



Doris Matsui to Run for Late Husband's Congressional Seat

By CAROLINE AOYAGI
Executive Editor

After a great deal of speculation from political pundits and community members alike, Doris Matsui has decided to run for her late husband's congressional seat.



Just days after Robert Matsui was laid to rest after serving 26 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, advisors to Doris Matsui, 60, encouraged her to announce her candidacy in order to fend off any potential candidates, it was announced in a *Sacramento Bee* article Jan. 10.

"Doris and Bob were truly a team, and Doris is obviously very qualified to fill that seat and, just as importantly, carry out the legacy of her late husband," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "She would be a great member of Congress, and I'm extremely happy she's decided to run."

"She let me know she was going to run," said Rep. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena. Thompson said Matsui wanted to wait longer, but

"unfortunately, there are some people out there who are rustling the bushes, trying to see if they should run."

Doris, a longtime Washington lobbyist who once served as the deputy director of public liaison in the Clinton White House, is a clear favorite in the heavily Democratic 5th Congressional District.

"Doris would be endorsed by everyone and anyone in D.C., and wouldn't have any trouble raising money," said Dick Rosengarten, author of *California Political Week*. "She is the heir apparent now."

But although Doris is a clear favorite to win, others speculate the Congressional seat in the Sacramento region is so prized that some longtime Democrats may still decide to contest the seat.

Some of the names being mentioned include Sen. Deborah Ortiz, D-Sacramento, and former Assemblyman Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento. As of Jan. 9 neither ruled out a run for the late Robert Matsui's seat, according to the *Sacramento Bee*.

"There's no question that Doris will be the front runner in the race, regardless of who might be interested in challenging her," said Tateishi. "She carries the name into the race,

but her constituents also know that she's fully qualified to represent the district, given her experience in the White House and as a lobbyist."

"We're talking careers here," said Allan Hoffenblum, author of the influential *California Target Book* of state politics. "It's the most valuable political office in Sacramento — if you're an elected official, it's the only job that you can get that is life tenured."

A graduate of UC Berkeley, Doris currently works as director of government relations for a Washington law firm. She grew up in Dinuba and has one son Brian who is married to Amy. They have a daughter named Anna.

Like her husband Robert who died Jan. 1 of a rare form of bone marrow disease, Doris spent her early childhood in a World War II American concentration camp.

If Doris succeeds in her bid for the House seat, she would become the third widow from California to succeed their husbands in Congress. Democratic Rep. Lois Capps won her late husband Walter Capps Santa Barbara seat in 1998 and Republican Mary Bono won her late husband Sonny Bono's seat in the same year.

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Community Mourns Passing of Robert T. Matsui

The longtime Democratic leader was a champion of civil rights

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Members of the Japanese American community mourned the passing of one of its greatest leaders as Robert Takeo Matsui, longtime member of the U.S.



House of Representatives, passed away Jan. 1 at Bethesda Naval Hospital from complications from a

rare disease. He was 63.

"Bob wanted me to express his most profound gratitude to all of those he had the honor to serve and who made his life so extraordinary," said his wife Doris Matsui. "Thank you to his constituents, his friends, his staff, and his colleagues."

In a statement announcing Matsui's death, his office disclosed that the congressman had been diagnosed several months ago with myelodysplastic disorder, an often-fatal form of bone marrow cancer. The congressman's family said he entered the hospital on Dec. 24 with pneumonia.

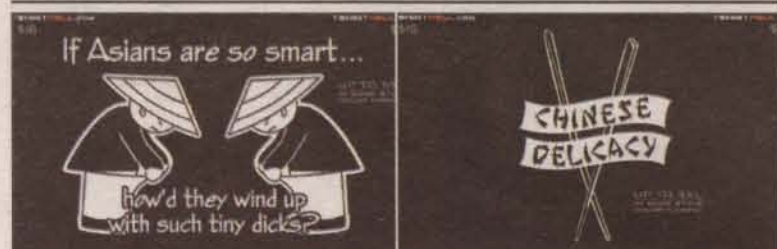
Matsui was an attorney who became a City Council member in 1971 before winning election to the

capital city's solidly Democratic fifth congressional district in 1978. He went on to serve 26 years in Congress, most recently winning his 14th term by over 71 percent.

Matsui was the third-ranking Democrat on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, where he was his party's point man on Social Security legislation. Two years ago, he was elected to serve as chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee — a committee responsible for electing Democrats to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Matsui was born in 1941, and like many other JAs, his family was sent

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More Than Just a Fashion Statement

When issues of humor and race collide, can racism be far behind?

By LYNDIA LIN
Assistant Editor

A fine line divides humor from offensiveness, but when Jun Zuniga and his wife discovered T-shirts at a Pittsburgh Burlington Coat Factory

emblazoned with what he considered racist caricatures aimed at Asian Pacific Americans, he felt the line was definitely crossed.

The T-shirts manufactured by GI Apparel and sold for \$4.98 in Burlington Coat Factory stores contain images of Buddha with the message "Get Lucky by Rubbing Buddha's Belly," a monkey with the tagline "Who Flung Poo, Chinese Food Delivery" and another advertising "Madam Wong's House of Tang, Good Eats Guaranteed Fresh."

Zuniga says the T-shirts are examples of corporations profiting from demeaning racial images. He e-mailed and spoke with Burlington Coat Factory but was rebuffed when he requested the merchandise be taken off the racks.

"The only social commentary I'm hearing from Burlington Coat Factory's decision to continue profiting from these products is 'Racism sells,'" he said. "There is no irony or wit involved with these products."

Zuniga added, "Their customer service representative basically put the onus on me, the idea being that

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Final Stop for Justice

America's last Chinese settlement is on the forefront of a new future while providing a glimpse into the past.

By LYNDIA LIN
Assistant Editor

Nearly a century after Chinese immigrants first called the California town of Locke their home, they are finally owners of their own land.

In a Dec. 11 ceremony, Locke residents marked the first day they could legally sign a deed for land ownership — a small gesture for most, but for residents of this sleepy San Joaquin-Delta town, it was the last step in attaining the American dream.

Like many "Lockees," 81-year-old Connie King has been fighting for ownership of the land under the home she has lived in for over 50 years until now. She made a promise to some Locke residents before they died to achieve the goal of land

ownership for them, and at the ceremony, she was able to keep her word. The event captured headlines, cast a much-needed spotlight on the forgotten town and signified important progress in making up for decades of injustice.

But every realized dream has its rude awakenings. Most of the original Locke residents who built the three-block town — currently the



PHOTO: CHRISTINA FA

Dream Achieved—Longtime Locke resident Connie King (center) is jubilant after signing the deed to her home. She is flanked by her granddaughter Sabrina King (left) and a representative from Placer Title Company.

last remaining Chinese settlement in the United States — have found another permanent home in the afterlife where, presumably, there is no alien land law barring Asian Pacific Americans from truly belonging.

Although California's Alien Land Act was overturned in the 1950s, Locke residents have been kept from buying the land they call home because property deeds gave ownership of the land to a developer, while the tenants own the buildings.

"It is a very important symbolic development, because it formally, legally recognizes one aspect of the hardships suffered by our parents, grandparents and those

before them," said University of Arizona Professor Gabriel Jack Chin, who along with his students, successfully campaigned to have similar alien land laws repealed in Wyoming and Kansas.

However, more work needs to be done. Currently, New Mexico and Florida still have alien land laws on the

books. Voters in New Mexico recently rejected legislation to repeal the racist constitutional provision and a proposed constitu-

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DORIS MATSUI

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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has yet to set a date for a special election to fill Robert Matsui's seat but a primary is likely to be set for early March.

All candidates, regardless of party affiliation, will run in the primary and if one individual wins more than 50 percent of the votes, that person will be declared the winner. If there is no clear winner, the two highest vote-getters will face off in a general election in May.

In addition to Doris Matsui's recent announcement of her candidacy, U.S. Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein of California are planning to introduce legislation that would designate the U.S.

Courthouse in Sacramento as the Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse.

Congressman Matsui was instrumental in obtaining more than \$142 million in federal funding for the Courthouse.

"[Matsui] was a true patriot, and naming this courthouse after him is a very appropriate memorial to his continual efforts toward a just and fair society," said Boxer.

