispensable role in providing a forum for discussion about these important issues. Through JACL and other organizations that provide a gathering place for ideas and promote awareness, I hope to alleviate the ignorance and apathy that plagues our society today.

### Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe Memorial

**Kyle Tajima**  
Greater Pasadena Chapter  
Brown University  
Major: Economics & Visual Arts

I am fortunate to have been raised in Southern California where there is a strong Japanese and Asian American community, which has helped me learn about my past as well as the present. It also has made it easier for me to develop a strong identity as a Japanese and Asian American. I have been and always will be an active member of the



Japanese and broader Asian American community because of who I am.

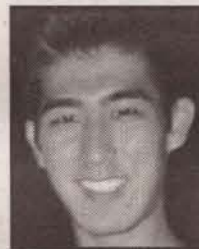
I have no doubt that I will continue to be actively involved in the Japanese and Asian American communities and that such involvement will include participation in the JACL. Through my internship with JACL and reading the *Pacific Citizen*, I have learned the important role that JACL plays in protecting the civil rights of not only Japanese Americans, but also of the other Americans. As an intern and a volunteer at JACL's National Convention, I also saw first hand that JACL is a predominantly Nisei organization. For JACL to continue to protect the civil rights of Japanese Americans and serve the Japanese American community, it will need the support and active involvement of young Japanese Americans, such

as myself. I intend to be a part of JACL's future. I am indebted to JACL and the Japanese American community from which I have benefited and to which I belong.

### Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial

**Eric Nakano**  
Washington, D.C. Chapter  
George Washington University  
Major: Political Science & English

I have a rich family history of advocacy in the Japanese American community; my great Uncle, Mike Masoaka, was a former director of the JACL, and his brother-in-law, Norman Mineta, became the first Asian American to be 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 Freshman Representative, and later the President of the Student Government Association at Penn State Mont Alto, to work as the Director of Greek Recruitment 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 at CNN and the U.S. Senate. 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 work and passion will keep devoted to political, social, and moral issues. I want to continue the legacy of other leaders that have emerged from the Japanese American community and work on the same civil rights issues that have come to define this rich and vibrant community.

### Saburo Kido 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 stones were small in relation to their environment, the effect they had upon the pond was much greater than their size. My grandfather Shigeki Ushio used this simple illustration to teach me the power of influence. Often, the consequences of small fluctuations can



be powerful. Life is radiation. Personal relationships provide us opportunities to extend our inherent ability

to influence others. Throughout my life I will have this opportunity to interact on a personal level with my family, friends, and neighbors. Therefore, it is valuable that I exhibit the same influence that has been given to me through my own positive, personal relations. My life experiences will illustrate how my life has been influenced, how I will extend that influence to benefit others and how my determination and dedication have helped me to achieve my goals.

People who are optimistic and determined to help others have substantial power to affect their sphere of influence. I am determined to continually search for opportunities to help others, similar to those who have influenced my life. Much like the stones that were cast into the pond, I may be small in relation to my environment. However, my determination and dedication to help, motivate, and inspire others will have a lasting positive effect on those with whom I associate.

### Nobuko R. Kodama Fong Memorial

**Stephanie Suzuki**  
Lake Washington Chapter  
University of Washington  
Major: Biology & Microbiology

As a *Yonsei* growing up in a predominately Caucasian suburb, I have always been somewhat aware of what it means to be an Asian-American minority in the United States. However, I did not fully appreciate what my Nikkei forebears in this country, my Sansei 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 an in-depth interview of a family member of a prior generation and the experiences this member faced and how it affected their life. This project was a real eye-opener for me personally, as it made me realize that there were a lot of things that I had taken for granted, having never faced the type 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/apology by the government for the unconstitutional incarceration of Nikkei during the war, the JACL and the Nikkei community still face a number of serious issues. I therefore wish to follow in the footsteps of my parents, who have been members of the Seattle or Lake Washington Chapters of JACL since the 1980s, and help to address some of these issues. For now, I have been involved primarily in fundraising and helping my parents with their JACL activities, but in the future, after I have completed graduate school, I intend to be more involved in the civil rights aspects of the JACL. ■

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## SOCCER

# 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, in a few years his nickname could be "Hawaii Five-O" — as in 50 international goals.

That pace isn't likely to happen — Eric Wynalda holds the American record of 34. But just two years after he was waived by the Los Angeles Galaxy and spent a summer playing minor league ball, Ching has become the Americans' key scorer in the semifinals of qualifying for the 2006 World Cup. His 89th-minute goal on Aug. 18 gave the United States a 1-1 tie at Jamaica, and his fifth-minute goal Sept. 4 sent the Americans on to a 2-0 victory over El Salvador.

