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## Raising Mixed Race Awareness

In a 26-foot RV, five 20-somethings take their message on a national tour.

By CAROLINE AOYAGI  
Executive Editor

Five 20-somethings — Aaron, Charles, Ashley, Jamie, and Geetha — are about to embark on an 8,000 miles journey crisscrossing the country with stops in 15 different cities, all in a 26-foot RV.

Sounds like a promo for a MTV Road Rules new season, right? Although the RV may be similar, these 20-somethings are about to take on a different mission: to spread awareness of the nation's mixed race baby boom.

"We're forcing people to engage in a dialogue about race," said 23-year-old Geetha Lakshminarayanan, a recent graduate of the University of Michigan. "We're getting people to talk about it on a deeper level."

Lakshminarayanan, of Asian Indian and European American descent, is one of the lucky five finalists chosen in a nationwide search to take part in Generation MIX, a national tour to jumpstart a



8,000 Miles in a 26-foot RV—Generation MIX tour participants (l-r): Geetha Lakshminarayanan, Aaron Kendeall, Ashley McDermott, Jamie Tibbetts, and Charles Yesuwan.

Photo courtesy of MAVIN

dialogue on how the mixed race community is changing the face of diversity.

Set to launch April 4 in Seattle, Generation MIX is the brainchild of MAVIN, a national non-profit organization dedicated to educating and creating awareness of the mixed race experience. With stops in 15 different cities, including San Francisco, Atlanta, Boston, and New York, the tour will feature var-

ious speakers, activities, and workshops along the way.

"We're rethinking the polar ways of thinking of race," said 23-year-old tour member Jamie Tibbetts, who is Chinese American and white. "Usually it's black or white or white with something else. People aren't used to thinking of being mixed as identifying wholly with both parts."

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## JACL Closes Out '04 With Budget Surplus

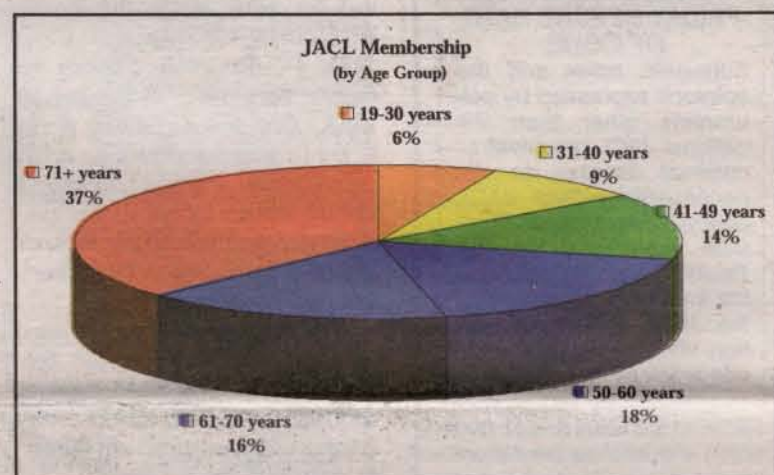
The national board advises caution in '05, especially in summer months when membership revenue plummets.

By LYNDALIN  
Assistant Editor

SAN FRANCISCO—Despite dire financial predictions, JACL emerged from 2004 with a \$49,788 budget surplus, the national board

as the Millennium Club, the Spirit of 76 campaign and the win-a-cruise membership contest, JACL has again managed to avoid what JACL Executive Director John Tateishi described as "the financial silver bullet."

JACL National Secretary/Treasurer Mark Kobayashi attributed the surplus to a membership increase of more than 10 percent and a total of \$76,000 in grant monies released from completed



announced during its March 19-20 meeting.

The news came as a welcome surprise, especially after the November meeting when the national board projected a \$50,000 deficit. JACL has weathered many financial crises in the past by implementing severe budget cuts and staff reductions. But with more emphasis on proactive, revenue-generating measures such

programs (the APA curriculum guide, the anti-hate program and the teacher training workshop).

### Happy Ending in 2004

Corporate sponsors continued to play crucial roles in supporting JACL programs. Some recent cor-

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## All the Flash Money Can Buy

The American mobile phone industry is booming with young APA consumers scrambling to get the latest accessory. But a closer look reveals community partitions and self-consciousness.

By LYNDALIN  
Assistant Editor

When Jacklen Vo's cell phone rings it lights up a room with flashing fluorescent red and blue lights accompanied with a demanding high-pitched ditty and a dull vibrat-



ing growl. Pedestrians stop and stare. Even a man behind the wheel of a light blue Toyota Camry is transfixed. Vo lunges for the wailing phone and giggles as it continues to

vibrate in her hands.

"Hello? What?" she squeals brushing the green bell dangling from the cell phone antenna away from her face. "That's so random," she said wide-eyed over the apparent crank call. She is only 16 years old and she spends all of her weekly allowance on accessories for her cell phone.