"Bob Matsui was a superb public servant and it would be such a great honor to memorialize him by naming the Federal Courthouse in Sacramento after him," said Feinstein. ■

Associated Press contributed to this article.

How About 'Jpse.' for Japanese?

Now that we are making progress in eliminating the derogatory word "Jap" from street signs, landmarks, speech, publications, etc., we should try to resolve the problem of what is an appropriate abbreviation for the word Japanese. Some of the dictionaries I've consulted still list "Jap." as an abbreviation for Japanese.

We've never really come to an agreement in the Nikkei communities as to what we should use, and at the latest JACL national convention in Honolulu, there was a handout from one of the JACL committees to use Jpn. for both Japan and Japanese. Jpn. is OK for Japan, but I don't think it suffices for Japanese.

I vote in favor of Jpse. for Japanese, a suggestion made several years ago by another P.C. reader and one which I consistently follow in writing notes to myself. Although the salient "n" is missing from the abbreviation, I don't think it would take too much imagination to figure out that Jpse. stands for Japanese. I think dictionaries should be informed to use Jpse.

On two different occasions, I saw Chinese acquaintances write Chse. as an abbreviation for Chinese. It never occurred to me to ask if that was the "official" abbreviation that Chinese Americans agreed upon — and it's not in the dictionary. If Chse. is satisfactory for some Chinese, then Jpse. should be acceptable to us as an abbreviation for Japanese.

Ed Suguro
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Mexican Reparations

We Japanese Americans who experienced the evacuation and incarceration in 1942 still remember it with pain. Although it was over 60 years ago, and the helplessness we felt when the U.S. Constitution failed us has diminished, it is still there somewhere under the surface. We feel it can't happen again.

But ten years earlier, in the 1930s, 500,000 to two million legal immigrant Mexicans and their citizen children were picked up and sent to Mexico. The removal of the Mexican Americans was authorized by President Hoover and carried out with the cooperation of local officials. It was done to free up jobs for other Americans during the Great Depression years — another instance when the U.S.

Constitution failed to protect an identifiable ethnic group of people.

To make amends for the injustice, "Mexican Repatriation" bills have been introduced in the California state legislature. Passage of those bills would offer a deserved apology and monetary reparation. But I have not seen any articles about Mexican reparations in the *Pacific Citizen* nor heard of any statements on the subject from our JACL leaders. Has there been any? If not, why not?

Those Mexican American survivors of repatriation, now in their 70s and 80s, suffered a fate similar to ours and for similar reasons. Shouldn't we, of all people, recognize their plight?

Aki Yoneda
San Jose, CA

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the *Pacific Citizen* on the occasion of its 75th anniversary as the national publication of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The *Pacific Citizen* plays a vital role in facilitating communication throughout the Japanese American community and the State of California. I believe that we are all enriched by the history and vitality of every member of our community.

I commend you for 75 years of community service. I applaud your achievements and wish you continued success.

Jackie Speier
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Chaplain Yee Honorably Discharged

By MELANTHIA MITCHELL
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE—A Muslim chaplain imprisoned for 76 days as part of an espionage probe by the government has received an honorable discharge from the Army.

Although Army Capt. James Yee has been cleared in the investigation, he resigned in August, saying officials never apologized to him. His discharge was effective at midnight Jan. 7, said his civilian defense attorney, Eugene R. Fidell.



"As a West Point graduate, he leaves the Army with great sadness," Fidell said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "The fact that he was imprisoned for a prolonged period for no valid reason remains indefensible."

After he was exonerated, Yee returned in April to his home base of Fort Lewis, about 40 miles south of here, and resumed his duties as a chaplain.

An official announcement of Yee's discharge was not expected.

"As a matter of practice, the Army doesn't publicly announce administrative actions such as officer resignations or soldiers leaving

the Army," said Lt. Col. Pamela Hart, an Army spokeswoman at the Pentagon.

Fidell said Yee and his family were grateful for the support they've received, and that Yee looks forward "in due course to expressing his views about his experience."

Yee, who is now at home with his wife and daughter in Olympia, south of the Army base, was not granting interviews, Fidell said.

Fidell has previously said that after Yee leaves the military, he plans to finish his master's degree in international relations at Troy State University, which has a campus near Fort Lewis.

The military charged Yee in 2003 with mishandling classified material, failing to obey an order, making a false official statement, adultery and conduct unbecoming an officer.

All criminal charges were dismissed in March 2004, but Army officials found Yee guilty of the non-criminal Army charges of adultery and downloading pornography. The reprimand he received was thrown out by an Army general a month later.

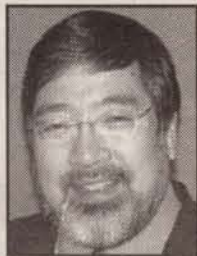
Yee submitted his letter of resignation to the Army in August, saying officials never apologized to him or allowed him to retrieve his belongings from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. ■

COMMENTARY

The Legacy of Bob Matsui

By PAUL IGASAKI

I know with the sudden and untimely passing of Congressman Bob Matsui there will be many discussing his contributions, some of who were closer to him or knew him better than I. I met him when I was a law student and he was a Sacramento City Councilman, including supporting his campaign for Congress in 1978. I worked with him when I was a civil rights lobbyist and served as his campaign staff when he explored a race for the U.S. Senate.



Bob was a highly respected member of Congress. He was a national leader on issues like social security and trade, but he was steadfast in his support of civil rights and programs to protect the poorest and weakest in our society. He explored opportunities for higher office, but it was in the House of Representatives that his greatest talents found expression. Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi asked him to head the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee this past year and while the Democrats didn't win a majority, he dramatically increased their fundraising.

As a Japanese American Sansei I want to address what he meant to me and my generation. Matsui was the first of our generation to achieve election to Congress. He grew up in an environment in which Japanese

American self esteem was deeply affected by the imprisonment of our community during World War II.

Matsui worked with others in Congress to do something about that, with the Supreme Court and U.S. history still holding that the concept of racial suspicion justified wholesale internment. The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 did more than any other act since World War II to remove the unjustified mantle of JA guilt and, more importantly than that, sent a message that America could be wrong and was willing to correct that wrong even decades later.

That legacy will, I hope, continue to counter the irrational tendency to target those whose ethnic or racial roots coincide with our enemies of the moment, a tendency that runs against our most precious national principles.

While civil rights are the focus of my career, Bob, like most Sansei, sought to make a difference in areas that were not based on his own heritage. Bob was a great friend to American business and to technology. His steadfast belief in free trade transcended his Democratic credentials and found recognition when President Clinton pursued the North American Free Trade Agreement and sought Bob's stewardship to win support in Congress.

Yet Bob was always a staunch supporter of civil rights, including that of gay and lesbian Americans, and also of social programs that would serve the poorest or weakest in our society. His advocacy for seniors on social security issues from

his powerful position on the Ways and Means Committee is legendary and neither Democratic nor Republican administrations were immune to his efforts.

Bob brought a serious and thoughtful approach to government and to those of all political affiliations he brought respect to a career in public service. In the mainstream discussions in the wake of Bob's passing will be of who and how his seat will be filled. But for JAs and other Asian Pacific Americans the issue is more who will fill his shoes. For all the respect he won beyond our community, much of what he showed the world was of JA values as translated by our generation.

Now, with Bob's passing, we can reflect both what we have lost as a community and as a nation, but also what we need desperately. I remember Bob talking frequently about how few APAs are in the pipeline behind him. Few JAs certainly, due to some extent to the community's limited growth, but few Asians of all backgrounds.

Some that are coming forward from the Korean, Chinese, Indian, Vietnamese and Hmong communities provide hope. But we need more and perhaps the greatest memorial we can erect to Bob's career in public service is to take the risk and seek to serve and, just as importantly, to support the qualified people from our community who share our political values with encouragement, money and our energies. ■

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Judge Drops Case Against Woman Accused of Being a Chinese Double Agent

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A federal judge dismissed all charges against a former FBI informant accused of being a Chinese double agent and rebuked federal prosecutors for "deliberate misconduct" in the case.