"I don't want to get too big of a head. I still know who I am," said the 26-year-old forward, the first Hawaiian on the U.S. national team.

Ching didn't make his national team debut until May 2003 against Wales, and the Sept. 4th game was his first start and fourth appearance. Playing for San Jose, he's tied for the Major League Soccer lead with 11 goals this season.

After scoring 34 goals at Gonzaga and playing for the



The United States' Brian Ching, left, goes after the ball against Panama during a World Cup qualifying match in Panama City, Panama, Sept. 8. (AP Photo/Kathryn Cook)

Spokane Shadow of the United Soccer Leagues Premier League, Ching was drafted by the Galaxy in February 2001. He spent nearly the entire season as a sub, was cut the following February and played for the Seattle Sounders of the A-League in 2002, scoring 16 goals.

Signed by the Earthquakes, he scored against Colorado just 53 seconds into his first MLS game with his new team. He finished with six league goals, yet was so far down the pecking order he wasn't even included in the national team's 2004 media guide.

When Ching returned home from Jamaica, he received about 20 telephone calls of congratulations. As

he says, far more people follow the national team than the Earthquakes. The game in Kingston awakened him to what international soccer is like.

"The atmosphere there was different from the atmosphere I'm used to with MLS teams," he said. "The seating was almost full before the warmup. The speakers were going, chanting and yelling."

His contract with MLS runs through the 2006 season. If he keeps scoring, European clubs will come courting. In soccer, goals get attention, and he keeps getting them.

"I want to make a name for myself here if I can. Then we'll weigh the options," he said. ■

## BASKETBALL

## Suns Sign Japanese Guard Tabuse

PHOENIX—The Phoenix Suns signed Japanese guard **Yuta Tabuse** on Sept. 7.

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 2.7 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.

The Yokohama, Japan, native participated in two summer leagues for the Suns.

Tabuse said in a news conference in Tokyo that he was pleased at the opportunity to make the team.

"I am 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-9 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 that," Tabuse said. ■

## GOLF

## Fiji Proud of Its New King of Golf

SUVA, Fiji—Vijay Singh's rise to No. 1 in golf could be a tonic for old ethnic divisions 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' 264-week reign at No. 1.

Singh "has remained loyal to his citizenship and has elected to remain a Fiji golfer," said Sitiveni Rabuka, former prime minister and coup leader whose armed nationalists ousted the nation's first ethnic Indian-dominated government in 1987.

The 41-year-old Singh, who has Indian origins and was born in Lautoka, Fiji, retains membership in Fiji's PGA. He lives in Florida and has rarely visited Fiji since he joined the U.S. PGA Tour in 1993.

Fiji Visitor's Bureau chief executive spokesman Bill Gavoka said "we can't pay for the publicity Vijay 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 nationalists 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. ■



Singh

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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 campus' 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 new nationality. Luckily America is a mixing pot society, benefiting from the distinct and diverse flavors of its people while maintaining the idea that America is a nation of unity. But preserving our flavor need not be a separatist act, for this can invite racist crimes with nationalistic motivations.

As a JACL Anti-Hate Network Liaison, I've noticed that a recurring theme isn't simply an issue of ethnicity, but rather of false patriotism and violence through Asian Americans aimed towards Asian countries. Antagonists wrongfully infer our nationality from our ethnicity.

So who are we and how do we retain our Japan-based culture in

America without appearing foreign? The thing we need to do is not let our distinct culture isolate us. The problems we face today lie in the distinction between retaining culture and cultural exclusivity.

We shouldn't look quizzically at a non-JA's cross-cultural interest, but should rather welcome and embrace the fact that they care enough to learn about us. The phrase, "Asian Pride" has bothered me since elementary school because it has become a greeting with culturally exclusive implications, rather than an actual proclamation of pride. Tasteful integration need not be so exclusive, nor should be so difficult, and it boils down to this key point: Self-segregation often perpetuates a separation between races, and can ultimately lead to hate crimes.

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 by ethnicity, not by nationality; we are JAs, not Japanese. Not surprisingly, we aren't the only ones who misunderstand this crucial distinction.

When I was in the first grade, I was identified as Japanese and asked to give a short spiel on multicultural day, during which I would point at the Japanese flag and say, "That is the flag of my country." My parents, feeling compelled to change this misnomer, had me amend the speech so I would point to the Japanese flag and acknowledge it as my historical origin, but

then point to the American flag and say "This is the flag of my country."

As a six-year-old, I didn't quite realize the magnitude of the statement my parents had me make (incidentally, neither did my principal), but I now know and appreciate it.

We do live in white-America. Due to our relatively recent immigration status, coupled with negative propaganda towards the AA population during wars fought between the United States and Japan, Korea, and Vietnam, we need to qualify ourselves as "Asian American."

