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Former Gen. Shinseki Honors Men of Go For Broke

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor



PASADENA, Calif.—Although former Gen. Eric Shinseki has been retired from the U.S. Army for more than a year now, his name was a prominent feature in the recent national elections, especially



amongst members of the Democratic Party.

Democrats, most notably Sen. John Kerry, often evoked Shinseki's name while attacking President George W. Bush's current policies in the war with Iraq. Mainly, that Shinseki had long warned the Administration a war in Iraq could not be won without the build up of hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops, a prediction that has proven to be prophetic.

At the time, several media reports played up the tensions between U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Shinseki, the 34th Chief of Staff, after Rumsfeld announced the general's successor a good year before Shinseki was set to retire in August 2003.

These days, Shinseki is staying out of the limelight, turning down a number of media requests, even from the likes of

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Outcry Over TV Show Reveals Community Fracture Lines

By LYNDALIN
Assistant Editor

"My memories of the homeland are of playing jacks with my friends, not staring down communist troops," said Tuan Tran, of growing up in Vietnam. At the age of nine, Tran fled his native land for a strange place called America, but the 32-year-old Los Angeles resident says the most commonplace items still jog childhood memories, none of which have anything to do

with war or human tragedy. "The Vietnam War and all the politics are not something that I packed in a bag and crossed borders with," he said.

More than once, Tuan's intellectual thirst led him to pick up Karl Marx literature or Mao Tse Tung's infamous little red book, and each time Tran's mother lashed out at her son's treachery, ripping out the book pages that she said had caused her so much pain. Like many other refugee families, the fractures that divide a generation that experienced the atrocities of war from the younger generation that did not, continues to deepen.

"It's not good ... I don't even want to think about it," said Lang Tran, 54, wiping a tear from the corner of her eye while her son throws up his hands in exasperation.

"It's been this way since I was a child. I'm not supposed to say or do things that can be offensive, but I don't know why," said Tuan Tran, heatedly echoing the sentiment that silently unites and vocally divides the Vietnamese American community today.

Last month, the generational conflict came to a head over a fledgling television show that aired brief images of the Communist Vietnamese flag and a photo



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Asian Pacific American Politicians Make History in Recent Elections

Early Exit Polls Indicate APAs Went to the Polls in Unprecedented Numbers.

By Pacific Citizen Staff

A handful of Asian Pacific American politicians made history during the recent national elections while an unprecedented number of APAs cast their votes, according to the latest exit polls.

The state of New York has its first-ever Asian American legislator with the victory of Jimmy Meng in the 22nd Assembly District. In this ethnically diverse district of Queens, Meng, a 61-year-old

Flushing businessman, garnered a whopping 70 percent of the votes.

Meng's Republican challenger, Meilin Tan, received 20 percent of the vote.

"I campaigned door to door," said Meng, who attributed his historic victory to his campaign's concerted effort to reach as many people as possible.

Meng's district was redrawn in 2001 with the specific aim of getting

an AA to the state legislature. Flushing is known for its diversity where 51 percent of the residents are AA.



Van Tran



Bobby Jindal

On the West Coast, the state of

Meng, originally from Taiwan, has lived in Queens for over 25 years with his wife and three

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IN MEMORIAM

JA 'Giant' William M. Marutani Passes, Leaves Behind Civil Rights Legacy

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Famed civil rights leader and retired Pennsylvania Judge William M. Marutani died Nov. 15 in Lumberton Leas, New Jersey, leaving behind an indelible legacy of leadership.

Marutani had been battling Parkinson's disease for years before his death at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, Victoria, eight children and eight grandchildren.



Regarded by many as a pillar of the Japanese American community with his life-long contributions to justice and civil rights, Marutani became the first Asian American presiding judge of a court of general jurisdiction outside of the Pacific Coast States. He served as a judge of Philadelphia County's Court of Common Pleas from 1975-1986.

"He certainly was one of the giants in our history," said JACL EDC District Governor Paul Uyehara, adding, "The Philadelphia JACL chapter, and indeed all long time JACLers, are deeply saddened

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Publisher Hopes to Unite AAs in Wisconsin with New Magazine Venture

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

Heidi Pascual is venturing into territory where many have struggled and failed — she's launching a magazine targeted to the Asian American community.

And she's doing it not in Los Angeles, New York, or Houston, where sizeable numbers of AAs reside. Her new magazine will target AAs in the state of Wisconsin.

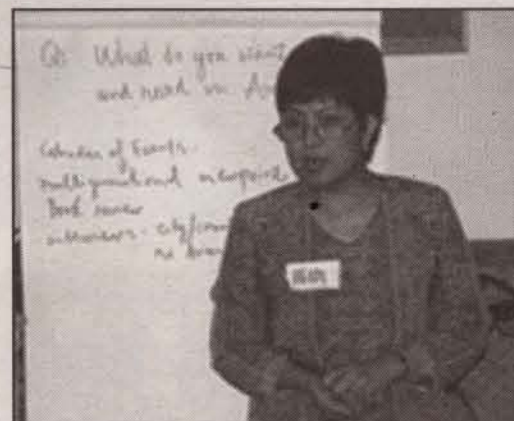
"There is a need for it in Wisconsin," said Pascual, about her new magazine, *Asian Wisconsine* (AWiz). "I have observed that Asian Americans here segregate themselves from each other in many ways: Chinese-only newspaper,

Hmong-only newspaper, Filipino magazine, and the like.

"This actually weakens the strength of our group as Asian Americans," she added, "and further adds to the lack of understanding of each other's cultures, contemporary needs and concerns. *Asian Wisconsine* aims to create a common forum where Asian American issues can be discussed."

Pascual, a 53-year-old Filipino American, plans to launch AWiz in January 2005 and it will be the first and only publication in this state to cater to the diverse AA community that includes the Hmongs, Filipinos, Chinese, Korean, and Japanese.

She plans to cover topics such as science and technology, health and



UNITING A COMMUNITY—Heidi Pascual, publisher and editor of *Asian Wisconsine*, at one of the many brainstorming sessions she held for the diverse Asian Pacific American community in Wisconsin. The magazine is set to launch in January, 2005.

Photo courtesy of Asian Wisconsine

home, gender topics, business, government, and arts and entertainment. In addition to regular features that will focus on specific AA communities in Wisconsin, AWiz will also include columns from various

members of the AA community. But in a community where language and cultural differences are prevalent and the AA community is

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of Ho Chi Minh. The show, Vietnamese American Xposure (VAX TV) — a 30-minute English language cable television series — was axed by parent company, Saigon TV, after only two episodes when angry viewers complained about the images and protested in front of their Westminster, California studio.

The footage came from CNN and was part of a documentary about the 1999 Little

Saigon protest where members of the community vehemently protested a shopkeeper's right to display a photo of Ho Chi Minh in his store.

VAX TV, an MTV-style show geared towards younger English-speaking Vietnamese and Asian Pacific Americans, was touted to be on the forefront of "infotainment television" with young hosts and original programming. But after their Oct. 9 episode, controversy erupted over images that some argued should never be shown on Vietnamese media.

Even though VAX TV officials denied any political agenda in airing a clip of the documentary, Saigon TV yielded to the voices of the protestors and pulled the plug on the show.

"I think it's an example of how the community is yet to except the younger generation," said Sa Dao, VAX TV associate executive producer. "It hurts me to see how divided we are."

He compares the decision to air the controversial clip to mainstream media's decision to show pictures of Osama Bin Laden after the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks.

"It's difficult to watch, but necessary to show," said Sa Dao.

But community members like Lang Tran, who fervently shakes her head "No" when asked if it is okay to show communist images in any context, would rather not have her emotional scar tissue picked at. "I say I just want to live peacefully," she said.

Her son, however, does not see any harm in drumming up a little dialogue and pointed out that it was a documentary based on historical facts, not a political ad. "Does the History Channel get pulled off the air for showing documentaries on [Adolf] Hitler?" he asked.

"Interestingly enough, we aired the documentary on PBS. It wasn't negatively received at all," said Eddie Wong, executive director of the National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA), about the "Saigon USA" documentary. "I think it was a regrettable decision made by Saigon TV," he added.

However, critics argue that the TV show needed to be more tuned into the community and should have been able to handle the response to such an incendiary topic.

"Unfortunately, [VAX TV] could have approached the topic of learning about their culture without inciting the community. In light of recent legislative matters in Orange County that had the support of many Vietnamese American citizens — namely to provide advance notice of visiting Communist leaders to the Vietnamese American enclave, VAX TV should have been more attuned to the community," the National Congress of Vietnamese Americans said in their official statement.

"The NCVA respects VAX TV and wishes it well with its business

'How many shows
have you seen like this
that feature people like us
... English-speaking
Asian Americans without
accents and without
stereotypes?'

— James Fujikawa

model. However, VAX TV is not a news agency equipped to handle topics of importance to the community unless it is prepared for the response."

Without a place to broadcast, VAX TV officials and its supporters launched a campaign to get the series back on-air with an online petition and a Nov. 4 open forum. Its purpose was "to bring to surface the differences between young, old, conservative, and liberal."

The mood and comments, according to Sa Dao, perfectly illustrated the generational divide. A VAX TV protestor said he was disappointed that the South Vietnamese flag and national anthem weren't paid tribute to at the forum, said Sa Dao, adding that for younger generations saluting a foreign flag is odd.

"I grew up in the United States in areas that didn't have many Asians. For me VAX TV is important," he said.

"How many shows have you seen like this that feature people like us — English-speaking Asian Americans without accents and without stereotypes? A show like that needs to be supported. This is really about the older generation controlling the younger generation's voice," said James Fujikawa,

co-founder and campaign director of Asian Media Watchdog, which launched a petition to get the show back on-air.

KXLA-TV Channel 44 recently reached an agreement to re-air VAX-TV, which returned to its regular Saturday schedule as of Nov. 13.

The victory, although sweet, may drive a wedge deeper between the generations. Sa Dao said that VAX TV producers have not yet decided whether to change their formula in order to embrace more members of the older generation.

"Our staff felt like we didn't do anything wrong and to change our reporting would compromise our journalistic integrity," he said.

But in ethnic media, which banks on the support of specific viewers in order to be competitive with mainstream media, the future of VAX TV is yet to be set in stone, but many say that what's at issue here is more than the show.