U.S. District Judge Florence Marie Cooper on Jan. 6 said the government blocked Katrina Leung's access to a critical defense witness — retired FBI agent James J. Smith, who for years was Leung's lover.

Leung, a wealthy socialite from the suburb of San Marino, allegedly took classified documents from Smith's briefcase. She was not accused of transmitting them to China.

The judge said prosecutors purposely kept defense attorneys from contacting Smith as they prepared for Leung's trial. In doing so, Cooper said, prosecutors violated Leung's due process rights.

"The government has engaged in willful and deliberate misconduct," the judge said on her 12-page ruling.

Smith was the longtime FBI "handler" for Leung, a naturalized U.S. citizen who was recruited 20 years ago to work for the FBI by gathering intelligence during her frequent business trips to China. Prosecutors claim she began working for China around 1990.

Smith has pleaded guilty to a single count of making a false statement about the affair and agreed to cooperate with the government. He had been accused of mishandling classified material and allowing it to

fall into Leung's hands.

U.S. attorney's spokesman Thom Mrozek said prosecutors strongly disagree with the ruling but had not decided how to respond.

"While litigating this motion we argued the government did not prohibit Mr. Smith from speaking to Ms. Leung's attorneys if he chose to do so," he said.

The government could drop the case, ask Cooper to reconsider or take the issue to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Leung would have faced up to 14 years in prison had she been convicted of illegally copying and possessing national security papers that she intended to use, or could have used, to harm the interests of the United States. ■

Lawmakers Seek Membership in Democrat-only Asian Caucus

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO—Republican Assemblymen Alan Nakanishi, of Lodi, and Van Tran, of Garden Grove, are asking to be admitted to the Legislature's Asian Pacific Islander Caucus or be given money to start a club that will include Republican lawmakers.

They claim they are being unjustly excluded from the Democrat-only caucus, even though members of the vast Asian community in California have varied political views.

Asian Caucus Chairwoman Judy Chu, D-Monterey Park, said the group debated whether to include Republicans when it formed in 2001, but members ultimately decided to be Democrat-only. ■



Congressman Robert Matsui (third from right) was honored by the JACL at their 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner in 2003.

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to an American concentration camp during World War II. Perhaps one of Matsui's most memorable accomplishments was his role in helping to pass legislation that apologized for the internment policy and provided compensation for the survivors.

In a 1988 speech to his congressional colleagues, Matsui said he was motivated by "the tears and painful remembrances of internees."

"Congressman Matsui was a great American and a great statesman," said John Tateishi, JACL executive director. "He was a remarkable role model for integrity and compassion in public service, and we will greatly miss him as a leader with insight and vision on issues of tremendous importance to all of us — but most of all, we will miss him as a friend."

Added JACL National President Kenneth Inouye, "Congressman Matsui was a champion of civil rights who worked tirelessly to protect children's health, ensure fair tax laws and safeguard our Social Security. He served his Sacramento constituents with meticulous dedication, and he was an example of the very best in public service."

National leaders mourned the death of Matsui and recalled his many accomplishments and dedication to the community.

"Bob was a strong and dedicated leader who worked tirelessly for his constituents and for all Americans," said U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta. "Thanks to his leadership, this country is a better place for all who call it home. My thoughts and prayers are with Congressman Matsui's family and friends as we mourn the passing of a true American statesman."

"Bob Matsui had a most promising and exciting future in the Congress. His passing will leave a vacuum in the leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives," said U.S. Sen. Dan Inouye. "His service will not only be missed by Californians and Japanese Americans, but by our nation as a whole. My heart goes out to his wife, Doris, and to his family."

"Bob was a courageous, passionate, and inspiring leader who was a true public servant to this country. He was a mentor to me, and deeply respected by his colleagues in Congress and will be greatly missed," said U.S. Rep. Mike Honda, chair of CAPAC (Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus). "He leaves

behind a legacy of a true public servant who served with integrity and compassion."

With Matsui's passing, Calif. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will call a special election for a new representative in his Sacramento-area district. In a statement Schwarzenegger praised Matsui, saying, "Today, all Californians mourn the loss of this tremendous individual and man of integrity."

Former President Bill Clinton and his wife, U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, said in a joint statement, "Bob Matsui leaves behind a rich legacy of service that improved the lives of his own constituents, all Americans, and people throughout the world."

In a statement, President George W. Bush called Matsui "a dedicated public servant and a good and decent man who served with distinction" in Congress, adding, "Laura and I send our prayers and condolences."

Matsui is survived by his wife Doris Okada Matsui, son Brian, daughter-in-law Amy, and granddaughter Anna.

The Matsui family and friends have established a charitable fund in memory of the congressman and ask that all gifts be sent to The Matsui Foundation for Public Service, P.O. Box 1347, Sacramento, CA 95812. ■

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he was sorry that I was offended, but alluding to his perception that it was my problem that I didn't understand the comic genius of their product."

Zuniga launched a petition campaign against the national retailer demanding accountability and subsequently sparking community debate over what's deemed funny and what is racist. To date, the petition (www.petitiononline.com/burlcoat/petition.html) has over 630 signatures and messages that range from reproach to outrage.

Who Me? The Problem with Culpability

For many, this feeling of anger is not new. In 2002, Abercrombie & Fitch issued an apology and discontinued T-shirts that featured racial caricatures which enraged the APA community. Other giant retailers like Target, Macy's and Victoria's Secret have also been singled out in the past for carrying insensitive and offensive articles of clothing.

Which is why, in the era of corporate domination, Zuniga insists big name retailers need to be held accountable for the products they

distribute to the public.

Burlington Coat Factory has headquarters in New York and New Jersey, and over 350 retail chain stores in 42 states. Its name is synonymous with low price deals for high profile clothing labels, which some say allows the retailer to promote prejudiced products cheaply.

During a Dec. 22 visit to an Arcadia, California-based Burlington Coat Factory, *Pacific Citizen* staff found the GI Apparel T-shirt merchandise displayed in a main aisle of the store. Although, the T-shirts at the center of controversy were nowhere to be found, photos of the "Get Lucky By Rubbing Buddha's Belly" and "Who Flung Poo" T-shirts decorated the display stand.

Burlington Coat Factory representatives did not respond to requests for comments.

But is Burlington Coat Factory really the one to blame? When comedy and politically incorrect humor collide, can a guilty party clearly be determined between the middleman and the creator? GI Apparel, creator of the T-shirts, also sells its "Lucky Buddha" products through shopping.com and other Web sites.

Tshirthehell.com, another Web site

that prides itself in being equal opportunity offenders, designs and sells T-shirts with the message, "If Asians are so smart ... how'd they wind up with such tiny dicks?" and "Chinese Delicacy" baby T-shirts. The Web site, which boasts an average of 75,000 visitors, uses similar humor to target pop culture and people from all walks of life.

"Some people erroneously think that this is a comedy Web site that deliberately makes shirts that are provocative on a variety of 'hot button topics' in order to make people think about and possibly reevaluate their own beliefs and preconceptions," said tshirthehell.com Director of Operations Gary Chen. "Why would we create these shirts if it was our intent to be funny?"

Chen points out that *Jewsweek Magazine* (jewsweek.com) recently selected one of their T-shirt creations — a "Santa Claus Hates Jewish Kids" shirt complete with an image of St. Nick urinating on the menorah — as one of their top picks for holiday gifts.

"Can you imagine them thinking that this was a joke, something that they as people with a sense of humor could embrace?" he said.

Colorado-based Zephyr

Headwear also recently came under fire for their line of hats, which includes a bucktooth Chinese caricature complete with the message, "Mr. Ho's Chinese Laundry, Ahh-so-clean."

With their product sold at well-known national retailers like Lids and Just Sports stores, Zephyr Headwear Owner David Gormley issued an apology and said the line has been discontinued.

"Mr. Ho's" is one of several hats we made a year ago that made light of all the silly stereotypes of the past. We had great support on this hat not only from Asian Americans we talked to prior to producing it but also from our factories in Asia," said Gormley, adding, "They all took it lightly as it was meant to be."

Zephyr Headwear also hawks hats with similar themes that advertise "Wongs Egg Foo Yung Chinese Takeout" and "Sato's Cricket Sushi." The company has not commented on the future of these hats.