Given the fact that many crimes today are the result of wrongfully identifying us as foreigners, I'd imagine that if we assert our nationality and people realize that we are Americans, they will identify with

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 racists 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, however, control what actions we invite and how we react in the event that there is an attack. Much of the reason that people tear down others is out of self-inadequacy, and tearing down others builds them up. Hate organizations are built on the intimidation and broken spirits of others — Don't be a building block!

If there is an attack, the ideal situation is to contact the local authorities and the JACL (jaci@jaci.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 AAs in America is a mistaken identity case. Ethnically you are Japanese, nationally you are American, culturally you are JA. ■

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By CAROLINE AOYAGI  
Executive Editor

**F**eeling 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," if only in the virtual dating 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 Tamagotchi 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 shower her 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 *USA Today*. Set to launch on Nov. 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" react with a chuckle and a look of disbelief. Was this the reaction you were hoping for?

**Eberhard Schoneburg:** Hmmm ... we get very different reactions. All the people we show it to say: cool, where can I get this!? No chuckling. We've received strong interest from all around the globe, especially in Asia and South America. We were featured last week alone on CNN, CNBC, TVB, and TVE.

**PC:** Many of my single friends complain about the complexities of today's dating scene. Did you see a need for this type of innovation in our society today?

**ES:** Dating is just one aspect of the game. It is something that most people are interested in. Whether they admit it or not, everybody likes to flirt, right?! No matter how much technology evolves or society

changes, we all need love and care as much as we need to eat or need to sleep. Flirting and building up relationships with people of the same or opposite sex is a key part of our social life. That's why so many people are interested in our game — it's an extension of life.

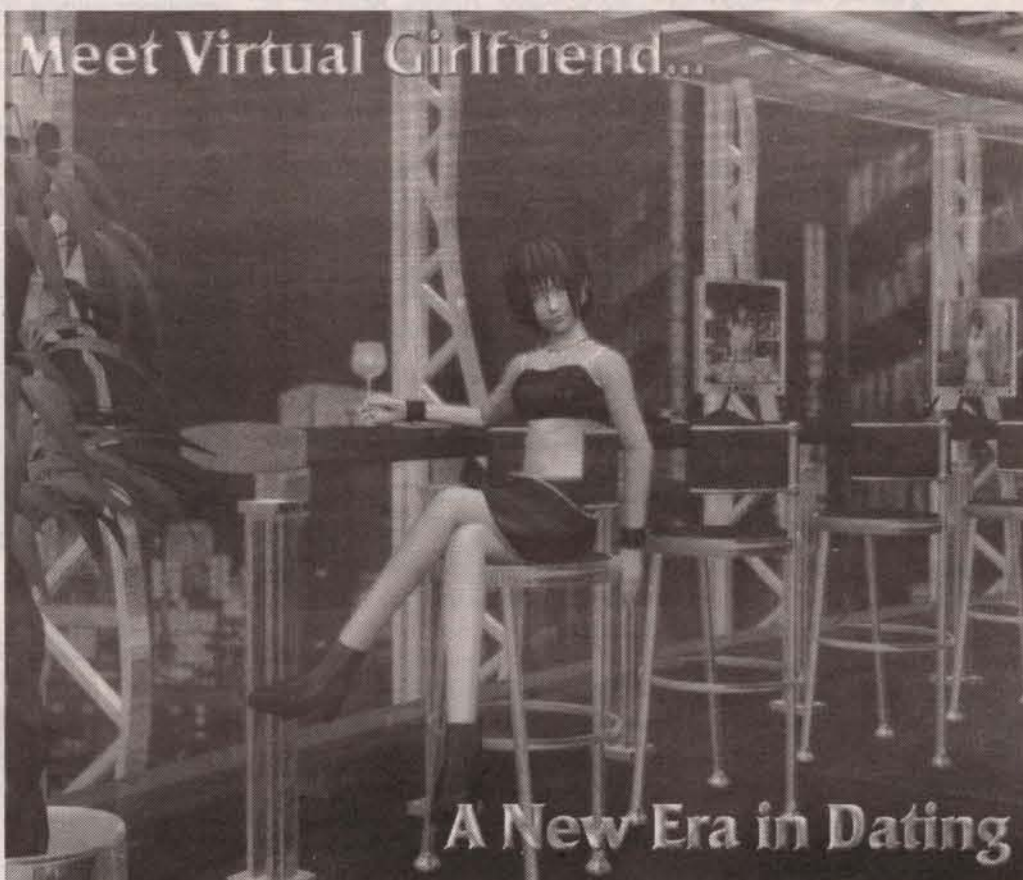
**PC:** Is "Virtual Girlfriend" the next step in internet dating?