"Individuals of both generations have to make a concerted effort to work with one another and to understand one another," said the NCVA. "Is it OK for a member of the younger generation to respectfully disagree with a member of the older generation. Yes. However, respect is a reciprocal relationship." ■

WISCONZINE

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relatively small — only two percent statewide according to the latest U.S. Census figures — Pascual has a huge task before her.

"I am taking a big risk, I know," said Pascual, a co-owner of *The Madison Times Weekly* newspaper, who hopes to rely on her years of marketing and publishing experience to make sure AWiz succeeds. "But all good business ideas should be ready to take a risk, shouldn't they? I'll just do the best I can."

Pascual indeed has some tough times ahead. In recent years several ethnic publications have downsized or closed entirely. One notable example is *A Magazine*, a national AA publication that was high on gloss and entertainment but never managed to garner a degree of mainstream exposure.

Still, Pascual is not to be deterred. She has already held a number of brainstorming sessions with members of the Wisconsin AA community and reports that the response has been overwhelmingly positive. She also notes that according to a 1998 report from Simmons Research, a whopping 71 percent of AAs are more likely to read a magazine than the average American consumer.

The reaction of the AA community has been "very enthusiastic and supportive," she said. "There were 17 of us during the first brainstorming session of AWiz, coming from different Asian nations. It was not hard to organize a group of Asian Americans who were all excited to do a historical effort!"

Pascual has lived in Madison, Wisconsin for six years now and has been a visible presence in the com-

munity. In 2001 she was awarded the Woman of Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Women of Color Network, Inc. and in 2003 she was honored with the Woman of Distinction Award from the Philippine-American National Historical Society, Wisconsin Chapter.

Pascual believes ethnic specific publications play a vital role in helping to unify community members.

"I think Asian American publications must be a unifying medium, not only for understanding commonalities among Asian American peoples, but also for accepting and respecting differences," she said. "An Asian American publication must be ready to advocate for Asian American causes, and must also try to empower its readers."


Already, Pascual has set up a website (www.asianwisconsin.com) to help stir interest in the magazine and to attract potential advertisers and subscribers.

She will try to avoid the same fate as other AA magazines by constantly trying to improve her product.

"I guess I should always try to adjust to changing times, keep readers' attention by continuously improving my product through relevant information and their specific concerns," said Pascual.

She's working hard to make sure AWiz gets off to a positive start early next year and has high hopes that the publication will be around for a long time.

"My dream is to make *Asian Wisconzine* one of the best Asian American magazines not only in Wisconsin but also in the Midwest," said Pascual. "God willing, in five years, *Asian Wisconzine* will be able to do it." ■



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Match Found for Woman Trying to Recruit South Asian Cell Donors

By KRISTA LARSON
Associated Press Writer

TRENTON, N.J.—A 29-year-old New Jersey woman whose desperate search for a bone marrow transplant launched a nationwide campaign to recruit more donors of South Asian descent has found a perfect match.

Pia Awal of Lincoln Park, who has been battling acute myelogenous leukemia, initially was told that the odds for a lifesaving transplant were slim. Her best chance was from another person of South Asian descent, among the most underrepresented groups in the nation's bone marrow registry.

Family members and other loved ones built a Web site and helped get 12,442 more people tested in just 14 weeks. Now a stem cell — or bone marrow — donor in the United Kingdom had been identified, and blood tests confirmed the donor is an identical match for Awal.

"We were very happy obviously because our prayers were answered," said Tim Dutta, Awal's fiancé, who has helped lead the effort to find a compatible donor.

Awal is expected to undergo the transplant later this month. She and her fiancé, along with their cat, have packed up their belongings and headed to Seattle, where she plans to undergo the procedure.

"I'm very excited, but at the same time I'm also scared and nervous

and kind of feeling like I don't know what to expect," Awal said from Seattle.

The last few months included a steady wave of grass-roots efforts, including 188 donor drives organized in 83 cities around the country. It was not immediately known when the British donor joined the registry and whether it was in response to the couple's efforts, Dutta said.

Still, Awal appears to have beaten some steep odds. An estimated 70

With an identical match, Awal and Dutta have jumped the first, most critical hurdle in her recovery, but they acknowledged a difficult road lies ahead. The initial days after a transplant will be key, and Awal will receive drugs to help prevent her body from rejecting the donor's stem cells.

"The journey is a little bit longer than anyone knows, and we don't know what the journey is going to entail, but we know that with our beliefs and with the support we've been getting, we know we can fight it," Dutta said.

Awal credited her supporters with helping her endure the wait.

"Not only has their support led to our success with the drive, it's really led to my success emotionally, the way

we continue to get so many e-mails," she said. "That really brings such a smile to my face because clearly I see how loved I am. That just encourages me to want to continue to fight. It's a very special feeling."

The couple, whose families both immigrated from India, know of at least 35 other South Asian patients currently waiting for matches.

They hope their efforts will create a lasting legacy for others who will need transplants. They recently started the South Asian Marrow Foundation to help patients pay for the expenses related to finding a match and to help recruit future donors.

"Even though we have found a match, our efforts are totally not over," Awal said. "This is definitely a mission. By no means are we done yet." ■

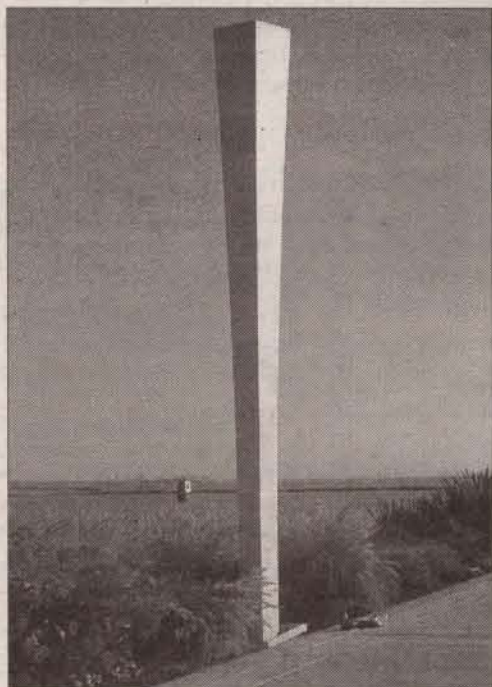
'At the time MatchPia.org was launched, only 60,000 to 65,000 South Asians were listed as possible donors.'

percent of people in the National Marrow Donor Program are Caucasian, meaning there is a critical need for minority donors, according to Moazzam Khan with the South Asian Marrow Association of Recruiters.

At the time MatchPia.org was launched, only 60,000 to 65,000 South Asians were listed as possible donors.

The relatively small population of Americans of South Asian descent is one reason why it was difficult to find a match. There are only about 2.5 million people with South Asian ancestry in the United States, Khan said.

New Sculptural Signage Tells Stories of WWII



MARKING HISTORY—The new 18-foot high interpretive marker tracing the history of World War II sits along the path of Richmond Bay Trail.

The city of Richmond made history with a Nov. 17 dedication of a new series of eight sculptural markers tracing World War II history along the path of Richmond Bay Trail — once the site of Kaiser shipyards.

The new interpretive markers consist of a graceful 18-foot-high sweep of metal — suggesting the prow of a massive wartime ship — and richly colored graphic panels filled with images of wartime Richmond and the memories of women and men who made the city part of President Roosevelt's "Arsenal of Democracy."

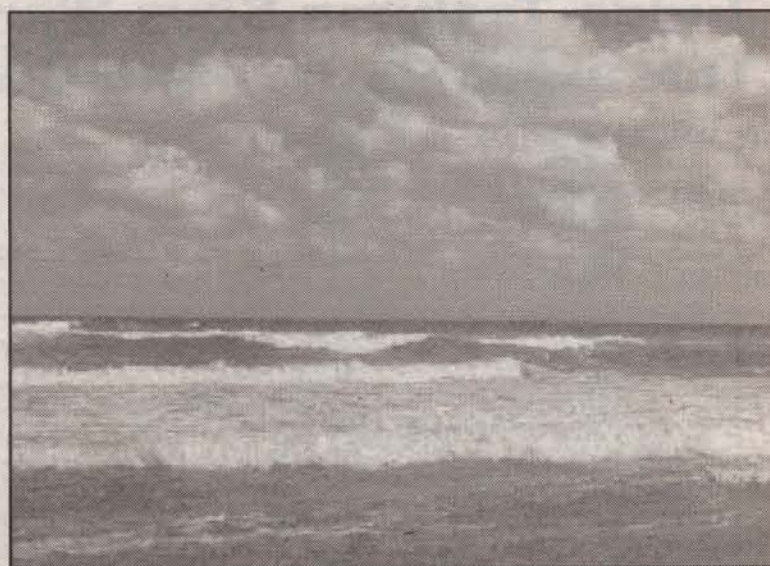
"The markers tell stories of a broad range of home front experiences — from the incarceration of Richmond's Japanese American community to the city's lively wartime nightlife, advances in civil rights and other legalities," said East Bay historian Donna Graves, who conceived the project and served as project manager.

A team of researchers and designers spent the past year selecting sites along the Richmond marina, collecting wartime histories related to the sites, and creating the markers, which are the

latest addition to the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park established in 2000.

"These markers will help people understand the dramatic changes that Richmond experienced during World War II," said Rick Smith, chief of interpretation for Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park.

The dedication also included a meet-and-greet session with hometown historians: 442nd battalion veteran Jun Honda, Henry Accornero, Betty Reid Soskin and Eduardo Carrasco. ■



'Jap Rock' Receives New Name

Responding to new legislation that bars geographic areas from carrying offensive names and criticism from the JACL, Highland Beach officials have quietly voted to rename "Jap Rock."

JACL Executive Director John Tateishi had called the name "offensive to Japanese Americans as a racial slur."

Highland Beach Mayor Tom Reid had previously objected to the change, but earlier this month, he and the four other commissioners unanimously voted to rename the surf spot "Yamato Rock."

Highland Beach's decision to rename the jetty was sparked in part by a new state law that requires local governments to report places labeled with ethnic or religious slurs and to suggest a new name.

Commissioner Miriam S. Zwick — who recalled being offended by the name "Jap Rock" when she moved to the area 20 years ago — lobbied for the change. She said it may take some time for people to get used to the new name, but "you've got to make the start sometime," she said in an interview with the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*.