Humor in Politically Correct Times

On the other end of the spectrum, there are those who are taking the humor lightly. With all the trumpeting about racist T-shirts and hats, Horace Lee of Foster City, Calif. sees no reason to be up in arms.

"Personally, I don't think [the Burlington Coat Factory T-shirts] are offensive, but I'm pretty insensitive about this stuff usually," said Lee.

For the most part, Min Trist and her brother Andrew Chen weren't offended by the "Madam Tang" or

the "Get Lucky By Rubbing Buddha's Belly" T-shirts.

"Somehow they were kind of funny," said Trist, but added that the "Who Flung Poo" T-shirt is the only one that is borderline offensive because it evokes stereotypes of Chinese people and their exotic diet.

"It wasn't the greatest sense of humor, but it wasn't like it was oh my gosh I'm so offended! We actually had a kick out of some of them," said Trist.

Renee Young, an APA fashion designer in Los Angeles, even adopted an Asian slur in her work. Her women's fashion line, "KinkyChinky," is reportedly a childhood nickname that she decided to turn into a "witty, tongue-in-cheek" fashion moniker.

Like Young, fellow APAs on Web sites like AsianAvenue.com are using the word "chinky" to name themselves — indications that, if anything, taking a pulse on the opinion of the APA community is still a difficult task. But those who are not amused may have the loudest roar.

Assemblywoman Judy Chu, D-Calif., says she represents a district that is made up of many people of Buddhist faith who would be offended by Burlington Coat Factory's "Get Lucky by Rubbing Buddha's Belly" T-shirt. She plans to write a letter to the national retailer on behalf of the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus.

"Would it be okay to put out a T-shirt that said, 'Rub Jesus Christ's scalp for good luck'? Of course not. That would be sacrilegious!" said Chu. ■

LOCKE

(Continued from page 1)

tional amendment in Florida died in the senate last year.

"It's preposterous that we live in a time when such racist alien land laws are still on the books," said Christina Fa, M.D., a board member of the Locke Foundation and the Chinese American Council of Sacramento.

Florida Rep. Philip Brutus, D-108, agrees. He has been leading the effort to repeal his state's alien land

her photography class and was "immediately enthralled by Locke and instinctively understood its significance in anchoring Asian American history to America."

The history began in the early 1900s, when Chinese immigrants, lured to the region by job prospects, decided to build their own town on land owned by George Locke. The town soon became a hot spot filled with beer parlors, gambling houses and restaurants — all built by the Chinese for the Chinese.

But the hustle and bustle slowed

Locke, it will be written out of history," said Fa.

For a town that provides such an exquisite peek into the past, there is finally talk about a future and a homecoming. Former Locke residents are slated to come home for a reunion in September. In the meantime, LMA is forming a Digital Historic Archive (DHA) to collect biographical information on original Locke residents, their ancestors and descendants. LMA will also try to secure the town's legacy by offering former Locke residents and their



**Something Old,
Something New**
— Motorcycles
line the front of
the Star Theater,
which showed
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Locke's heyday.

Photo courtesy
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law since he was elected in 2000. He has already gone through the motions to file a similar bill for the 2005 session and is currently waiting for cosponsors. Encouraged by Locke's triumph, Brutus believes the event adds some weight to his Florida legislation.

"In the year 2005, we are still fighting for our civil rights," said Fa. "From the time Filipinos first came to the U.S. in the 1600s, Chinese Americans fought in the Civil War and Japanese American draft resisters of conscience fought for their civil rights in World War II, we have been fighting for our rights. Yet we are still considered foreigners by many White Americans. Have things really changed since Locke was formed in 1913?"

Fa, a native Californian, first discovered Locke on a field trip with

to a crawl over the years. Residents gradually moved away and Locke began its slow decline. The town was named a National Historic Landmark in 1990, but the unusual property deed and conflict between developers and tenants, who want to maintain the town's unique history, have hampered Locke's ability to keep up with the times. Locke's official Web site indicates the town's population is at 80-90 and Chinese residents only number 10.

When Fa heard that the aging town needed to be rescued, she dove into the challenge. She serves, among many other positions and organizations, as board member of the Locke Management Association (LMA).

"Locke represents Asian Pacific America; it is our 'home' and our 'roots' in the U.S. If we don't save

descendants the opportunity to buy land being sold by other Locke residents.

"I hope younger APAs will bear in mind the struggles of the earlier generations getting here, forming families, and trying to earn a living when the law was used to try to prevent all of those things," said Chin.

Today, the town is virtually as it was in the 1920s. Residential faces have changed and gambling houses have been converted into a museum and restaurants, but its impact on history is indelible. However, for residents like King, Locke is finally a place she can call entirely her home. ■

If you have any information on former Locke residents, please contact Christina Fa at: yellowvisions@gmail.com or 916/812-2888.

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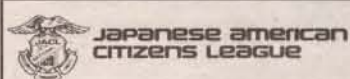
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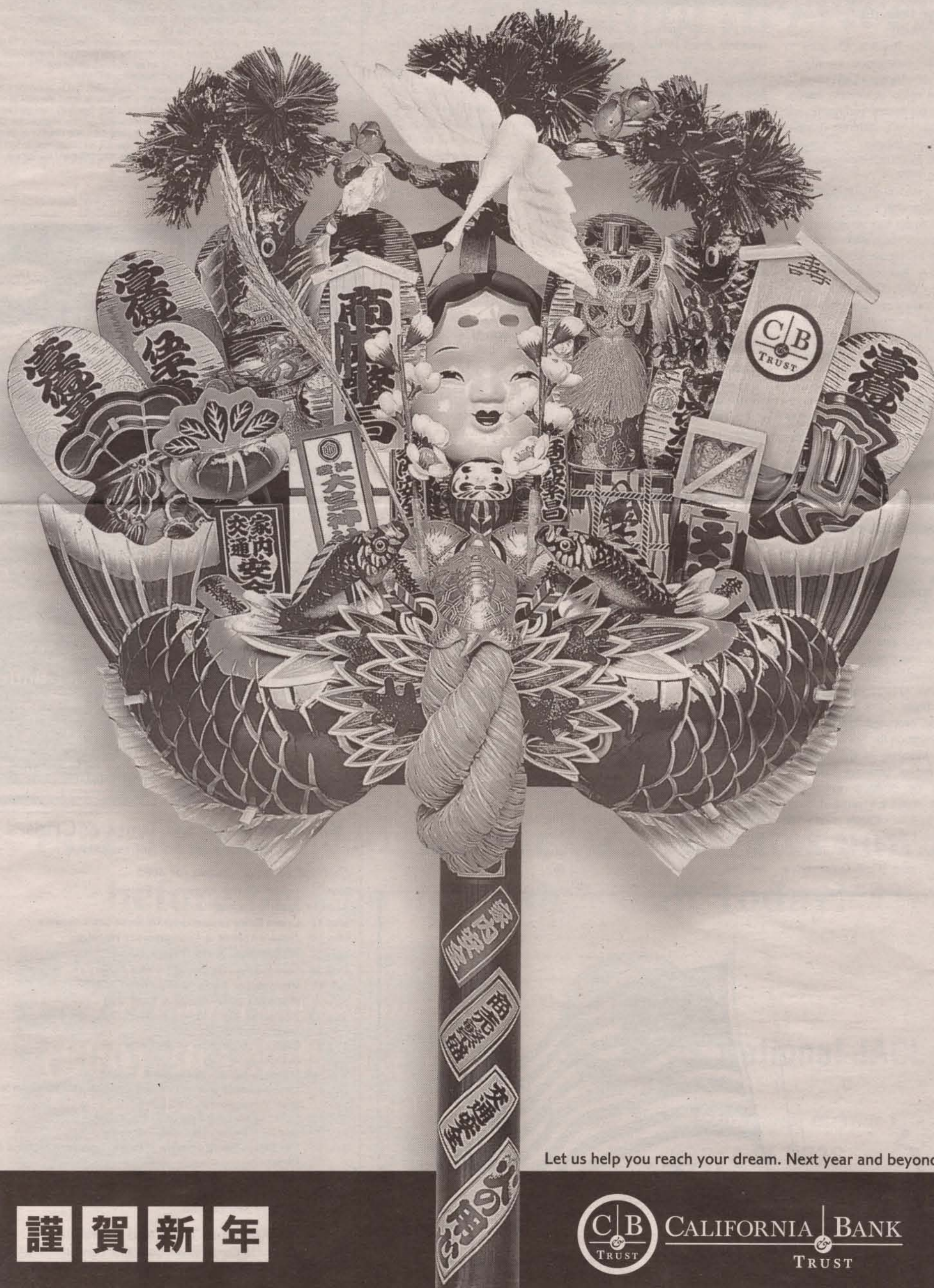
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Something New for 2005: 'Rethinking' the European Union (EU)

WHEN YOU mention the 100th/442nd which liberated Italian and French cities during WWII, Japanese Americans readily connect with Europe. And the study of Western Civilization is a prelude to the "American" side of our heritage. But hardly addressed in the Nikkei vernaculars is the Europe of recent decades — the European Community (EC, until 1994) or the European Union (EU) of 25 member states today.