**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 and not so 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 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 males give 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 male pursuers?

**ES:** How could they? This is 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 not 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, males will have to shower their virtual girlfriend with gifts.

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

**ES:** Why is it sexist to try to win a woman's heart by giving her virtual flowers? Why always trying 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 also 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 men.

**PC:** How successful do you think "Virtual Girlfriend" will be in countries like 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 like our game and find it fascinating. But I think our users are intelligent enough to see the advantages of real life dates. ■

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# JACL-COMMUNITY Calendar

## East Coast

### NEW YORK

**Sun., Oct. 3**—Tour of the Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum; 11 a.m.; 32-37 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City, Queens; \$5 general admission, \$2.50 for seniors. Reservations: Lillian Kimura, 973/680-1441 or lckimura@att.net.

### PHILADELPHIA

**Through March 6, 2005**—Exhibition, "The Poetry of Clay: The Art of Toshiko Takaezu"; Philadelphia Museum of Art. Info: Dominic Mercier, 215/684-7364 or dmercier@philamuseum.org.

## Midwest

### CINCINNATI

**Sun., Sept. 26**—O-Tsuki-mi Festival; 11334 Pemmican Run; 3 p.m., social hour; 4:30 p.m., dinner buffet; \$35 per person; \$15 for those who donate a dish. Info: 513/489-9079.

### LITTLE ROCK, Ark.

**Through Oct. 15**—Exhibits, symposium, documentary and publications about the Japanese American experience at Jerome and Rohwer internment camps; Statehouse Convention Center, Markham & Main Streets; includes traveling exhibits from the JANM: "Going to Camp: The Japanese American Experience in World War II Arkansas," "Witness: Our Brother's Keeper," "Henry Sugimoto: Painting an American Experience," and "Beyond the Call of Duty"; produced by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and funded by the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation. Info: Heather Register, 501/569-8152; e-mail: hmregister@ualr.edu.  
**Fri., Sept. 24**—Premiere, "Time of Fear"; part of "Camp Connections: A Conversation about Social Justice and Civil Rights in Arkansas"; Life Interrupted 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 Conversation about Social Justice and Civil Rights in Arkansas" at the Peabody Hotel adjacent to the Statehouse Convention Center. Info: Jessica Hayes, 501/569-8391; jahayes@ualr.edu, or Nancy Araki, JANM, 213/830-5649; naraki@janm.org.

**Thurs.-Fri., Sept. 23-24**—Opening of exhibition, "Arkansas and the Japanese American Story" at seven locations throughout Arkansas. Info: Jessica Hayes, 501/569-8391; jahayes@ualr.edu, or Nancy Araki, JANM, 213/830-5649; naraki@janm.org.

**Sun., Sept. 26**—Bus tour to Jerome and Rohwer campsites. Info: Jessica Hayes, 501/569-8391; jahayes@ualr.edu, or Nancy Araki, JANM, 213/830-5649; naraki@janm.org.

### TWIN CITIES

**Sun., Sept. 19**—Annual golf tournament; noon; Francis Gross Golf Course, 2201 St. Anthony Blvd., Minneapolis; \$50 for JACL members; \$55 non-members. Reservations: Dale Wakasugi, 651/578-3723.

## Mountain Plains

### ALBUQUERQUE

**Sun., Sept. 26**—Aki Matsuri; Park Square, in the courtyard of Japanese Kitchen (Louisiana Blvd. and Indian School Road).

## Pacific Northwest

### OLYMPIA

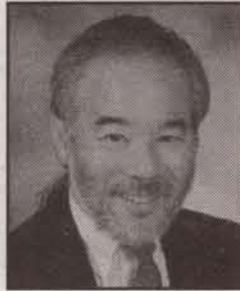
**Sat., Sept. 25**—API Leadership Conference; 8 a.m.-4:30; The Long House, Evergreen State College; \$30 early registration (checks only), \$40 day of event (cash or checks); registration deadline Sept. 9. Info: Kelvin Hoang, khanghoang35@hotmail.com, Hisami Yoshida,

raibon1@earthlink.net, Lin Crowley, crowley@evergreen.edu or Bob Nakamura, sgtnilehibob@att.net.

## Northern California

### BURLINGAME

**Sat., Oct. 16**—Luncheon, All-Topaz Reunion 2004; Hyatt Regency, Burlingame; Stuart Ishimaru, of the



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U.S. EEOC is the featured speaker; registration deadline is Sept. 25. Info: Yone Ito, 510/783-0478 or

### SALINAS

**Through Nov. 7**—Exhibition, "From the Sierra 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

**Sat.-Mon., Sept. 21-23**—Shinzen USA Nikkei Youth Goodwill Basketball Program of Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC). Info: JCCCNC, 415/567-5505 or www.jcccnc.org; Karl Matoba, lmatoba@jcccnc.org.