The Los Angeles teen works hard for her money too. She washes the dishes, takes out the trash and walks the family dog nightly in order to earn her \$20 weekly stipend to help fund her addiction. And although she says there could be worse hobbies to devote her time to ("It's not like I'm buying crack!"), she talks dolefully about getting a job or finding a boyfriend to help her buy a Louis Vuitton cell phone cover and matching purse.

It's no secret that cell phones and now two-way pagers are hot fashion

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## SPRING CAMPAIGN The Next Step

By LARRY GRANT  
IDC P.C. Bd. Rep.

I enjoy receiving and reading the Pacific Citizen. In fact my wife will tell you I not only enjoy reading newspapers, I just enjoy reading. Since I was a young boy I have read the newspaper from front to back, often including the classified ads just to see what people are selling. I



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## APIA Community Worries About Future of Social Security

By CAROLINE AOYAGI  
Executive Editor

For U.S. Rep. Mike Honda, the issue of social security and President George W. Bush's plans to privatize the system has gotten personal — and he's not happy about it.

"It has become a personal thing with me. He's messing with my mom," said Honda, a Democrat from San Jose.

Like hundreds of thousands of Asian Pacific Islander American seniors, Honda's mother relies heavily on her social security benefits. With only a small pension from her late husband and having worked as a domestic worker most of her life, about 90 percent of Honda's mother's income is from social security.

"We don't want to see anyone in poverty ... anyone without medical care," said Honda.

With President Bush currently

inundating the media with talks of privatizing the current social security system, the issue has inevitably landed at the doorsteps of the APIA community. And the thud with which the issue has landed is even louder for APIA seniors.

It is estimated that about 30 percent of APIA seniors rely primarily



U.S. Rep. Mike Honda recently led a community forum on social security and APAs.

on their social security benefits to make ends meet compared to 17 percent for all other seniors. This is also compounded by the fact that APIAs have much longer life

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expectancies than the mainstream population.

The APIA community is also growing at a rapid rate with the number of Asians in the United States expected to triple in the next 50 years.

"There is a longer life expectancy for APIAs so APIAs have a higher stake in this than other Americans," said U.S. Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., who along with Honda and other Democrats participated in a recent conference call on social security.

"Social security offers a guaranteed benefit" and APIAs "need to have security for a longer time."

## CAMPAIGN

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ALWAYS read the comics. I used to turn to them first, but nowadays, I save them for last.

In addition to a local daily paper we always had a copy of the *Utah Nippo* in our home. I was fascinated with, but couldn't read the Japanese section, but I did read the one or two English pages. Today, I still read the local daily paper and supplement it with the P.C. The P.C. includes many articles that simply are not in the local papers.

The P.C. has evolved during the time I have been a member of JACL. First, it was a full-size weekly publication but over time it has shrunk in both size and frequency. I like the smaller format — it is easier to read and take along to work and other places where I can take a few free minutes to read it.

The articles and subjects covered have evolved over the years too. The stories cover a broad range of national subjects and include many Asian Pacific American and minority issues.

This year we've seen an updating of the layout and the addition of color to the pages. As Gil Asakawa noted in his article in the last issue of the P.C., the staff has done this at no additional cost, thanks to generous advertisers. The next step, also announced in Gil's article, is to take the P.C. online.

The evolution and success of the P.C. would not be possible without the support of JACL members and a wonderful, dedicated staff. I cannot adequately express my admiration and gratitude to the P.C. staff. Caroline Aoyagi and her staff, Lynda Lin, Brian Tanaka, and Eva Lau-Ting, have taken the P.C. through a long stretch of lean years. Hopefully, a new, more prosperous era lies ahead. The addition of new staff members will allow each employee to concentrate their efforts in their specialties and allow them to produce an even better product.

As JACL members and subscribers to the P.C., we can do much to ensure the viability and success of

said Xavier Becerra, D-Calif.

Newly elected U.S. Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Calif., knows well the issues surrounding social security for her late husband, Congressman Robert Matsui, had been a leader in addressing the issue amongst both Democrats and Republicans.

Doris Matsui spoke of being approached by several people expressing their thoughts on social security and the need to preserve the benefits for future generations.

Many people come up to me and say "how important social security benefits are," she said. "It's very much a local issue."

Many of the Democrats who participated in the community discussion expressed their belief that President Bush is overstating the

current estimates of the insolvency of the social security system.

Becerra believes that if the surplus monies from social security are left untouched and not used in the federal budget, the interest earned on the monies should continue producing funds.

"We need a commitment from [Bush and the government] to not spend the social security surplus," he said.

Becerra also criticized President Bush's idea to privatize social security, noting the recent debacle with Enron and WorldComm, companies whose employees lost much of their monies in their 401K plans.

Privatization "does not solve the problem ... it makes it worse," said

Becerra. "You are putting yourself at risk for losing."

"Privatization is a bad idea," agreed Honda.

Although Honda and his fellow representatives agreed that social security has problems and needs adjustments, they believe President Bush's plans to privatize the system goes too far and is detrimental to the American people.