Based in Brussels, EU aims to integrate economics, coordinate social development and form a political union of member nations with a permanent parliament and European court, common defense, agriculture, fisheries and research policies. Its common currency took effect in 1999.

Those who travel in Europe today are familiar with the euro (a symbol which I do not have in my venerable Macintosh), which made its debut in January 1994 at the exchange rate of \$1.17 US, that fell by year-end to 85¢. In 2002, the euro became the only currency of legal tender in 12 countries: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the Vatican City. As this year opened, the euro kept climbing: \$1.36 US.

Comparing foreign exchange rates is the link for what follows: "Rethinking the European Union of Today and Tomorrow," a thesis

VERY TRULY YOURS



Harry Honda

from our world-girdling P.C. correspondent, Frank H. Fukazawa — a linguist who became an Ajinomoto executive in Tokyo, assigned to top posts in Southeast Asia, Mexico City, Paris and West Germany, then stints as a merchant in South Africa, Saudi Arabia and Europe, now retired in the Austrian Alps. His P.C. columns appeared under "El Pimentero."

Fukazawa believes the euro will begin to fall, contingent upon an improvement of the U.S. economy. He feels the global economy will be the 21st Century's biggest challenge. Key players, according to professor of European studies at Johns Hopkins, Dr. David P. Calleo, will be the European community, the United States in the middle, and Russia.

"For such a pundit to place Russia on the same platform with the U.S. and leave out a most powerful China is surprising," Fukazawa points out. "China will not only promise turmoil; it will become

such a powerful economy representing the world factory for all outsourcing countries."

He warns, however, globalization will bring on problems, including "undermining the economic sovereignty of states" and with important economic decisions being made by multinational corporations rather than by sovereign states — which then means loss of jobs in specific sectors of manufacturing, an interdependence of out-sourcing countries and the eventual increase of China's appetite for oil, energy, food and raw material.

Two unanswered questions face the European community — equal rights and miscalculations — in Fukazawa's mind. He wonders if the ten new EU nations will be granted equality, especially with respect to freedom of movement. The constitution governs the choice of residence, freedom of movement of goods, persons/tourists, services and capital.

"What if heroin, crack, prostitutes, criminals, gangs, laundered money — all originating from the east — have the right of passage without inspection. Theoretically, equal rights should be granted and the old EC should quickly react, but such steps seem unprepared," he believes.

The miscalculation? Current members of the European Union reckon people from the former Communist countries are similar to themselves in thinking and behavior. But Fukazawa strongly differs, based upon his personal experiences in Yugoslavia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia in the 1980s before the downfall of the Soviet Union. He cites the characteristics of those who have labored 40 years under Marxism are not compatible to the mixed economy of western Europe.

The "vital terminology" used in daily EU business makes no sense to them, such as: pricing, profit & loss, sales discounts, invoices, bills, payment via banks, marketing, balance sheet, consumer services, etc. Fukazawa envisions the ten new entrants to the European Union may be quite a burden for the remaining member nations to carry.

Rethinking Europe is a rude awakening to our shrinking universe. Aside from a few books of fine arts and military history, contemporary Europe has not found space in our crowded home library. ■

Effort to Ban Race Advances in Michigan

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANSING, Mich.—A group seeking to ban race and gender-based preferences in university admissions and government hiring says it submitted more than 508,000 signatures to state elections officials Jan. 6, a major step forward for the group's campaign.

At least 317,757 valid signatures of Michigan voters are needed to put the proposed constitutional amendment on the November 2006 ballot. Members of the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative said they expect no problem in getting enough signatures certified when state elections officials review the petitions.

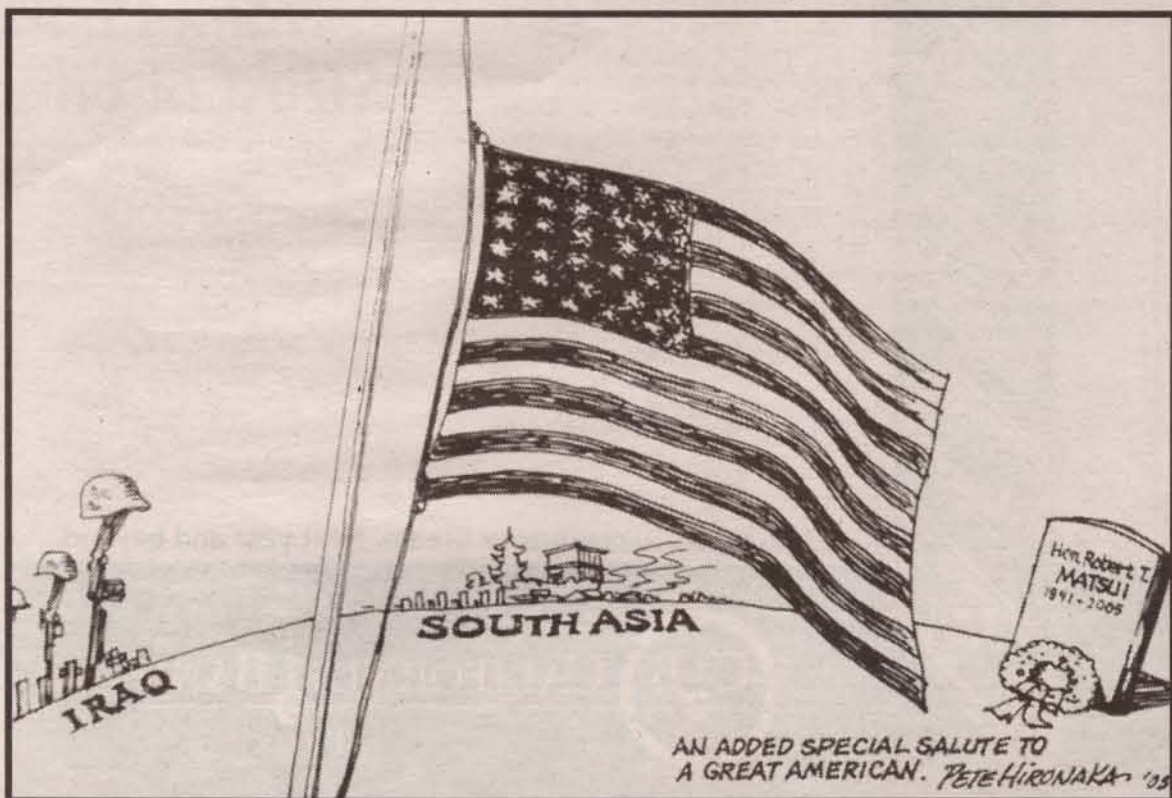
"I think it's a challenge-proof initiative," said Ward Connerly, a

University of California regent and national leader in the movement to ban race and gender preferences. "But anyone who wants to challenge it — make my day."

The amendment would stop public agencies and universities from granting preferential treatment based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin or sex.

Group leaders said they're not seeking a ban on all affirmative action programs. But opponents said the campaign had passed out fliers in some communities that read "help end 'affirmative action'."