**Fri.-Sun., Sept. 24-26**—"In Need of Goddesses"; a new play by Nancy Wang; Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m.; Sun. at 2 p.m.; Magic Theatre, Bldg D, Ft. Mason Ctr., SF; \$23 general, \$18 advance; order online www.manja.org; \$16 group rate (8/more), \$14 community partner special. Info: 415/908-3636.

**Through Sept. 26**—Exhibition, "Geisha: Beyond the Painted Smile"; Asian Art Museum, 200 Larkin St.; \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for youths 12-17 and free for

children under 12, museum members are free. Info: 415/581-3500 or www.asianart.org.

### SAN JOSE

**Through Sept. 2004**—Exhibit, "Beyond Manzanar"; San Jose Museum of Art, 110 S. Market St.; 3-D interactive technology casts viewer in the role of an internee inside the camp; free. Info: 408/294-2787, www.SanJoseMuseumofArt.org

**Sun., Sept. 26**—Book signing and reception, "Nisei Voices" by Joyce Hirohata; 2 p.m.; Wesley United Methodist Church, 566 N. 5th St. Info: Japanese American Museum of San Jose, 408/294-3138.

### SAN MATEO

**Sun., Sept. 26**—Movie matinee, "I Live in Fear"; 1:30 p.m.; JA Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St.; directed by Akira Kurosawa, starring Toshiro Mifune and Takashi Shimura.

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

## Southern California

### COMMERCE

**Sat., Oct. 23**—PSW District, JACL 75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner; Crowne Plaza Commerce Casino, 6121 E. Telegraph Road; 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner. Info: PSW Regional Office, 213/626-4471 or psw@jacl.org.

### GOLETA

**Sat., Oct. 9**—2nd Annual Golf Tournament/Fundraiser; noon shotgun start; Glen Annie Golf Club; \$125/golfer (includes green fee, cart, and barbecue); bbq only, \$25/person. Info: Wade Nomura, 805/488-9912.

### IRVINE

**Sat., Oct. 9**—First Annual JACL Golf for Youth; Strawberry Farms Golf Club; 10 a.m. registration; \$300/golfer (includes luncheon, cocktail hour, awards dinner, discounted future round, range balls,

shotgun start); supports JACL youth leadership development programs. Info: 213/626-4471, psw@jacl.org or 4thforrest@msn.com.

### LOS ANGELES

**Through Jan. 2, 2005**—Exhibition, George Nakashima: Nature, Form and Spirit; JANM, 369 E. First St; Info: 213/625-0414 or www.janm.org.

**Sun., Sept. 26**—Annual Aki Matsuri boutique by the WLA JACL Auxiliary; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Drive, Los Angeles.

**Sat., Nov. 6**—Go For Broke Educational Foundation 3rd Annual Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner; Westin Bonaventure Hotel; for sponsorship opportunities: Martie Quan, 310/328-0907 or eveningofaloha@GoForBroke.org. Info: www.GoForBroke.org/EOA.

### TORRANCE

**Sat., Oct. 16**—Luncheon, "Uptown L.A. Reunion II"; 11 a.m.; Torrance Holiday Inn, 19800 S. Vermont Ave.; \$40 per person with checks made out to "Uptown L.A. Reunion II, mail to c/o Takao Shishino, 4521 Commonwealth Cir., Culver City, CA 90230. Info: Yuri Matsunaga (Yamazaki), 323/663-9394, Toru Iura, 310/478-7758 or Frank Omatsu, 626/968-7833.

### WEST COVINA

**Sat., Oct. 2**—32nd Annual Akimatsuri; 12-8 p.m.; ESGVJCC, 1203 W. Puente Ave; Info: 626/960-2566, 626/337-9123, akimatsuri@esgvjcc.org or htakemoto@esgvjcc.org.

## Arizona - Nevada

### LAUGHLIN

**Fri.-Sun., Oct. 8-10**—Poston I Family Reunion; Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura is the guest of honor; for a registration packet contact, Aki Amano, 310/541-4648 or EAAmano@aol.com. Info: Mary (Kinoshita) Higashi, 310/832-6303, Sets (Kobata) Shinto, 323/721-1387 or Bob Wada, 714/992-5461. ■



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All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Aiu, Janet K., 74**, Monterey Park, Aug. 21; Lawai, Kauai, Hawaii-born; survived by husband, Ernest; sons, Thomas (Joan), Timothy (Carrie) and Ernest, Jr.; daughters, Christine (Jorge) Quezada and Catherine Eber; 11 gc.; brother, Edwin Okuma; and sister, Elsie (Roy) Fujita.