"I just felt like this town can no longer afford to go on record as trying to use any name that could be offensive," Zwick said. "It's like people using the N-word. If you don't stand up for what's right at that time, the opportunity may pass."

Officials of the Morikami Museum and the JACL have been pushing for the name change to "Yamato Rock" to honor the Japanese farmers who founded the colony in what is now northern Boca Raton. The name change falls on the 100th anniversary of the settlement.

Highland Beach officials will notify the Florida Department of State of the change. In 2005 they are required to send "Yamato Rock" to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names and the state Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development to update maps and historical markers.

"You're really paying tribute to people [with the name change] as opposed to creating or continuing at the very least an unpleasant reminder," said Larry Rosensweig, director of Morikami Museum just blocks from the site. ■

Army Cancels Orders for Kauai Veteran

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—A veteran of the first Persian Gulf War is suing the Army after it ordered him to report for duty 13 years after he was honorably discharged from active duty and eight years after he left the reserves.

Kauai resident David Miyasato received word of his reactivation in September, but says he believes he completed his eight-year obligation to the Army long ago.

"I was shocked," Miyasato said. "I never expected to see something like that after being out of the service for 13 years."

His federal lawsuit, filed Nov. 5 in Honolulu, seeks a judgment declaring that he has fulfilled his military obligations.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Harry Yee said his office would defend the Army. He declined to comment further. An Army spokeswoman at the Pentagon declined to comment to the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*.

Miyasato, 34, was scheduled to report to a military facility in South Carolina Nov. 2.

Within hours of filing the lawsuit, however, Miyasato received a faxed letter from the Army's Human Resources Command saying his "exemption from active duty had not been finalized at this time" and that he has been given an administrative delay for up to 30

days, said his attorney, Eric Seitz.

Miyasato, his wife, Estelle, and their 7-month-old daughter, Abigail, live in Lihue, where he opened an auto-tinting shop two years ago.

His lawsuit states that Miyasato is suing not because he opposes the war in Iraq, but because his business and family would suffer "serious and irreparable harm" if he is required to serve.

Miyasato enlisted in the Army in 1987 and served in Iraq and Kuwait during the first Persian Gulf War as a petroleum supply specialist and truck driver.

Miyasato said he received an honorable discharge from active duty in 1991, then served in the reserves until 1996 to fulfill his eight-year enlistment commitment.

The Army announced last year that it would involuntarily activate an estimated 5,600 soldiers to serve in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. Army officials would be tapping members of the Individual Ready Reserve — military members who have been discharged from the Army, Army Reserve or the Army National Guard, but still have contractual obligations to the military.

Miyasato said he never re-enlisted, signed up for any bonuses or was told that he had been transferred to the Individual Ready



STAYING PUT—Kauai Army veteran David M. Miyasato with his daughter Abigail was relieved to learn that he will not be heading to Iraq.

Reserve or any other Army Reserve unit.

"I fulfilled my contract," Miyasato said. "I just want to move on from this, and I'm optimistic that I'll be successful."

Miyasato speculated that he may have been picked because his skills as a truck driver and refueler are in demand in Iraq. He told reporters he did the same work as that done by a group of Army reservists who refused to deliver fuel along a dangerous route in Iraq last month. ■

Judge Tashima Says War on Terror Threatens to Trample Civil Rights

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Federal appeals Judge A. Wallace Tashima, who was detained at a relocation camp during World War II, says the current government's war on terror is threatening to destroy the United States' democratic values and trample on citizens' rights.

Tashima, speaking at a civil rights conference Nov. 6, said he is particularly concerned that hundreds of people have been incarcerated for long periods of time without charges being brought against them.

"It's happening all over again," Tashima said, comparing the detaining of people without charges to incarcerating Japanese of American

ancestry during WWII.

The 70-year-old jurist, who was one of about 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry imprisoned during the war, was held at a camp in Arizona. More than 40 years after the war, the United States apologized to the internees and paid them \$20,000 apiece.

Tashima, who spoke at the Japanese American National Museum, also criticized President George W. Bush's administration for interrogating people based solely on their race and for searching library, university, Internet and other records on people without any probable cause they committed a crime.

"The war on terrorism threatens to destroy the very values of a dem-

ocratic society governed by the rule of law," he said.

One of the conference's attendees, John Q. Barrett, a professor of law at St. John's University in New York, said he was encouraged there is more public discussion of civil rights now than during WWII. He also said there were important differences between what occurred during WWII and what is happening now.

"The type of war we have now makes it different; this is a no-nation enemy. Al Qaida is not going to surrender on the U.S. battleship Missouri," he said, alluding to the vessel on which the Japanese surrendered at the end of World War II. ■

Commemorating Colorado Issei Pioneers

Agriculture in the San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado was nurtured by Issei recruited from Stockton, California in 1925. The families of Yoshiye Inouye, K. Kamisono, Kichigoro Ono were followed by those of Yojiro Hattori, Nitaro Katsumoto, Mitsumasa Miyake, Toyosuke Ogura, Tokuzo Takahashi, Eichi Yoshida, and Hideichi Yoshida. They joined the few Japanese families in the region employed by the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad.

These families changed agriculture in this high altitude valley and attracted additional Issei. National buyers and shippers sought the quality produce and broadened the economy of this arid valley. As subsequent generations worked the lands,

their educated children departed, responding to changing economics, technologies and vocational opportunities.

To commemorate those earliest Japanese pioneers, a depository for personal and organizational papers, records, and photographs has been established at the Nielsen Library of Adams State College (ASC) in Alamosa. To memorialize the earliest Issei and subsequent generations, a Japanese garden is in development.

Through cooperative efforts of the remaining SLV Nikkei and Adams State College, fundraising is underway to raise \$35,000 for a 20' by 60' Japanese garden on the central campus. Donations are being solicited from institutions, individuals, and families, particularly former SLV

residents.

Funds should be directed to the ASC Foundation and may be tax deductible according to IRS tax laws. Contributors of \$250 or more will be acknowledged on a garden plaque. Dedication is anticipated in the spring of 2005.

For information please contact Kathleen Ashida in LaJara, CO (719/274-5144), Ben Fuji in Alamosa, CO (719/589-4150), Tammy Lopez with the Adams State College Foundation in Alamosa, CO (719/587-7122), or Ron Inouye in Fairbanks, AK (907/474-9403). Deadline for receipt of contributions by the Foundation is Dec. 30. ■

National Newsbytes

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Lawyer Charged with Attempted Murder of Korean American Attorney

SEATTLE—Prosecutors charged a lawyer with attempted first-degree murder in the shooting of a rival attorney who had sought a contempt citation against him.

The prosecutor said William R. Joice, 50, shot Kevin Jung in the back of the head in early November as Jung sat in a car outside his office. A witness scribbled down the license plates of Joice's rented car as it squealed away from the scene, and police tracked him down through the rental company. Records show that Jung asked a county superior court judge to find Joice in contempt for his tardiness and his refusal to provide documents.

Jung, a 44-year-old married father of two, sustained serious brain damage. Joice faces a 20-25 year sentence if convicted of murder, but could face life in prison or the death penalty if Jung dies.

Senator's Wife Doing Well After Cancer Surgery

HONOLULU—Maggie Inouye, wife of U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, is resting and doing well after surgery in Washington to remove a cancerous growth, the senator said.

Doctors removed the growth and 3-4 inches of large intestines on each side of it during the three-hour operation at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Because of the operation, it was the first time the senator was not in Hawaii on Election Day. He was recently re-elected for his eighth Senate term.

Former Miss Hawaii USA Pleads Guilty to Drug Offenses

HONOLULU—Tiffini Limahai, who was known as Tiffini Hercules when she was crowned Miss Hawaii USA in 1998, faces a maximum prison sentence of 15 years and fines up to \$35,000 for possession of crystal methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

The 30-year-old former beauty queen and her husband were arrested Sept. 14 in a police raid at their Kailua home.

About \$1,000 worth of crystal meth, small quantities of cocaine and marijuana, and a digital scale were found in a backpack. ■

APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Past JAACL Chapter President is an 'Ageless Hero'

Mas Inoshita, past president of JAACL Arizona chapter, was awarded an Ageless Heroes Award for his continuing volunteer work and education even after retirement.

Inoshita was selected in the "Love of Learning" category for his commitment to sharing his life experiences of being incarcerated at the Gila River Internment Camp during World War II. He has given dozens of presentations each year in high schools, colleges and museums. Inoshita received his Ageless Hero Award at a Nov. 11 luncheon, hosted by Blue Shield of Arizona.

MoMA Architect to Build Houston's New Asia House Building



Yoshio Taniguchi, best known in the United States for his work on the expansion of the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York, has been commissioned to design the new Asia House, a capital project of Asia Society Texas.

The new building will be located in Houston's Museum District and will be Taniguchi's first freestanding new building outside of Japan. Groundbreaking for the new building — which will feature exhibitions of Asia Society's renowned permanent collection — is expected to take place in 2006.

Two APA Queens Reign for First Time in School's History

For the first time in the University of Washington's Homecoming history, two queens — Emi Nomura Sumida and Gloria Cho — instead of the traditional king and queen were crowned as 2004 royals.

Sumida, who was also the Seattle Japanese Queen 2004, and Cho were simply the most deserving candidates, said officials.

Takei, Nakano to Receive Japan Government Decorations



The government of Japan recognized California Assemblyman George Sakaye Nakano and George Takei, of "Star Trek" fame, at a Nov. 9 ceremony in Tokyo for their contributions to the Japanese American community and for their efforts to promote Japan-U.S. relations.

Both Nakano and Takei received the Order of the Rising Sun decoration, the highest civilian distinction, for promoting exchanges

between the two countries.

Aoyagi Named County Homeland Security Chief


Gordon Aoyagi, Montgomery County's fire administrator, will take over as the county's new homeland security director starting next year.

Aoyagi has served the county for nearly 20 years in various roles that have included emergency preparedness and response. In his new job, he will coordinate emergency management among other responsibilities.