"It is a massive campaign of deceit," said David Waymire, spokesman for the opposition group, Citizens for a United Michigan. "People are being misled." ■



OPEN LETTER TO OUR MEMBERSHIP

I am writing this letter to thank all of the convention delegates who supported my candidacy for Vice President of Membership, 1000 Club and Services. Although my bid for National office fell a little short, I am proud of my campaign committee and my supporters. I believe that we ran a race based on integrity and commitment, and much of the credit for that must be given to my campaign manager Gary Maeda. I am extremely lucky to have had Gary's experience and poise throughout my campaign, and for that I will always be thankful. I would also like to acknowledge and thank, Past President and mother to a lot of us, Helen Kawagoe for her support and determination throughout my campaign. I would like to thank Silvana Watanabe IDC Governor, and another one of my JACL moms for all of her help, pep talks and efforts toward my campaign. I would like to thank my nomination team; from PSW Helen Kawagoe, IDC Jeff Itami, PNW David Masuo and of course Gary Mayeda for believing in me enough to speak on my behalf to the National Council. I would like to thank Hiromi Ueha, PSW Governor and the PSW Executive Board for which I am glad that I have had the opportunity to work with such a great group of people. Their dedication and love for this organization is second to none. I would like to thank my chapter for "putting up" with me and supporting my goals and agendas no matter how inconceivable or unattainable they may seem at the time. Their hard work and dedication on the local level has made me proud to say that I represent the Imperial Valley Chapter. I know that in this thank you I am not alone, because this thank you goes to Art Koga and Susan Kitsu, along with there convention committee in putting on an outstanding convention, one that I will never forget. Finally, I must thank the people who are responsible, in large part for who I am and for what I represent, my parents Harry and Carolyn Jackson. If not for them I would not be the man that I am, nor would I possess the integrity and morality that I strive to live by each and every day of my life. And, of course many of you know, especially the men, (BECAUSE OUR WOMEN WON'T LET US FORGET IT) that you are only as good as the women who stands by you. So for that I must say thank you to the women who stands by me, Virginia.....I love you.

I close this letter by saying I feel that I am a better and more complete person because of my association with the JACL. Although I did not win a seat on the National Board I will always cherish the memories of my campaign, because although I did not win, I certainly did not lose. The friendships that I have gained and the experiences that I have been apart of, are my victory.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Edwin Endow for running a good clean race, and extend my support to him and the rest of the National Board. We must all come together with one common theme, and that theme must be growth. Everybody must get involved, don't stand by and wait for someone else to do it, because then it won't get done. American poet Oliver Wendell Holmes once wrote, "Greatness is not in where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it, but sail we must, and not drift, nor lie at anchor." So I challenge all of you, pull up your anchors, stop drifting and sail, sail, sail.

Jason Jackson
Imperial Valley Chapter President,
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Tokyo, Lake Kawaguchi, Mt. Fuji, Lake Hamana, Nagoya (Aichi World Expo), Matsumoto, Takayama, Kyoto.	
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2005 Movie Preview

A Tale of Two Sisters

Cineclick Asia

Starring: Su-jeong Lim, Geun-yeong Mun, Jung-ah Yum
Director: Ji-woon Kim



Now Playing

Not much can rush the South Korean writer/director Ji-woon Kim's horrific telling of two sisters adjusting to life in a strange house with a new stepmother. The deliberate slow pacing can leave your blood running cold in anticipation. The story moves like a campfire story filled with hushed secrets and jolting frights, but just when you think you have the ending figured out, you're blindsided by doors that open by themselves, eerie groans in the night and just the slightest glimpses of something hiding under the kitchen sink.

Nobody Knows

IFC Films

Starring: Yuya Yagira

Director: Hirokazu Koreda

Feb. 11

When their mother disappears leaving behind nothing more than money and a note, Akira (Yagira) becomes the man amongst his siblings. The landlord of their Tokyo apartment thinks Akira is an only child living with his mother, so the siblings stay cocooned inside. The haunting tearjerker is based on a true story and the children are exquisitely fragile. Yagira, 14, earned a "Best Actor" prize at last year's Cannes Film Festival for his bold performance, making this film a can't miss.

Kung Fu Hustle

Sony Pictures Classic

Star/Director: Stephen Chow

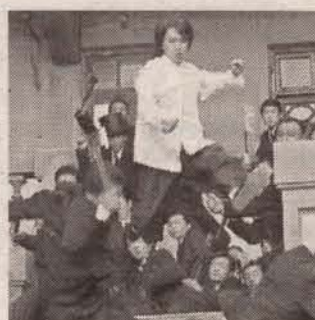
March 25

Sing (Chow) wants to become an Axe Gang member, but he's too clumsy with weapons, a big drawback to joining the notorious gang fighting for street dominance in 1940s China. Chow, a superstar in Hong Kong, is hop-

ing to capitalize on his

"Shaolin Soccer"

(2001) success with this highly anticipated film that mixes comedy and action, but will American moviegoers hustle to theaters for Chow's offbeat humor? Stay tuned.



3-Iron

Sony Pictures Classic

Starring: Hee Jae, Seung-yeon Lee

Director: Kim Ki Duk

April 29

A drifter (Jae) goes from door to door and puts up flyers in the keyholes of each house. He later breaks into the house where the flyer has not been removed, assuming that the owner is away. He doesn't steal but protects the house until a beautiful married woman (Lee) abused by her husband enters his life. Then the drifter finds some creative location to practice a few drives with his 3-Iron. Director Kim always mixes love with a little savagery in a perfect dish.



Memoirs of a Geisha

Sony Pictures

Starring: Zhang Ziyi, Gong Li, Michelle Yeoh, Ken Watanabe

Director: Rob Marshall

December 2005

There are two groups of people gunning for this film's release: Those who can't stand the salacious portrayal of geishas in the Arthur Golden novel or those who can't

stand the fact that the cast is barely Japanese. Whatever your affiliation, there's one thing for sure: you can't wait for the intoxicating story of one geisha's life to illuminate the big screen. Also, we all know Gong Li will be wicked in her role as the villainous Hatsumomo. ■



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Tue., May 17—11 Annual APAICS Gala Dinner; Washington, D.C. Capital

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Midwest

CHICAGO
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DENVER

Sat., Jan. 15—Mile Hi JACL's Annual New Year Banquet and Tom Masamori Kansha-No-Hi Awards; 6 p.m.; Radisson Hotel, 3333 Quebec Street; Stan Matsunaka, keynote speaker.
MONTGOMERY, Ohio

Sun., Jan. 16—Joint Dinner and Installation of the Cincinnati and Dayton JACL chapters; social hour begins at 3:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 4:15 p.m.; Mei Japanese Restaurant, 8608 Market Place Lane; \$25.

Northern California

ORINDA
Sun., Jan. 30—Berkeley, Contra Costa and Diablo Valley Tri-Chapter Installation Luncheon; noon-2:30 p.m.; Casa Orinda, 20 Bryant Way; registration, 11:30-noon; \$20/person. Info: Al Satake, 510/528-1900 or Ron Tanaka, 925/932-7947.

SACRAMENTO

Sun., Jan. 23—"Strength Through Unity" Florin JACL Celebrates its 70th Anniversary; 5-8 p.m.; Red Lion Hotel, 1401 Arden Way. Info: 916/421-5253 or 916/395-9276.

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Fri., Jan. 28-April 24—Exhibition, The Gift: Surimono Prints from Bay Area Collections, Spring Pool/Floating Sky: In Praise to Indigo and Moving Cabinetry: Tansu from The Zentner Collection; Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road.

SALINAS

Sun., Feb. 27—Annual "Day of Remembrance Observance; "Salinas Assembly Center" Salinas Rodeo Grounds (venue may change due to remodeling of the hall); sponsored by the Gilroy, San Benito County, Watsonville-Santa Cruz, Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley chapters of JACL.
SAN FRANCISCO

Thurs.-Sun., Feb. 3-6—San Francisco Arts of Pacific Asia Show; Festival Pavilion, Fort Mason Center, Marina district; benefit preview: \$175/person, gen. admission: \$12/person; Info:

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SAN MATEO

Sun., Jan. 23—Matinee Movie, "Drunken Angel"; 1:30 p.m.; JA Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: 650/343-2793.

STOCKTON

Sat., Jan. 22—Stockton and Lodi JACL Joint Installation Dinner; 5 p.m. cocktails, 6 p.m. dinner; Stockton Buddhist Church Social Hall. Info: May Saiki, 209/465-8107.