**Ebata, Emiko, 80**, Gardena, Aug. 15; Honohina, Hawaii-born; survived by daughter, Diane (Thomas) Shohara; daughter-in-law, Donna; 3 gc.; brothers, Harold, Wallace (Connie) and Elvin (Cheryl) Aoyagi; and sister-in-law, Martha Aoyagi.

**Fujimoto, Masao Bud, 91**, Federal Way, Wash., Aug. 12; Riverside-born; survived by son, Richard (Joyce); daughter, Nancy Okada; brothers, Yoshio and Tamio; sister, Seesu Shintani; 9 gc.; 6 ggc.; and 1 ggc.

**Geisler, Dorothy Shinagawa, 71**, Auburn, Sept. 3; Hanford-born; survived by daughter, Dote' Pinkerton; son, Leon Geisler; 2 gc.; and sister, Emiko (Nobuo) Kishiue. Predeceased by husband, Leon; brother, Sam; and sister, Grace Sumioka.

**Haruki, James Tatsuo, 85**, Los Angeles, Aug. 5; Courtland-born; survived by sons, Michael (Sandy) and Steven; daughters, Margaret (Takashi) Yoshida and Judy (Michael) Lohr; 3 gc.; 2 ggc.; and 3 sisters.

**Ichikawa, Seiichi, 83**, Los Angeles, Aug. 6; Los Angeles-born Nisei; survived by son, Dennis (Martha); daughter, Joy (Keith Cohen) Ichikawa; sister, Joyce Price; and 4 gc.

**Ichimura, Masao, 88**, Los Angeles, Aug. 8; Campbell-born Nisei; survived by wife, Mineko; and sons, Richard (Patty) and Stanley.

**Ishii, Joe S., 89**, Reedley, Aug. 19; Poston internee; survived by wife, Chisako; sons, Stanley (Karen) and Anthony (Jeanette); daughter, Donna (Patrick); sister, Rose Osaki; 7 gc.;

and 1 ggc.

**Iwamasa, Yoshio, 68**, Torrance, Aug. 6; Los Angeles-born; survived by wife, Bette; sons, Greg (Claudia), Gary and Wayne (Jocelyn); 2 gc.; mother, Asano; brothers, Yukio, Susumu (Emiko) and Ken; mother-in-law, Yone Kobata; and brother-in-law, Wayne (Mariko) Kobata.

**Kogure, Motoko, Los Angeles**, Aug. 16; survived by husband, Katsumi; daughters, Mina Amao and Fay Edwards; and sons, Isao and Arthur.

**Komai, Hiroshi, 82**, Temple City, Aug. 10; survived by wife, Lillie; daughter, Elaine; and son, Dale.

**Komatsu, George Shozo, 94**, Altadena, Aug. 10; Hawaii-born Nisei; survived by wife, Michi; son, Terry (Anne); daughters, Christine (George) Iwamiya and Meri Lou Anderson; 9 gc.; and 3 ggc.

**Miyagawa, Shinayo, 91**, Los Angeles, Aug. 16; Hilo, Hawaii-born; survived by sons, Jack (Florence) and Richard (Yoko); daughter, Irene Sanchez; 6 gc.; and brother, Masao (Helen) Watasaki.

**Miyahara, Hiroko, 74**, Monterey Park, Aug. 13; Taft-born; survived by husband, Hideo; daughters, Sharon Komai and Kim (Earl) Takemura; 4 gc.; brother, Thom (Janice) Nakahara; and sister, Tsuyako Hirose.

**Mukai, Sally Takako, Aug. 11**; survived by son, Randall (Lisa Sano); daughters, Jacqui Mukai-Yee and Vickie (Jim) Routledge; 5 gc.; and sisters, Janet (John) Furukawa and Barbara (Eddie) Nozawa.

**Nagao, Shigeru, 64**, Long Beach, Aug. 8; survived by sons, Erick, Paul and Frank; mother, Kinuye; brother, Masaru; sisters, Shizuko and Toshiko; 5 gc.; and 1 ggc.

**Nakashima, Dr. Mitsuo, 72**, Portland, Ore., Aug. 10; Idaho Falls, Idaho-born; survived by son, Kurt;

daughter, Reimi Geske; 1 gc.; and sisters, Junko Yamashita and Miwako (Hiro) Kido.

**Narita, Lloyd T., 69**, Turlock, Aug. 23; survived by companion, Susan Smith; mother, Haruko; brother, Ken; and sisters, Ruby, Carole, Leona, Ilene Sato, Ada Nose, Sandi Beattie and Gail Creighton.