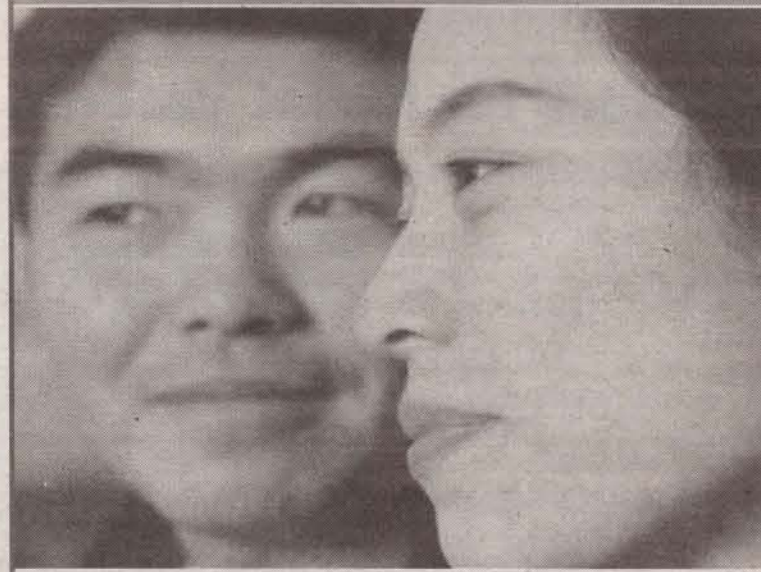
Moy Named New Police Chief

Jones Moy, 48, was sworn in as Monterey Park, Calif.'s police chief after serving as its interim chief for a year. He becomes the first Asian police chief in a city that boasts an Asian population of 63 percent.

Over the next decade, Moy plans to have his department get more involved in community policing. He is also looking at putting his cops on foot or bike patrol through this city of about 60,000. ■




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YOUTH FORUM

The 'True' Face of Asian America: Representation in the Media

By ALEXIS HISAKA

We are in the 21st century of ridicule for Asian Americans whose presence is rarely felt in contemporary mass media. Throughout history, the media has imposed stereotype upon stereotype on AAs. The longer these images based upon racist perceptions and ignorance endures, the more impervious to change they become.

We now have a complex of stereotypes that has matured into images that we have come to accept. Fictional, racist, or otherwise, common knowledge of AAs is derived from media representations. Although Asian faces in Hollywood are few compared to other ethnic groups, we must remember that we have had a long history of media invisibility. As the media industry begins to cast more AA faces, we must be an active, vigilant force to shatter these insidious prejudices.

In the acceptance of any culture, I would argue that the historical trivialization of an ethnic group goes through four, progressive stages of media representation: immigration, humiliation, marginalization, and representation. It took African

Americans over 100 years to attain fair representation in the media while their struggle for cultural and societal acceptance continues.

AAs are at the beginning stages of media representation. Despite the fact that AAs have lived and thrived in the United States for over a century, we are still not considered "American." Regardless of our various national origins, Japanese, Chinese, Koreans, Cambodians, and Vietnamese are lumped into one group — Asian.

Although we resent and resist these images, there is a logical reason why these stereotypes continue to prosper. Stereotypes have a grain of truth in them, and represent what AAs are to other Americans and who we are to ourselves. We are, after all, the ones who developed martial arts. We are the ones known to excel in academics. We are the ones whose history in America began with menial jobs as laborers, laundrymen, domestic servants, gardeners, and cooks.

These stereotypes are real images from our immigrant history. Unfortunately, these images of Asian people have not evolved to reflect the entire spectrum and richness of AA culture.

Media representation of AAs is unbalanced by a lack of exposure to actual AAs. Because AAs consist of 3 percent of the nation's population according to the U.S. Census, most of the nation becomes acquainted

with Asians through the media. As a result of the proliferation and promotion of stereotypes in the media for so many years, Americans are blissfully unaware of the true identity of AAs.

The media grants AAs very few roles. Most call for us to act "Asian" and we end up playing into our own stereotypes due to our limited options. Lucy Liu, Jackie Chan, Pat Morita, and Connie Chung provide exposure, but often reinforce stereotypes rather than break them.

The media is not the only one to blame for stereotypes. We are just as responsible for the negative images and lack of representation on television.

Since our immigration to America, Asian parents have strongly encouraged their children to pursue careers in medicine, law, engineering, or business. The notion is that if the children become educated, it reflects well on the parents. Materialism and high income is what constitutes success. Asian sons and daughters aspire to fulfill their parents' dreams at a cost to Asian identity in America.

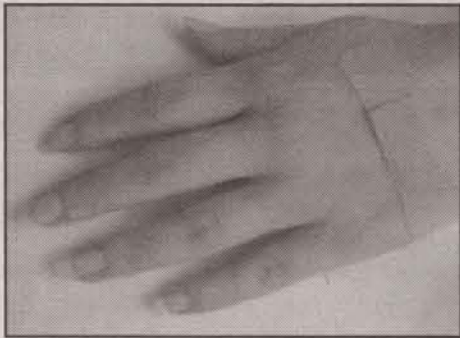
We seldom encourage our children to pursue careers in the visual and performing arts, in journalism, in politics or in entertainment. Our Asian voices need to be heard and our faces seen in mass media. If we do not encourage our children to advocate for AA interests, the media will depict Asians through their own perspective.

The future is in our hands. We must support each other so that we can illuminate our own perspective. We must write our own stories. Until the public realizes how dehumanizing and deconstructive these media images are, and until our voices are heard, these stereotypes will mask the "true" face of Asian America. ■

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JACL Launches Into Cultural Preservation with the Clark Center

In an ongoing effort to promote Japanese art, culture and values, the national board recently passed a resolution to support the Ruth & Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art and Culture at the Clark Center in Hanford, California.

Cultural preservation has been the domain of chapters, but the resolution will expand the effort to the districts.

JACL President Ken Inouye created a special Cultural Preservation/Heritage Committee

headed by former Governor Bob Taniguchi of the Central California District Council and Reiko Yoshino, former governor of the Mountain Plains District Council.

The goals of this committee are simply to increase the awareness of the richness of the Japanese culture and help Japanese Americans understand more fully the values inherent in the culture of their ancestors and develop cultural education programs for the chapters and districts using the Clark Center.

The committee is in the process of asking for representatives from each district.

The Clark Institute in Hanford boasts some of the best Japanese art in the United States, resident art scholars or docents all gathered in a peaceful setting.

For more information please contact the Institute at 559/583-4915 or visit the website <http://www.shermanleeinstitute.org>. ■

MARUTANI

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by the loss of Bill Marutani, one of the true shining stars in JACL's 75 year history. He has earned our highest respect and admiration by showing us all how to walk the walk."

Marutani's journey was marked in 1942 in a barbed wire Tule Lake internment camp where JAs were relocated in wartime injustice. In 1943, he volunteered for military service and was initially rejected because of his ethnicity, but was subsequently drafted into the infantry. Marutani was later sent to military intelligence school and deployed to Japan as a second lieutenant to serve in the counter intelligence corps. On the grounds of a U.S. Army hospital, Marutani met a Japanese nurse with whom he fell in love and married.

After the war, Marutani graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in 1953 and joined the Philadelphia law firm of MacCoy Evans & Lewis and embarked on a tireless fight for social equality. As an attorney, he took part in civil rights drives in the South and helped organize the 1963 March on Washington for the JACL.

From 1960-1970, he served as JACL's national legal counsel, for which he presented oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in the 1967 *Loving v. Virginia*, the ruling which struck down anti-miscegenation laws.

In 1981, he was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to review the facts and circumstances that led to the internment of JAs. Based on Marutani's recommendations, congress issued a solatium payment with an apology to those affected, including Marutani who accepted the apology from President George Bush, but declined the monetary payment.

Marutani also served on numerous civic, charitable boards and commissions, including the Go for Broke National Veterans

Association, which saw the construction of the Washington, D.C. memorial commemorating the commitment of the Issei and Nisei during WWII.

With his passing, there are few community members who have not been touched and affected by Marutani and his work.

JACL Executive Director John Tateishi said Marutani "was in many ways a monumental figure in the JACL."

"I had the honor of meeting the Honorable Judge Marutani during the JACL's campaign for Redress," said JACL President Ken Inouye. "I will always remember his passion for civil liberties and justice. Judge Marutani was a man of deep convictions and he will be missed by all of us within the JACL family and we extend our most sincere condolences to his family. The entire country mourns the loss of such a great American."

"Bill was a major JACL figure, having served as the organization's legal counsel and as the JACL's choice for the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians during the important days of the redress campaign ... and although his role had diminished in the past several years, he'll nonetheless be missed by those who knew him and remembered for his achievements and commitments to the organization," added Tateishi.

Marutani was also a frequent contributor to the *Pacific Citizen* with his "East Wind" column. In his own words, he writes about his own early days of breaking down barriers:

"When I arrived to Philadelphia from law school ... there was not another Asian American lawyer with whom I might commiserate. It was a lonely period," he wrote in July 2003.

In lieu of flowers or *koden*, the Marutani Family suggests a charitable contribution be made to the Judge Marutani Fellowship Fund at the Philadelphia Bar Association: 1101 Market Street, Phila., PA. 19107-2911. ■



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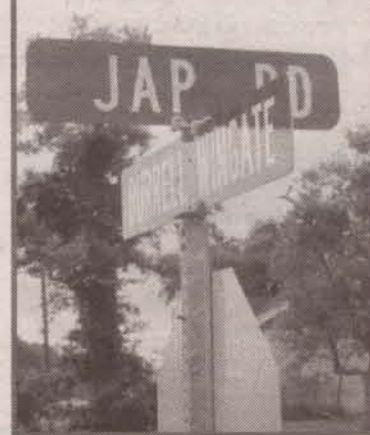
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ELECTIONS

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California has elected its first Vietnamese American to the legislature with the victory of Van Tran in District 68, an area that includes Southern California's Little Saigon.

Tran is now the nation's highest-ranking Vietnamese American elected official.

Tran, a 40-year-old Republican attorney, is a source of pride for his community, but he also believes he is being targeted by those supporting the current communist government in Vietnam, a government from whom Tran and his family escaped 30 years ago.

"That's the burden of public life and I'm fully aware of it," said Tran, who noted that he has received death threats.

Tran said he plans to focus on public safety and transportation when he gets to the state capitol and wants to fight against illegal immigration and ease the financial burden for small businesses.

"There is a unique responsibility by virtue of the fact that I'm Vietnamese American but ... I have to represent everyone equally and I intend to do that," said Tran.

Although Republican Bobby Jindal may have fell short in his bid for the Louisiana governorship last year, he coasted to an easy victory in his bid for a vacant U.S. House seat for suburban New Orleans in the recent elections.