WATSONVILLE

Sun., Jan. 30—Gilroy, San Benito County and Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL Joint Installation Luncheon; Green Valley Grill, 40 Penny Lane. Info: Paul Kaneko, 831/476-7040.

Sat., April 2—The Camp Dance: The Music and the Memories; Henry J. Mello Center for the Performing Arts, 250 East Beach St.

Central California

HANFORD

Sat., Jan. 22—2nd Annual Japanese New Year Festival; 11-4 p.m.; The Ruth and Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art, 15770 Tenth Ave. Info: www.shermanleeinstitute.org.

Southern California

ALHAMBRA

Sat., Jan. 22—Japanese American Korean War Veterans 9th Annual New Year Celebration and Installation of Officers; 11:30-3:30 p.m.; World Buffet, 2223 W. Commonwealth Ave.; \$20/person; make checks payable to JAKWV and mail with list of attendees to: Paul/Sharlene Ono, 16230 So. St. Andrews Place, Apt. A, Gardena, CA 90247 or call 310/532-2495. Info: Min Tonai, 818/591-1269, Sam Shimoguchi,

310/822-6688, Victor Muraoka, 818/590-6724 or Bob Wada, 714/992-5461.

BUENA PARK

Sat., Jan. 22—SELANOCO 39th Anniversary Installation Luncheon; U.S. Amada Club, 7025 Firestone Blvd.; 11:30 a.m. social, lunch at noon; \$30 adults, \$20 students; Shabbir Mansuri, founding Director of the Council on Islamic Education is the keynote speaker; RSVP by Jan. 17 to Karen-Liane Shiba, 714/220-1549 or kmas@tatsumiandpartners.com.

EL SEGUNDO

Sat., Jan. 22—Dinner dance, "Year of the Rooster Party" by GLAS JACL; Hacienda Hotel; \$34 postmarked by Jan. 17; Info: Joyce Okazaki, 562/430-5783.

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Sun., Jan. 30—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 Kanuma, a legendary performer and instructor of Japanese classical dance. Info: JANM, 213/830-5688 or outside of Los Angeles, 800/461-5266, ext. 5688.

Correction

In the Nov. 5-18, 2004, issue, Dr. Cissy Furusho's name was spelled incorrectly in the "APA in the News" section about her recent inauguration as president of the American Association of Women Dentists. ■

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

In Memoriam - 2004

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Abe, George Shigeo, 87, Seattle, Wash., Aug. 7; WWII veteran, 442nd.

Abe, Toshio Williams, 84, Bloomington, Minn., April 18; WWII veteran.

Arai-Bartholomew, Yone, 98, Seattle, July 5; wife of first JACL National President, Clarence Arai.

Asawa, Charles Katsumi, 84, Nov. 8; WWII veteran, U.S. Army; pioneer in optoelectronics research.

Calef, Patricia Abe, 48, Berkeley, Jan. 18; Cleveland-born; book editor for the *Oakland Tribune*, and book reviewer for the *Tribune*, the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *Contra Costa Times*.

Chang, Iris, 36, Los Gatos; author, "The Rape of Nanking" and "The Chinese in America."



CHANG

Choy, Herbert, 88, Honolulu, March 10; Federal Appeals Judge; first Asian American to serve on the federal bench.

Eno, Takeru, 91, Gardena-born; WWII veteran, 100th/442nd.

Enomoto, Shirow, 82, Playa Del Rey, March 5; WWII Army veteran.

Fong, Hiram, 97, Honolulu, Aug. 18; first Asian American elected to the U.S. Senate in 1959; served almost 18 years and remains the only Republican senator Hawaii has ever had.

Fuchigami, Bill, Honolulu, Oct. 7; Marysville-born; Amache internee; WWII U.S. Army MIS veteran.

Fujimori, William "Bill" Susumu, 89, Los Angeles; WWII veteran, 442nd.

Goodman, Joseph R., 92, San Francisco; medical researcher, professor and advocate for WWII Japanese American internees.

Hamamoto, Seiji, 83, Los Angeles, Nov. 25; California-born; WWII U.S. Army 442nd RCT veteran.

Hamano, Shizuko, 101, Los Angeles, June 19; Mie, Japan-born.

Hara, Dr. Shigeru, 92, San Diego; Tule Lake Relocation Camp doctor.

Hashimoto, Haru, 101, Pasadena, Dec. 19; Aichi-ken, Japan-born; along with husband Koroku, helped establish Mikaway in Little Tokyo.

Hatakeda, Kazuo Charles, 82, Santa Monica, Dec. 26; WWII Veteran, MIS.

Higashi, Teddy, 80, Seattle, Nov. 29; WWII U.S. Army 552nd Field Artillery, 442nd RCT, veteran.

Hiraoka, Yoshimi Roger, 89, June 19; WWII veteran, 442nd.

Hirasuna, Fred, 96, Fresno, Feb. 12; community activist and JACL leader; among the pioneers who represented the Fresno chapter at the first national JACL convention in Seattle in 1930.



HIRASUNA

Hohu, Martha Poepoe, 97, Honolulu, June 12; known as "Auntie Martha"; conductor, composer, arranger, singer and organist who spearheaded the compilation

of three Hawaiian hymnals and won numerous awards for her music.

Hojo, Kelly Shizuo, 79, Oceanside, Jan. 25; Los Angeles-born; WWII veteran.

Hokama, Goro, 75, Wailuku, Hawaii, May 20; former Maui County Council chairman and Democratic Party leader; worked 45 years for Dole Pineapple.

Honda, Jeanne, 61, San Jose, Feb. 14; wife of U.S. Rep. Mike Honda, D-Calif.; taught kindergarten in the Santa Clara Unified School District.



HONDA

Ichikawa, Thomas, 89, Owego, Ill., May 6; WWII veteran, 442nd.

Iguchi, Yoneo Paul, 79, Los Angeles, Oct. 14; WWII veteran, 442nd Company F.

Imaizumi, Kenichi, 86, Seal Beach, Oct. 19; WWII veteran.

Imamura, Riichi Dick, 82, Los Angeles, April 27; WWII veteran, MIS.

Inouye, Masato, 87, San Pedro, Nov. 8; Lt. Colonel (retired) U.S. Army.

Ishimoto, Dale Isamu, 80, March 4; WWII veteran, 442nd.

Ito, Toshihiko Bill, 79, Walnut Creek, March 17; WWII Army veteran, MIS.

Jae-ung, Yang, 59, Los Angeles, Dec. 18; former president of the Korean-American Grocers Association.

Kabashima, Tamio, 82, Los Angeles, Sept. 10; WWII veteran.

Kawauchi, Yukio, 84, Gardena, April 27; WWII veteran.

Kiga, Henry I., 91, Seattle, Wash., Aug. 30; WWII veteran, MIS.

Koga, George H., 74, Las Vegas, Dec. 7; Korean Conflict veteran.

Kojima, Ted Terumasa, 88, Newport Beach, March 27; WWII veteran.

Koshi, George M., 86, Seattle, Feb. 26; WWII Army veteran, MIS; defense attorney in the trials of suspected Japanese war criminals; author of "Japanese Legal Advisor: Crimes and Punishments".

Kozu, Masaru "Pete," 83, Seattle, Feb. 28; WWII Army veteran, 442nd.

Kubota, Tom, 87, Seattle, Aug. 9; WWII veteran, MIS.

Kusumoto, Yoshiko N., 101, Poway, Jan. 31; Wakayama-ken, Japan-born.

Lee, Cpl. Bumrok, 21, Sunnyvale, June 2; fought in Iraq.

Louie, Lenard, 68, San Francisco; San Francisco Superior Court Judge.

Marutani, William M., 81, Lumberton Leas, N.J., Nov. 15; famed civil rights leader and retired Pennsylvania Judge. Was the first Asian American presiding judge of a court of general jurisdiction



MARUTANI

outside of the Pacific Coast States. Served as National JACL legal counsel from 1960-1970. In 1981,

was appointed by President Carter to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians to review the facts and circumstances that led to the internment of JAs. His column, "East Wind" appeared regularly in the *Pacific Citizen*.