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**Ogasawara, Stome T., 80**, Palo Alto, July 2; Seattle, Wash.-born; survived by wife, Pauline; daughters, Vicki Okamoto and Debbie Gaasterland; brother, Shig; sisters, Yuri Baba, Kim Semba and Fumi Joo; and 2 gc.

**Ogawa, Iyano Maeda, 99**, San Jose, Aug. 20; Hiroshima, Japan-born; survived by daughters, Kazuko (Min) Tajii, Tayeko Kurashige and Sumiko (Kiyokazu) Sasaki; 10 gc.; and 16 ggc.

**Okano, Yaye Cherry, 85**, Los Angeles, Aug. 17; Wilmington-born Nisei; survived by husband, Howard; son, Howard (Emily); daughters, Wendy and Carla (Charles) McClusky; 5 gc.; brothers, Seichi (Terrie) Kojima and Kei (May) Kojima; and sister, Fujiko (William) Manaka.

**Okihiro, Frank Isamu, 50**, Los Angeles, Aug. 12; survived by daughter, Janet; ex-wife, Margaret Bernard; stepchildren, Simon Martinez, Monica (Carlos) Huante and David Martinez; sister, Judy (Michael) Ozaki; and brothers, Alvin (Rachel) and David.

**Reshovsky, Sandra Rei (Matsumoto), Lopez Island, Wash.**, July 29; survived by mother, Janet; sisters, Carol and Joan (Oscar) Martinez; and brothers, Joe (Sonia) and Paul.

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

**Shimizu, Yukuyo, 96**, West Los Angeles, Aug. 7; Maui, Hawaii-born Nisei; survived by sons, Hitoshi (Kay), Stan and Melvin (Rosa); daughter, Dorothy Miyake; 11 gc.; 6 ggc.; sisters, Mitsuko Omoto and Elaine Muroki; brothers-in-law, Itsuo (Violet) Shimizu and Yasuo (Helen) Shimizu; and sisters-in-law, Yoshiko Kuboyama, Emiko Shimizu and Lillian (Richard) Arakaki.

**Tatsuno, Lily Midori, 81**, Aug. 8; survived by sons, Brian (Shirley), Walter and Kenji (Lisa); daughter, Naomi (Joseph) Hiraga; and 4 gc.

**Uyeda, Aiko Araki, 87**, Chino, Aug. 5; survived by sons, James, Gerald, Glenn and Steven; daughters, Carole Uyeda and Gloria Starkovich; 6 gc.; and 2 ggc.

**Yamada, Shigeto, 82**, Monterey Park, Aug. 18; Calexico-born Nisei; survived by wife, Haruko; sons, Glenn (Sally), Tommy (Debbie) and

Brian (Tanya); daughter, Nancy (Bob) Aisawa; 6 gc.; brother, Ray (Tomi) Yamada; and sisters, Masaye Fujii, Uki Okuma, Shiz Hashimoto and Rose Yamasaki.

**Yamasaki, Mary Yoshiko, 80**, Torrance, Aug. 14; survived by sister, Ellen Misawa; and brother, Fred Sako.

**Yoshihara, Akira, 86**, Los Angeles, Aug. 22; survived by wife, Toshiko; daughters, Ann, Nancy (Earl Gustkey) and Kathryn (Robert Fujisaki); son, Gary (Joy Ariyasu); 2 gc.; brother, Masami (Sachiye); and 3 sisters in Japan.

**Yoshimoto, Sue Shizue, 79**, Gardena, Aug. 5; survived by husband, David; daughters, Linda (Norman) Young and Amy (Marc) Imai; sons, Geoffrey and Steve (Cynthia); 4 gc.; and brothers, Sam (Sue) Takahashi and Bill (Molly) Takahashi. ■