MATSUNAKA

With Jindal's victory, he becomes the only Indian American currently in Congress.

"We took this race very seriously. We started every day as though we were 30 points behind," said Jindal, who raised \$2 million more than his closest opponent in the race. "We knocked on 100,000 doors. We held dozens of backyard parties."

Jindal, a former health official in the Bush Administration, is the first Indian American to be elected to the U.S. Congress since Dilip Singh Saund of California in 1956.

Things did not go as well for Stan Matsunaka, a former state lawmaker, who lost in his bid to unseat Republican Rep. Marilyn Musgrave in the 4th District which covers northern Colorado.

Matsunaka, a Loveland attorney, who also lost to Musgrave in the 2002 elections, was accused of being behind a slew of negative ads that portrayed Musgrave in an unflattering light.

Matsunaka has long denied being behind the negative ads which were in fact paid for by former software developer, Tim Gill, who is also the founder of a gay rights foundation. Musgrave was targeted because of her anti-same sex marriage stance.

As expected, several veteran politicians coasted to easy victories in the recent elections. U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye won his eighth consecutive term with 77 percent of the

vote. U.S. Reps. Robert Matsui and Mike Honda won easy re-election to the 5th District and 15th District of California, respectively.

Other winners included: State Rep. Martha Wong to the 134th District of Texas; U.S. Rep. David Wu, District 1 of Oregon; and California state Reps. Leland Lee (District 12), Wilma Chan (District 16), Carol Liu (District 44), and Judy Chu (District 49).

The recent elections were a milestone for the APA community as a record number of APAs headed to the polls. According to NAPALC (National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium), APA voters across the country turned out in unprecedented numbers but many still faced obstacles at the polls.

According to the NAPALC report, some of the problems APA voters faced included a lack of language assistance for many Asian voters although required by law, including a lack of translators and indiscriminate handling of language specific ballots.

"While I am pleased that Asian American voter participation was significant, we still have a long way to go in eradicating discriminatory barriers to civic participation," said Vincent A. Eng, NAPALC deputy director. "When a community partner reports that a poll worker berated her for requesting a Chinese ballot because she had a 'Japanese-sounding' name, it is clear that racism and stereotyping is still a very real and valid problem that interferes with the ability of Asian Americans to vote."

Associated Press contributed to this story.

GO FOR BROKE

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Mike Wallace and "60 Minutes." But Shinseki is keeping busy after retiring from a 38-year career in the U.S. Army. He's a board of governor for the Go For Broke Educational Foundation and is helping to keep the story of the Japanese American veterans alive.

"Today this country is again a nation at war. Thirty-eight months have passed since the attacks against [New York City] and Washington, D.C. and September 11th," said Shinseki, commenting only briefly about the current war in Iraq, as the keynote speaker at the foundation's third annual dinner Nov. 6 at the Ritz-Carlton, Huntington Hotel & Spa.

"As the last chief of the 20th century and the first chief of the 21st century ... [I had] to deal with the effects of September 11, 2001, the attack on the homeland and than preparing formations to go off to Afghanistan and to Iraq," he said.

Shinseki noted that 38 months after the attacks at Pearl Harbor during World War II many battles would have already been fought and won; Churchill, Stalin, and Roosevelt would have been meeting; and the Allies would have been three months away from declaring victory with the unconditional surrender of its enemies.

"So if we measure both wars today in places like Iraq and Afghanistan 38 months after September 11, I for one can't help but renew my respect for the ... veterans who fought in World War II and the decisiveness of their accomplishments," said Shinseki.

Shinseki, a native of Kauai, was appointed to the position of Chief of

Staff under the Clinton Administration in June 1999 and served a full four-year term. A decorated veteran, he served two combat tours in Vietnam and has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart.

Shinseki noted that it wasn't until he was an army officer that he finally knew the whole story of the heroic JA soldiers who fought in WWII even though many of their family members were incarcerated in U.S. internment camps. But it was at the Medal of Honor ceremony for 22 JA soldiers a few years ago that Shinseki came to realize the full extent of the accomplishments of the JA vets.

"The terrible price they paid in blood ... I personally am indebted to you," said Shinseki. The JA vets "are examples of how to live our lives."

Soon, Shinseki's picture as the 34th Army Chief of Staff will go up in the Pentagon. In it, he will wear his field uniform holding a black beret, not the uniform of a general.

He will be leaning against a desk with a photo of his beloved family. Behind him will be a mural showing the painting of the "Lost Battalion," illustrating the heroics of the famed 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team rescuing the Texas Battalion after suffering horrendous casualties.

"The heroics symbolized in this painting ... I wanted to be sure you have a permanent place in the Pentagon," said Shinseki, "for what you did for me, my children, and their grandchildren ... all of us."

"This is a small debt of gratitude," he said. "All of us are eternally grateful to the young men of Go For Broke."



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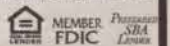
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Phoenix Suns guard Yuta Tabuse drives the floor against the Atlanta Hawks during the fourth quarter Nov. 3 at America West Arena in Phoenix. Tabuse, playing in his first career NBA game, is the first ever Japanese player to make an NBA team. (AP Photo/Roy Dabner)

BASKETBALL

Diminutive Point Guard First Japanese Player to Make NBA Team

PHOENIX—A 5-foot, 9-inch point guard who mixes off-court humility with an on court flair for no-look, fastbreak passes is the first Japanese-born player to make an NBA roster.

Yuta Tabuse was told Nov. 1 that he would be one of 12 players suiting up for the Phoenix Suns' season opener at home against the Atlanta Hawks.

"Hopefully the Japanese people are excited about my position right now," Tabuse said after the Suns' practice.

The 24-year-old Tabuse was enveloped by about two dozen members of the Japanese media when the news broke. But it's an intrusion the polite playmaker accepts without complaint.

"It's good for me," he said, "and good for the Japanese people."

Tabuse made the team as the third point guard — behind Steve Nash and Leandro Barbosa — after Howard Easley was waived.

"It's a big day for him," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said. "The guy's working his rear off, and he deserves it. I'm happy for him."

Tabuse played two seasons for BYU-Hawaii, an NCAA Division II school. Last year he took part in the Denver Nuggets' training camp, but

was cut before the start of the regular season. He played for the Suns in the Vegas and Rocky Mountain Review summer leagues.

"A true point guard is hard to find," Nash said. "He had a really good summer from all accounts, and he worked hard this preseason to really find a spot on this team."

In Japan, this is a monumental story, said Yasushi Kikuchi, who covers U.S. sports for the newspaper *Hochi Shimbun*.

"He's going to be as big as when Ichiro came here," Kikuchi said. "He was a legend when he played for his high school team, because they never lost. He's the most famous basketball player in Japan."

Tabuse thought the Ichiro comparison went a bit too far.

"I'd say Ichiro is bigger than me," Tabuse said. "He's the most famous athlete in Japan. But I'm glad to be like Ichiro and (Hideo) Nomo for basketball in Japan."

Tabuse will see little playing time, but that hardly matters now. His parents flew from Japan to be on hand for the season opener.

"Everyone is big and fast in the NBA," Tabuse said. "But I believe the most important thing is my heart, and what I'm thinking. It's fun to play against NBA players." ■

FOOTBALL

Chang Now Chasing Another Major NCAA Passing Mark

HONOLULU—**Timmy Chang** remembers all too well when he was booed and benched at Hawaii.

Now he has not only cemented his legacy at the school, but he has left his mark on all of college football. He moved to the top of the NCAA career list for yards passing, breaking the record of 15,031 set by BYU's Ty Detmer from 1988-91.

The milestone came on a 7-yard scoring pass in the first quarter of Hawaii's 34-23 victory over Louisiana Tech Nov. 6. He received a standing ovation for several minutes and was presented with the ball.

"It was very special," Chang said. "I can remember not too long ago, I got booed."

He finished the game with four touchdowns and 285 yards. The fifth-year senior from Honolulu has 15,303 yards with at least four games remaining.

Chang entered the game needing 14 yards to break Detmer's record. He overtook the Heisman Trophy winner with a toss to Jason Rivers on the Warriors' second series.

With flashbulbs sparkling throughout Aloha Stadium, Chang

ran across the field and gave the football — and a hug — to his father, Levi, on the sideline.

"There's no better person I could give the ball to than my father," he said. "I just wanted to thank him and my family for everything they've done for me."

Teammates mobbed Chang on the field, and Detmer, a backup with the Atlanta Falcons, appeared on the stadium's video screen and congratulated Chang in a recorded message.

Chang went on to set another record. On the first play of the second quarter, his 5-yard pass to Gerald Welch broke the NCAA career completions mark of 1,231 held by Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury.

Chang also holds the record for career attempts (2,211), interceptions (75) and total offense (15,096).

The only major passing record left for Chang to chase is career TDs passes. He has 98. Detmer holds the mark with 121.

Chang, who started 10 games as a freshman in 2000, always had high expectations, but never thought he

would become a record-breaking passer.

"I stayed home wanting to accomplish something big here," he said. "It's been up and down — with injuries and a lot of things — but with a strong family, good friends, we pulled it through."

Chang was coming off one of his worst games, a 69-3 loss at No. 14 Boise State in which he threw four interceptions.

"When you get whipped like that, there's a lot of doubts going through people's minds," Chang said. "But the guys stayed strong. We picked up the intensity and we made it work. We found a way to win."

Hawaii coach June Jones is glad Chang finally has the yards passing record.

"It's just awesome," Jones said. "He'll be so proud of this 15, 20 years from now."

Jones believes Chang's mark will stand for a long time, especially if the Warriors win three more games to qualify for the Hawaii Bowl.

"I really don't think this record will ever be broken if he finishes the last five games," Jones said. ■

HOCKEY

Ice Hockey Finds Unlikely Home in Tropical Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand—In tropical Thailand, ice and sticks are most commonly found together in a tall glass holding a colorful cocktail.

But despite Bangkok's scorching temperatures, ice hockey is attracting a dedicated following among homesick expats and curious locals. The country has an amateur league and even a Thai National Team.

Recently, Bangkok has hosted the 10th edition of the international Bangkok Ice Hockey Tournament, attracting more than 200 competitors, many of whom traveled halfway round the world to crash and bang on the ice rather than work on their tan.