Matsumoto, Teruo, 71, Gardena, Feb. 6; Arizona-born; Korean War veteran.

Matsunaga, Helene, 79, Honolulu, Sept. 25; wife of the late U.S. Sen. Spark Matsunaga.

Michisaki, Henry Ichiro, 88, Venice, Feb. 19; WWII veteran, 442nd Infantry.

Miyashita, Mary, 83, Whittier, April 27; fundraiser and campaigner for the Democratic National Party; DNC delegate eight times from 1972-2000.

Mizuhata, Kiyoshi, 83, Seattle, Dec. 25 ('03); WWII U.S. Army veteran.

Mochizuki, Hiroshi, 77, Oxnard, Dec. 26; WWII veteran.

Mori, Isamu Sam, 80, Los Angeles, Feb. 27; WWII veteran, MIS.

Muraki, Frank Satoshi, 86, Yuba-Sutter, Nov. 17; WWII veteran, U.S. Army.

Nakano, Fred Yeichi, 86, Seattle, April 3; WWII veteran, MIS.

Okada, Peter, 85, Oct. 13; credited with introducing U.S. football to Japan; a founding director of the National Japanese American Memorial Foundation.

Omura, Lloyd Koreyuki, 75, Seattle, Wash., Aug. 22; WWII veteran.

Omura, Tsurumatsu, 101, Los Angeles, Feb. 25; Hiroshima-ken, Japan-born.

Onuma, Michi, 96, San Francisco, May 15; early English Editor of the *Hokubei Mainichi*.

Princess Kikuko, 92, Tokyo, Japan; the emperor's aunt and an outspoken supporter of allowing women to assume the throne; also known as Princess Takamatsu, she was a champion of cancer research.

Reagan, Ronald, 93, Los Angeles, June 5; 40th U.S. President; Aug. 10, 1988, signed HR 422, the Civil Rights Bill, which offered an official government apology and redress payment of \$20,000 to each surviving JA who suffered the indignities of forced internment during WWII.



REAGAN

Sakamoto, James H., 85, Stanton, March 13; WWII veteran.

Sakai, Robert K., 85, Honolulu, Aug. 15; former Univ. of Hawaii summer session dean and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Sato, Hayami, 84, Denver, Colo., Nov. 15; WWII veteran, MIS; 18 years CIA, awarded CIA medal; retired as GS-15, Field Supt.

Sato, Yonetaro "John," 89, Seattle, April 12; WWII veteran, 442nd.

Shimazu, Thomas T., 81, Los Angeles, Nov. 25; WWII veteran, 442nd.

Shimizu, Susumu "Carlos," 97, El Cerrito, Jan. 31; Hiroshima-born; pre-WWII resident of Peru incarcerated at Crystal City, Texas, Internment Camp under the U.S.

government's hostage program during the war.

Shirey, Orville Cresap, 82, Silver Spring, Md., Dec. 7; marketing consultant who wrote "Americans: The Story of the 442nd Combat Team" about his experiences with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team; military awards included the Legion of Merit, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Distinguished Unit Badge and the Medal of Valor from the Italian government.

Soejima, Roy, 82, Spokane, Wash., Nov. 1; WWII veteran, 442nd.

Shiroishi, Shimo, 100, Monterey Park, Jan. 11; Fukuoka ken-born.

Shoji, Kobe, 84, Honolulu, Nov. 13; WWII veteran, 442nd.

Song, Alfred, 85, Irvine, Oct. 11; first Asian American in the California Legislature. Elected to the State Senate in 1966 and was former chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Democratic Caucus. Began his political career as a Monterey Park city councilman. WWII veteran.

Sugiyama, Eugene Marehito, 77, Santa Ana, Oct. 9; WWII veteran.

Suyama, Minoru G., 76, Lum, Mich., Oct. 21; Korean War, U.S. Army; program analyst for the Federal Government Tank Plant.

Tamashiro, Ben H., 86, Honolulu, March 26; WWII veteran, 100th Infantry; along with wife Gloria, portrayed "Harry and Myra," an everyday couple in over 50 commercials for Bank of Hawaii.

Tamura, Yukio "Duke," 82, Las Vegas, Feb. 18; WWII Army veteran.

Terao, Masashi "Mas," Jan 15; WWII veteran.

Terasaki, Yutaka "Tak," 89; Denver, Jan. 10 service; Denver-born; national JACL vice president (1953-56) and twice Mile-Hi JACL chapter president; Denver Area Pharmacy Association president (1969) and Colorado State Board of Pharmacy member (1979-84).

Tokiwa, Rudy K., 79, Coyote, Dec. 4; WWII veteran, 442nd/100th and received the Bronze Star and one



TOKIWA

Purple Heart; founding president of Go For Broke, Inc. (now NJAHS); founding membership chairman of Go For Broke National Veterans Association.

Toland, John, 91, Danbury, Conn., Jan. 4; La Crosse, Wis.-born; U.S. Army Air Corps veteran; Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Rising Sun," which tells the story of the Japanese empire from 1936 to 1945 from the Japanese perspective."

Tsuji, Kenryu T., 84, San Mateo, Feb. 26; first U.S. citizen to serve as bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America.

Tsutsumoto, Benjamin Chuyo, 75, Mt. Rainier, Wash., Sept. 8; served U.S. Army during Korean Conflict.

Uchida, George, 79, Seattle, Wash., Aug. 6; WWII veteran; 1972 Judo Olympic coach.

Ueno, Harry, 97, Mountain View, Dec. 14; took a courageous stand against the corruption of guards at Manzanar during WWII internment; his story has been included in an oral history titled, "Manzanar Martyr" after he discovered that camp operators were selling sugar intended for the Manzanar

internees.

Umamoto, Tosh, 77, Wapato, Wash., March 31; WWII veteran.

Uriu, Hatsue, 101, Ontario, Ore., Mar. 31; Fukushima-ken, Japan-born.

Uyeda, Clifford, 87, San Francisco, July 29; former JACL



UYEDA

National President; during his presidency, JACL launched the redress campaign; played a significant role as an activist with the relocation of the Hopi and Navaho tribes, the comfort women of WWII and the Nanking massacre.

Yakura, Hisa, 102, Gardena, Dec. 17; Tottori-ken, Japan-born.

Yamada, George, 89, Los Angeles, Sept. 9; WWII veteran, 442nd/232nd Engineers.

Yamamoto, Harry K., 83, Spokane, Wash., Nov. 23, 2003; WWII veteran, 100th/442nd.

Yamamoto, Masayuki Floyd, 88, Spokane, Wash., Nov. 3; Spokane-born; WWII U.S. Army MIS veteran.

Yasukochi, George, 85, Berkeley, Nov. 17; Berkeley JACL's first post-WWII president and helped two local Nikkei organizations regain their property after WWII led to the establishment of the California Japanese American Alumni Association Trust Fund and Berkeley JACL's Issei memorial Trust Fund.

Yei, Slim Seiichi, 80, July 17; WWII veteran, 442nd.

Yoshitomi, Dr. Peter Isao, 85, Seattle, Wash., Aug. 6; WWII veteran. ■

DEATH NOTICE

MISAKO JONOKUCHI

PEWAUKEE, Wis.—Misako Jonokuchi finally found peace after a long battle with cancer Oct. 26. She is survived by her husband Eddie Jonokuchi, daughter Sandy (Jerome). Loving grandmother of Akira, Mathew and Jessica. Further survived by 3 step-daughters, Irene (Gary), Lynn (Mike) and Nancy.

DEATH NOTICE

ESTHER KIYOKO YUGE

LOS ANGELES—Esther Kiyoko Yuge, 83, passed away Sept. 23 at her home after a lingering illness. She was born in Parkdale, Ore. in 1921 and is survived by her husband, Shigeo, daughter Carol Yuge Ellis (Jon), grandsons Robert and Steven, siblings Lillian (Tom Toyota) and Ray (Dorothy) Sato, in-laws, Hisaye Nakajima and Isao (Frances) Yuge, and many nephews and nieces. Private funeral services were held Sept. 26 at the Pierce Brothers Westwood Village Memorial Park with the reverend Mark Nakagawa officiating.

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