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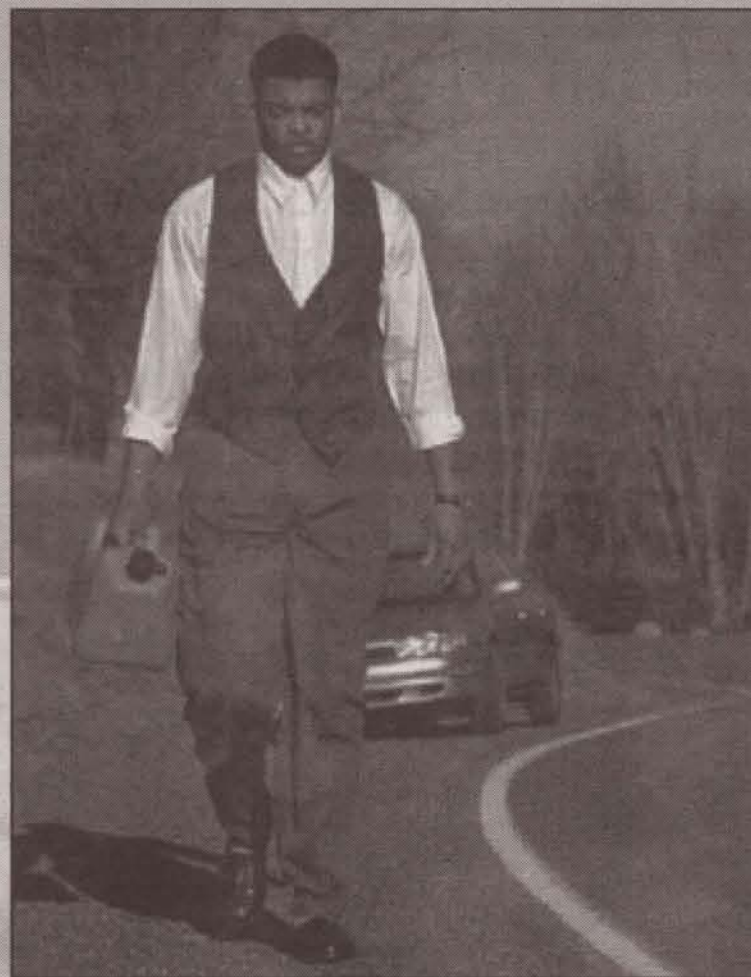
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# 9/11

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Conference. It will mark the first time a major Arkansas event has paid tribute to the state's history as the site of internment camps.

Ozaki, who enlisted in the U.S. Army while in Rohwer and fought in Europe, said that during the last three years he has encouraged Arab Americans to stand up for their rights and not to tolerate racial prejudice.

"I told them about our experiences and how we were so naive. I said you have to stand up for yourselves and you don't have to volunteer to fight (for the United States) and you don't have to show extreme patriotism. I also said 'Don't let the FBI intimidate you,'" Ozaki said.

Johanna Miller-Lewis, chair of the history department at the University

of Arkansas at Little Rock and an organizer of this month's conference, said the event will include a round-table discussion about the parallels between Pearl Harbor and 9/11 — a subject that has been explored often since the Sept. 11 attacks.

"As a historian, I don't see how you cannot discuss Sept. 11 as part of this," Miller-Lewis said.

In the days after the attacks, Los Angeles' Little Tokyo held a candle-light vigil in support of victims with the hope that history wouldn't be repeated.

Gladys Inouye's mother died when Gladys was a child and living in Los Angeles. Her father took her to Japan to be near his parents.

"I was 8 and I didn't speak Japanese and my grandmother didn't speak English," said the now 77-year-old Inouye, who begged her father to send her to live with an

older sister.

She returned to Los Angeles, went to school and lived with her sister and brother-in-law, who operated a vegetable counter in a grocery store.

Then the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

When President Roosevelt signed the order sending thousands of JAs to detention camps, Gladys and her family were taken to the Los Angeles Santa Anita Race Track, which had been converted as a temporary detention center.

In October 1942, they were put on a train and taken to Rohwer. After 10 months in the Arkansas camp, her brother-in-law answered a bulletin board posting from an Ohio man who was looking for farm workers. The War Relocation Authority allowed detainees who qualified to leave the camps and work in the Midwest, but they were not allowed

to live on the coasts out of fear they would commit acts of sabotage against the United States.

Inouye was heartbroken when she visited the school she would attend in Ohio and realized it was far behind her school in Los Angeles. She wrote to her brother who was serving in the U.S. Army and was at an Army hospital in Kentucky suffering from pneumonia.

The volunteer who read the letter the girl sent to her brother was the wife of a wealthy industrialist. The woman offered to let Inouye live with her and attend a top high school near Fort Thomas, Ky., in her 16-room mansion.

Inouye went on to graduate from nursing school at the University of Cincinnati.

She says her story is about how good people can make a difference even in times of widespread hate.

"I want people to know that not everybody was prejudice," she said.

And she said that experience gave her compassion toward Arab Americans following Sept. 11.

"My heart went out to Arab Americans and Muslims. I was so upset that day (Sept. 11, 2001) thinking that we were going to go through that again. But everyone kept working hard to make sure it didn't happen," she said.

She said that's one reason she plans to travel to Arkansas for the conference, to make sure the mistakes of the past aren't repeated.

"The whole idea of Life Interrupted is that that time was terrible and horrible. I think if any good is going to come out of it, it is to make sure that the story is told for generations to come and that it is written in history books," she said.

# BAINBRIDGE

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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."

Bainbridge schools opened Sept. 7. ■

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