The tournament featured teams from Russia, Canada, Switzerland, and Saudi Arabia, mixing it with Asian outfits from Japan, Hong Kong, and Malaysia for four days of high-caliber hockey reminiscent of that played in Europe and North America.

The regular Thai-World Hockey League has also proven a success after launching its inaugural season in September. The league comprises some 60 players — half of whom are Thai.

The TWHL is made up mainly of has-beens and never-will-bees who simply can't get the game out of their system, even in the tropics. The competition's biggest name is one Sheldon Bailey, formerly of the International Hockey League's San

Diego Gulls.

But regardless of background or skill, players hailing from California to Massachusetts, British Columbia to Newfoundland — along with a handful of Europeans — lace up the blades and hit the ice twice a week to get their hockey fix.

"It's a wild experience playing hockey in Thailand," says TWHL Commissioner Scott Whitcomb, originally from Appleton, Wisconsin. "Expats are pumped that they can play the game they love despite being far away from home."

The sport is making quite an impact on local players as well.

Vanchalem Rattapong, star player on the Thai national team, resolved to become a hockey player after watching Canada's Mario Lemieux score his memorable series-clinching goal against the Soviet Union in the 1987 Canada Cup.

With a laser-beam shot and blazing speed, Vanchalem is known as the "Jaromir Jagr of Thailand." And for him, hockey is more than just a game.

"It is a very important part of my life," he says. "I work so I can afford to play hockey."

While Bangkok is becoming known as Southeast Asia's "hockey town," the sport's development here hasn't been without hiccups.

The game was almost shut down before it got off the ground when

Bangkok's main rink closed in 2000. Many players balked at the next best venue, which resembled a swimming pool more than a skating surface.

Notorious for their violent outbursts, the east-meets-west hockey rivalry between Thai and expatriate teams in the early days also threatened to bench the game permanently. A spiteful stick-swinging incident left a foreigner's head bloodied, and a bench-clearing brawl ended with a Thai player's arm fractured.

"It was like a war out there," recalls Toronto native Scott Murray, player-coach of the Flying Farangs team. Farang is the general Thai term for westerners. "The Thais wanted to beat us. And of course, we always wanted to win."

Murray worked to keep the game alive and tirelessly recruited players from hockey-playing nations to inject the necessary lifeblood.

But the biggest boost arrived in November 2003 when Bangkok's Central World Plaza overcame its fear of flying pucks and dropped its long-standing policy of banning the game from its rink. Thai hockey now had a pristine, Olympic-sized ice surface. It was game on.

And despite taking several thrashings in international competition that would have disillusioned a less resilient culture, the Thai National Hockey Team keeps coming back for more. ■

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COMMENTARY

More Important Than Winning: Report from Ground Zero in Ohio

By PAUL IGASAKI

I had to do all I could. I contributed and raised money, supported a Democratic primary candidate, wrote articles, wore buttons, made telephone calls, displayed bumper stickers and signs, made speeches and debated our opponents; but it wasn't enough.



There was still time and there was nothing, *nothing more important than winning* the 2004 Presidential election and correcting the selection of four years before. I set aside some time and volunteered to spend a week on the ground in Ohio, the battleground of battle-ground states.

I drove out there a week before the election with a friend who also wanted to take one more opportunity to make a difference in 2004. Along with many other Asian Pacific Americans, we wanted also to make sure our community did our part in winning back our country. We went to Columbus, capital of Ohio and on the fault line between the Republican South and Democratic North of that state.

The Kerry/Edwards campaign was working out of a union hall, a former electric appliance store and other sites vacant due to the economic setbacks that have plagued Ohio and made this once strongly Republican state competitive. We made phone calls to APAs to ascertain their voting preferences and whether they needed help getting to the polls.

APA voters weren't as antagonistic as some to phone calls, but they weren't solidly for one candidate or the other either. A number of names on our list weren't Asian. People who seemed to be of other minority backgrounds didn't seem to mind, but one woman angrily told me that she was White, for Bush, and definitely not Asian. Too bad for her.

While we were on the phone,

actor Paul Newman dropped by our headquarters to cheer us on.

"I'm here to get my picture taken," he said. "You guys are doing the heavy lifting."

We also canvassed, the bread and butter of political fieldwork. We went door-to-door to offer literature or ride to the polls and also did leaflet drops to get the word out.

On the street, one thing I hadn't seen before was that Ohio was, as the media termed it, ground zero for Election 2004. A Columbus tradition apparently involves sending your troops downtown to the state capital to wave signs and cheer more loudly than the opposition the night before the election. We saw the first Asian American for Bush with a sign, but he was the only apparent minority in their group.

The night before, we heard and received briefings about what we should expect. The atmosphere was ugly. The Bush team (or their allies) was reported to have put out outrageous flyers with false information designed to confuse and limit the votes. One brochure the newspaper reported, read: "Republicans vote on Tuesday, Democrats on Wednesday."

In addition, the Ohio Republican Party sought to challenge large numbers of recently registered voters targeting specifically young people and minority communities. Court challenges went on through the night before the polls opened. If I thought that I was incensed at these efforts to deny people's votes, I was to see what the community felt on Election Day.

I'm not a morning person, but we went to our assigned polling places in the predominantly African American section of the city at 6 a.m. People started lining up before the doors opened. Many made no bones about their being motivated by the disrespect shown for their community by the efforts to lie to them and deny their right to vote. It was raining and the wait quickly got up to two hours, then longer. I was soaked. So were the voters. But they were undeterred.

I met a sole AA couple, voting for

the first time and unsure of their choices. You're not supposed to take time to try to change minds on Election Day, but I was as happy to see him, as he was to see me. I told him why I supported Sen. Kerry and why he is best for Asian America. He and his wife called on the way out, "Kerry will win!"

We have not prevailed in this election, but the fights that brought me to this campaign must continue. Our margin of victory out of Columbus and Franklin County was larger than even our goals. I am disappointed and worried for our nation, but I don't regret the effort or my trip to Columbus. No, in the end it was not about winning, but about, as Spike Lee said, doing the right thing. ■

More of Paul Igasaki's columns can be viewed at www.imdiversity.com.

JACL Announces Mike M. Masaoka Congressional Fellow

After a highly competitive selection process, JACL's Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund Committee named Maya Yamazaki as the 2004-05 Congressional Fellow.

She will receive a \$8,500 stipend and round trip airfare to Washington, D.C. to work in the Capitol Hill Office of Representative Robert Matsui, D-Calif., in Spring 2005.

Set to graduate from the University of Washington with her B.A. in International Studies in December, Yamazaki has been involved in the Asian Pacific American community for years, including several positions on the national and district level boards of the JACL and as co-founder and president of Kaizen Group, an organization of youths dedicated to fighting for civil rights.

"Ms. Yamazaki represents the leadership of the next generation.

Her work and commitment to issues affecting the Japanese American community is substantial and quite impressive. The fellowship fund is confident that she will continue in and uphold the legacy of Mike Masaoka's public service through this fellowship," said Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, committee chairman.

The JACL established the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund in 1988 to honor Mike M. Masaoka (1915-1991) for a lifetime of outstanding public service in promoting justice, civil rights and human dignity. The major purpose of the fund is to develop leaders for public service by providing opportunities for college seniors or students in graduate or professional programs to work for a member of congress or a senator.

Students interested in applying for a 2004-2005 Masaoka Fellowship should contact the JACL Washington, D.C. office at: 1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 730, Washington, D.C. 20036; (email: dc@jaccl.org) or visit the JACL website at <http://www.jaccl.org/masaoka.html>.

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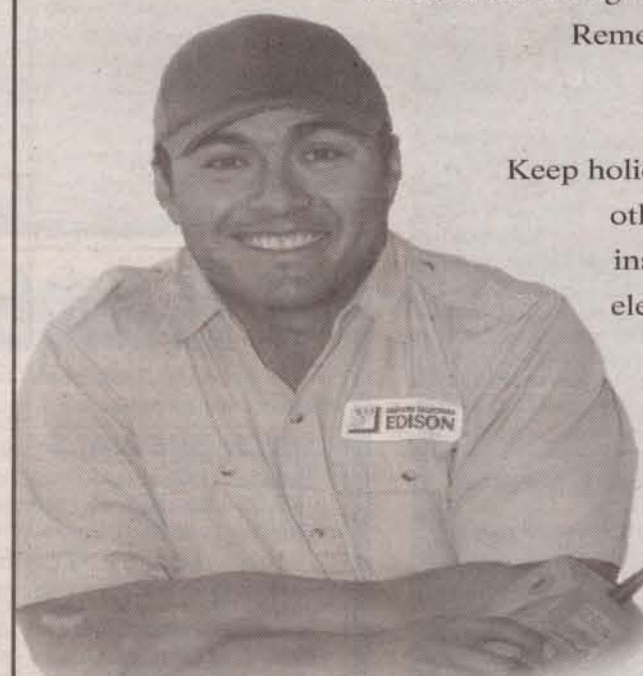
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Woman Warrior

By LYNDA LIN

I never saw it coming. A peal of laughter unleashes from Zhang Ziyi's lips, punctuating the end of a quietly answered question. I almost jump out of the chair with her almond eyes locked on mine.

Ziyi had been picking through some English words to describe a complicated movie scene that had her suspended mid air for hours and rappelling down bamboo trees, but when the words continue to elude description of the excruciating pain, the actress friends simply call Zi, erupts into laughter.

The fierce female warrior that we've seen in films like "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and "Hero" is but a whisper of a presence face-to-face. Her slight frame can barely handle the flamboyant gestures she makes with her hands as she searches for the perfect word to convey her thoughts. These are the same delicate hands that have wielded swords with cunning onscreen grace and are now used to push back strands of hair behind her ears as she shies away from a request to practice her English language skills some more.

"When we have our next interview ... I promise I will answer this question in English," said Zi, her head lowered coyly.

But soon she starts chattering away in her native Mandarin with the high-pitch inflections and giggles reminiscent of her innocent character in "The Road Home," a role she then unknown 20-year-old from Beijing was hand picked to bring to life by director Zhang Yimou.

Five years and a few international box office hits later, Zi has jumped, kicked and twirled her way into Hollywood. She's dressed casually in jeans and a gray jogging jacket, which she plays with mercilessly while talking about her success. Onscreen, she seduces audiences from all over the world with her spectacular high kicks and her flawless face sells Maybelline cosmetics, Tag Heuer watches and Pantene shampoo. Before she bounds into the room, a publicist informs me that Zi is downstairs doing an interview with *Daily Variety*. "I never even dreamt that one day I'd end up here in America making films ... that's something that's completely out of my dreams, but it's the kind of thing you can't plan for ... it's something that I've really never anticipated, but now that I'm here, I'm really doing my best," she said through a translator.

"I'm not as prolific as some other Chinese actresses. I wait a lot longer for roles and go through a huge amount of screenplays to really find the right role, but once I find one, I put everything in it — 100 percent — because that's all I have. When I find that role, that's all that exists, that's the whole world," Zi added.

Her role of a lifetime came first in Ang Lee's "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," but perhaps another pivotal turn will come when she puts down her sword to don a kimono and a British accent as the lead in Rob Marshall's "Memoirs of a Geisha."

The production of the film, currently being shot in Los Angeles

and Japan, has been dogged by bad press, starting with community objections to the portrayal of geishas in the Arthur Golden novel, the protracted ordeal of signing a director (both Spike Jonze and Steven Spielberg dropped out), to the outcry of casting Chinese actresses in Japanese roles.

All of which Zi hasn't paid any attention to, but she pointedly states, "It was the director's decision," when asked about her casting as Sayuri Nitta when she neither speaks English nor Japanese fluently.

"None of us really imagined that this film, 'Memoirs of a Geisha,' would end up having Chinese actresses playing the lead roles. This took us all by surprise, but we also really treasure this opportunity because it's really rare in Hollywood to have a huge budget film that is not an action film, but a drama focusing on Asian characters and we really think that this is a really wonderful opportunity that we're taking very seriously," she said adding that she has been taking English and Japanese lessons.

It is also not the first time Zi has brushed up against controversy because of her film choices that some feel will forever keep her pigeon-holed in Hollywood, especially after Hong Kong actor Chow Yan Fat recently complained about being misunderstood.

"Everyone has to take their own paths in life and make their own decisions and Chow Yan Fat is not different in that regard. I'm sure he has his own reasons for the films that he's accepted and the decisions that he's made, but for me that wasn't the reason why I came to Hollywood," said Zi.

"I'm really not too concerned about [being typecast]. Although America and the rest of the Western audience are more familiar with me through 'Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon' and 'Rush Hour 2' or these more physical roles, I have been doing more dramatic films such as 'Purple Butterfly' and '2046,' which are really different," she said. "And I like to keep a balance, so sometimes the market calls and you have to do the big action movies, but I do keep a balance with more dramatic roles."

This December, she will come out swinging in yet another martial arts movie, "House of Flying Daggers," where she plays a blind assassin and cuts her teeth into big budget melodrama under the direction of Yimou again.

To prepare for the role, Zi said she lived with a young blind girl to study her motions. When it came time to throw herself in the elaborate fight scenes where she had to run wildly through thickets of trees, Zi wanted to perfectly capture how a blind person would do it, so she coaxed her young accomplice to do it.

"I told her to run. She couldn't. She was so scared ... I told her 'Come on, please?'" Zi squealed and crumpled in laughter again.



'I'm really not too concerned about [being typecast].'

— Zhang Ziyi

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3rd Annual "Spirit of the Season" nearly acoustic Hiroshima Holiday Show"; 7:30 p.m.; Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St.; benefits Keiro; special guests: Lee Takasugi and Visiting Violette, Traci Toguchi and Peter Hata; \$38/orchestra, \$35.50/balcony, \$35/JACCC member; to charge by phone, 213/680-3700; Info: www.jaccc.org.

Sun., Jan. 30, 2005—JACCC opens its 25th Anniversary Season with a one performance of KODO; 7 p.m.; Aratani/Japan America Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St.; Tickets: \$100 Anniversary Patron, \$50 orchestra \$47 balcony. Box Office: 213/680-3700. Info: Johnny Mori, 213/628-2725, ext. 139.

Sat., Feb. 5—JANM's 2005 Gala Dinner, "Teaching from the Heart: Honoring Educators from America's Concentration Camps;" Century Plaza Hotel and Spa; honoring Madam Fujima Kansuma, a legendary performer and instructor of Japanese classical dance. Info: JANM, 213/830-5688 or outside of Los Angeles, 800/461-5266, ext. 5688.

TORRANCE

Fri., Dec. 10—South Bay JACL Annual Holiday Party; 7-9:30 p.m.; Loft Hawaiian Restaurant, 23305 Hawthorne Blvd.; \$25 per person; RSVP by Dec. 1 to Jeanne Tsujimoto, 310/329-3465. ■

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Doizaki, Nobuye Marie, 84, Tarzana, Oct. 9; Fresno-born; survived by sons, Ronald (Kazuko) and Ernest (Kiyo); daughters, Karen and Eileen (Michael) Stastny; sister, Akimi (Fred) Sakazaki; half-sister, Takako Asanuma; sister-in-law,

Hisako Doizaki and Sumiko Doizaki; brother-in-law, George Taketa; 10 gc.; and 4 ggc.

Hatakeyama, Fumio, 88, Montebello, Oct. 4; Los Angeles-born Nisei; survived by son, Kenji (Harumi); daughters, Mary

(Richard) Suzuki and Irene (Albert) Koizumi; 6 gc.; brother, Isao; sisters-in-law, Kiyoe and Misao Hatakeyama, Mieke Iwamoto and Yoshie Fujimoto; brother-in-law, Kiyoshi Nakano.

Hirohata, John S., 93, Phoenix, Oct. 30; Florin-born, Arizona JACler; survived by wife, Haruko;

and Marie (Richard) Negron.

Oye, Mary Shizuko, 95, Long Beach, Oct. 3; Chico-born Nisei; survived by sons, Kenji (Michiyo), Richard (Ellen) and Edwin (Cynthia); daughter, Michiko (Raymond) Chomori; brother, Bob Suyehara; 9 gc.; and 8 ggc.

Shoji, Kobe, 84, Honolulu, Nov. 13; WWII Veteran, 442nd RCT; survived by wife, Chizuko; sons, Dave, Kelvin and Tom; and 6 gc.

Soda, Steven, 53, Los Angeles, Sept. 30; San Jose-born Sansei; survived by wife, Janice; stepsons, Scott and Bryan Kurosaki; mother, Lorraine; brother, Rodney (Wendy);

brother-in-law, Tom Ito; and sister-in-law, Teri (Tom) Ong.

Sugiyama, Eugene Marehito, 77, Santa Ana, Oct. 9; Long Beach-born Nisei, WWII Veteran; survived by wife, Sanae; daughters, Susan (Robert) Kyke and Patricia (Michael) Nagatoshi; 4 gc.; brothers, Dr. Richard (Waka) and Dr. Raymond (Sharon); and brother-in-law, Dr. Takeo Suzuki.

Tao, Masayuki, 82, Torrance, Oct. 2; Sacramento-born; survived by wife, Mitsuko; son, Koji (Dona); daughter, Karen (Dr. Randal) Arase; and 2 gc.

Yamane, Kenji Kenneth, 55, Huntington Beach, Oct. 5; Shimane-ken, Japan-born; survived by wife, Keiko; daughter, Maya; father, Haruo; and sisters, Hatsue Nohara and Takako Shimizu. ■

IN MEMORIAM

Author Iris Chang Found Dead From Self-inflicted Gunshot Along Calif. Highway

By Associated Press

LOS GATOS, Calif.—Iris Chang, a best-selling author who chronicled the Japanese occupation of China and the history of Chinese immigrants in the United States, was found dead in her car of a self-inflicted gunshot, authorities said. She was 36.



Chang, who won critical acclaim for her books "The Rape of Nanking" and "The Chinese in America," was found along Highway 17 just south of Los Gatos, Santa Clara County, said authorities Nov. 10. On Nov. 9, a motorist noticed her car parked on a side road, checked the vehicle and called police.

The official cause of death has not been released, but investigators concluded that Chang, who was hospitalized recently for a breakdown, shot herself in the head. She lived in San Jose with her husband and 2-year-old son.

Born in Princeton, New Jersey, in

1968 and raised in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, Chang earned a bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Illinois and a master's in science writing at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Chang worked briefly as a reporter for The Associated Press and the *Chicago Tribune* before leaving daily journalism to pursue her own writing. At age 25, she published her first book, "Thread of the Silk," which tells the story of Tsien Hsue-shen, the Chinese-born physicist who pioneered China's missile program after being driven from the United States during the Cold War.

Chang suffered a breakdown and was hospitalized during a recent trip researching her fourth book about U.S. soldiers who fought the Japanese in the Philippines during World War II, according to her former editor and agent Susan Rabiner.

Chang continued to suffer from depression after she was released from the hospital. In a note to her family, she asked to be remembered as the person she was before she became ill — "engaged with life, committed to her causes, her writing and her family," Rabiner said. ■

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

daughter, Peggy (Dick); son, Fillmore (Jacque); 5 gc.; 4 ggc.; and brothers, Paul and Herbert.

Kasai, James Kay, 83, Oct. 10; survived by wife, Mary; son, Robert (Sharon); daughters, Kathy and Wendy (Tawnee) Kasai-Coulter; 3 gc.; and brother, George.

Nagatani, Edward Nobutoshi, 84, Delano; Delano JACler; survived by wife, Mitsuko; daughters, Sharon Costablie and Jane Takehara; sons, Jerry and Clifford; sister, Lily Inatomi; brothers, James, Roy and Ben; 6 gc.; and 5 ggc.

Nishida, Genzo, 78, Las Vegas, Oct. 9; El Monte-born; survived by wife, Setsuko; sisters, Hatsuko Gotanda and Mary Tashima; brother-in-law, Takao Takeuchi; and sisters-in-law, Sumiko Kuwahara and Kuniko Shimizu.

Oda, Kimiko, Montebello, Oct. 13; Sanger-born; survived by husband, Sam; son, Jim (Mitsuye); daughters, Carolyn (Ted) King and Jane (Stanley) Komura; 6 gc.; and 5 ggc.

Ogawa, Norman Kurasuke, 50, Rancho Palos Verdes, Oct. 11; Gardena-born Sansei; survived by sisters, Linda (Yoshioki) Moriwaki

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GEORGIE TSUCHIYAMA?

Marianne (Wood) Catterton is searching for George (sounds like Sushiamo). She was an occupational therapist at Bronx V.A. Hospital in New York treating patients with renal tuberculosis. Georgie's family was in California prior to internment. With information, please contact Marianne at 415 Windsong Drive, Sedona, AZ 86336.

DEATH NOTICE

TAMIYE TAMI TANABE

Tamiye was born in Dunnigan, Calif. on July 28, 1922 and passed away one day shy of her 82nd birthday, July 27, 2004. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom. She is survived by sisters, Yaye Florence Yoshimine of El Cerrito, Mary Kasai of Lincoln and Toshiye Murakami of Roseville; daughters, Candace Cramer of Davis and Emily Berg of Petaluma; grandchildren, Lara Salvati of Iowa, Jessica Berg of Elk Grove, Ethan Davis of Davis, Matthew and Mark Cramer of Davis; and great-grandchildren, Grace and Tai Salvati of Iowa. A memorial service was held in Berkeley.

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Millicent Min, Girl Genius
By Lisa Yee
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249 pp.; \$16.99 paperback

The premise of the book — the idea that it's not easy being an eleven-year old in high school and being smarter than everyone else — would work if the precocious protagonist, who narrates the story with a rather stiff, condescending formality, was actually likable.

Unfortunately, Millicent is a character who is only as fun as her dryly formal name. She enrolls in college classes for fun and observes the world around her with the annoyingly patronizing pity of a misunderstood intellectual. During this fateful summer, Millicent meets a girl named Emily who doesn't know that she is really a child genius. She also starts having a crush on a high school guy named Stanford whom she's tutoring.

For a book written about a child genius, its shallow characters and weak story line makes "Millicent Min, Girl Genius" rather ... dumb.

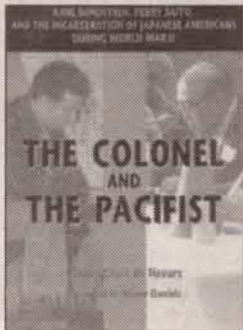
Altered Lives, Enduring Community: Japanese Americans Remember their World War II Incarceration
By Stephen S. Fugita and Marilyn Fernandez
University of Washington Press

pp. 253

"Altered Lives" brings a unique perspective to the internment experience — focusing on the long-term psychological effects of the World War II incarceration on Japanese Americans. Bringing a more humanistic touch to a large-scale event that affected the entire JA community in an unstable period in history, Fugita and Fernandez explore the effects of incarceration and resettlement on social relationships and community structure, educational and occupational trajectories, marriage and childbearing, and military service and draft resistance.

The Colonel and the Pacifist: Karl Bendetsen, Perry Saito, and the Incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II
By Klancy Clark de Nevers; foreword by Roger Daniels
University of Utah Press
pp. 380; \$21.95 paperback

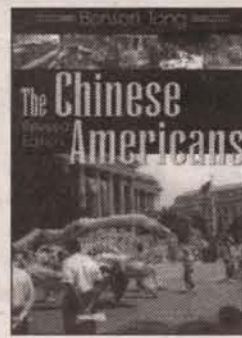
In this book Clark de Nevers interweaves the stories of two men whose lives were greatly affected by the forced internment of Japanese Americans during World



War II. Karl Bendetsen was the Army major who was placed in charge of the West Coast evacuation; Perry Saito was a young college student and former neighbor from Bendetsen's hometown of Aberdeen, Washington who was incarcerated in Tule Lake Relocation Camp. By combining these contrasting lives, the author creates a thorough historical perspective on the issues of racism and war that brought about this infamous action by the U.S. government.

The Chinese Americans: Revised Edition
University Press of Colorado
By Benson Tong
pp. 307

Tong's fully revised and redesigned edition thoroughly describes the Chinese experience in the United

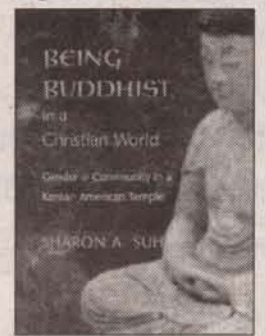


States, going back to the 1780s when they first immigrated to America to the present times. Not only does the book extensively explore how the Chinese Americans shaped the history of this country, it also delves into topics that include but certainly are not limited to immigration laws, contemporary immigration, political mobilization, identity formation, religiosity, sexuality and family life.

Being Buddhist in a Christian World: Gender & Community in a Korean American Temple
University of Washington Press

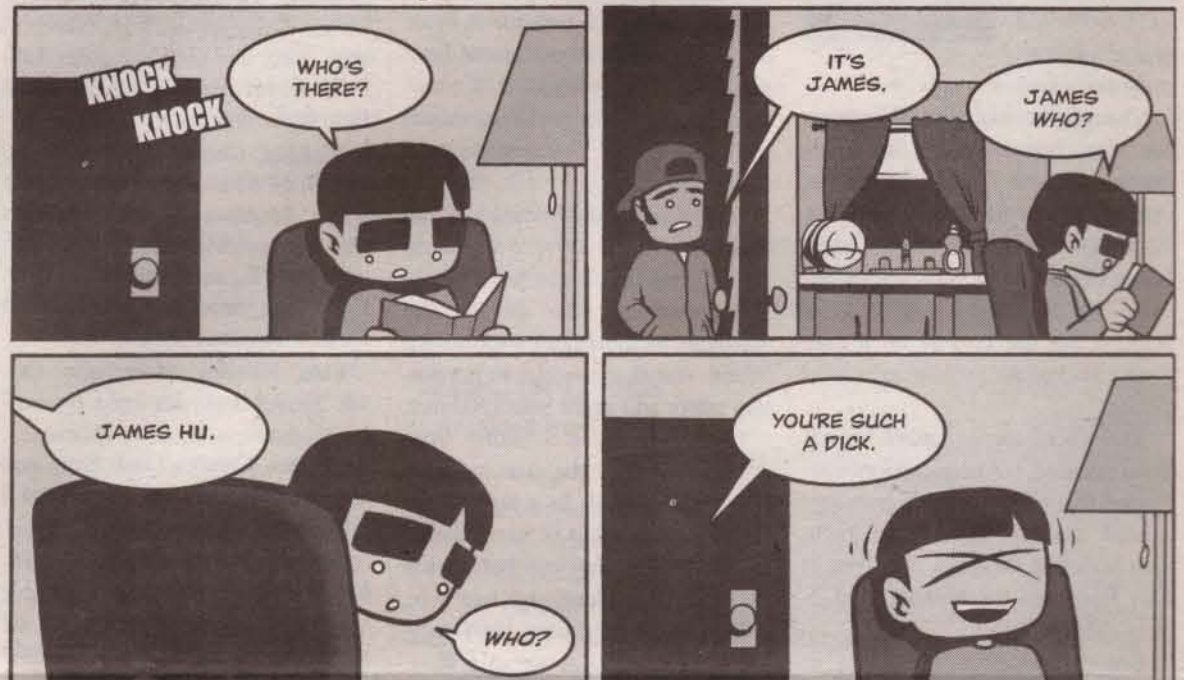
By Sharon A. Suh
pp. 240

By studying first-generation Korean Americans at Sa Chal Temple in Los Angeles, Suh challenges the stereotype that all Korean Americans are Christians and explores how these immigrants use Buddhist doctrines as a source of personal empowerment and spiritual relief. Using oral histories from men and women, Suh also shows the distinctive male and female forms of spirituality that arises in Buddhist worship. Suh's thorough study is a compelling commentary on the intersections of ethnicity, spirituality and gender. ■



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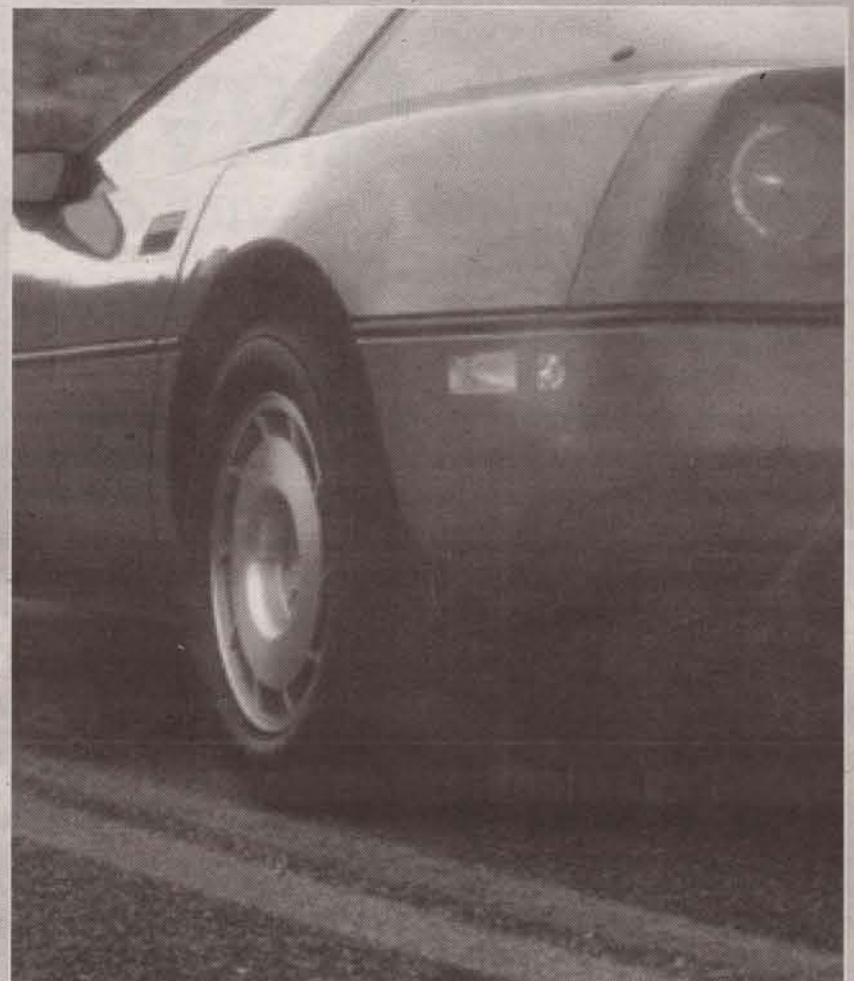


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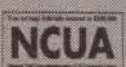


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