"There is no crisis out there that needs the kind of approach the president is suggesting," said Honda. "Today we recognize the need for tweaking to extend the life of the program."

"The president is creating social insecurity with his proposal," said Becerra. ■

## Letters to the Editor

### Readers Raise Concerns About 'J.A.P. Factor'

Is it just me or has the *Pacific Citizen* been using the term "Jap" too freely? As JACL's national publication, it's not setting an example for others. Just recently, JACL condemned Al Franken for using the term in his book, sponsored a nationwide petition to remove derogatory names from public property (e.g., road names in Texas), etc.

JACL's June 8, 2004, press release response to Bill Parcells' racist comment was, "We are deeply disappointed and highly offended by ... [the] use of the word 'Jap' during a press appearance .... In this day and age, we find it reprehensible that any organization — be it amateur or professional — would tolerate, let alone invoke, racial epithets in any context and use them as standard designations in their operations. We are perplexed that Mr. Parcells, while seeming to recognize the disdain and utter disrespect inherent in the word 'Jap', would continue to use it and allow it to be used on the field."

When an entire page of the P.C. is dedicated to Rachel Factor's "The J.A.P. Factor," the context is entirely inappropriate. Especially when Factor says, "The whole J.A.P. thing was ultimately too good to pass up ... It's much more than a derogatory word." Really? If that's the case, there's no way we can continue to judge others or even ask others to take us seriously when we don't even judge ourselves.

As far as I'm concerned, we have lost the right to criticize anyone or any organization who uses the term if we don't monitor our own organization and its national publication. If we offer no apologies for using the term, how can we condemn others? I understand the word must be used to discuss certain issues. For me, context matters.

The P.C. must stop trying to grab readers by using the "J" word. There's a reason why people are offended by the term.

Emily Teruya

Millennium Club Member

On page 1 of the March 16-31 issue of the *Pacific Citizen* there was an article regarding Rep. Martha Wong of Texas introducing House Bill 1536 that would prohibit use of derogatory names or designations for public property. Sandra Tanamachi has spent over a decade battling for change in the Texas Counties where "Jap" roads exist. It was most heartening to read this.

Ironically, on page 9 there is a full

page spread on Rachel Factor who uses the title "J.A.P." for her act. She says, "Hopefully, it's tongue and cheek enough to not offend anyone."

It's sad that someone who is a Nikkei would degrade herself. If she continues to use this title, it tells everyone that it's okay. If she "loves being Japanese American" as she says, she would change the name of her act.

E. Ozaki

Portland JACL

### Reader Looks Forward to a P.C. Online

I, for one, would prefer to read the *Pacific Citizen* on-line rather than have a hard copy sent every other week. I am already getting newsletters from a couple of organizations in PDF format. The P.C. would be somewhat harder to read through the internet because of the sizes of the pages; the newsletters that I receive are letter size documents. Both are about 10 pages long, once a month.

The convenience of being able to save the ones I want without accumulating a stack of hard copies is a blessing. Not having to dispose of old issues is another. No issues lost in the mail. I can print the parts I want to have on hand. You would save printing costs and postage. Time needed to get the papers into the mail would be cut back substantially.

The advantages are many, drawbacks are few.

When you work out the logistics, please let me know and I will be one of the first to sign up.

Masato Ishida

Lacey, WA

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## Kin of Valley Killer and JA Victim Meet After 60 Years

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

McALLEN, Texas—Sixty years after the paths of Isao Date and H.L. Rhyne crossed tragically on a highway south of town, Date's son and daughter and Rhyne's great-grandsons exchanged small talk about growing up and dealing with the vagaries of age.

It was a tense and stilted

at Date's brick home.

Isao Date, a Hiroshima native, came to the Rio Grande Valley from San Francisco in 1923. According to relatives, he was sent to an internment camp in San Antonio for six months during the war. Joe Date, only two when his father was killed, said his father worked as a tenant farmer after leaving the camp.

Josefina, Joe's stepsister, said

**'Mr. Date, I just want to say I'm sorry for what my great-grandfather did. I'm sorry your family had to go through all that.'**

Scott Kizzia, H.L. Rhyne's great-grandson

encounter recently in the home of Hiroche "Joe" Date. Each knew they had been brought together by something much larger and more menacing.

Finally, one of Rhyne's great-grandsons, brought it up.

"Mr. Date, I just want to say I'm sorry for what my great-grandfather did," said Scott Kizzia. "I'm sorry your family had to go through all that."

Joe Date, now 62 and leaning on a walker after hip-replacement surgery, said the Kizzias didn't have to apologize for their great-grandfather's actions, "but I do appreciate it."

In 1945, hours before news of Japan's surrender in World War II reached the Rio Grande Valley, Rhyne shot and killed Date, a Japanese immigrant. Rhyne, a prominent farmer in Donna, admitted shooting Date in the back as he walked away, but Rhyne said he acted in self-defense, and a jury acquitted him the next year.

The families went their own ways after the shooting but were brought back together last month by a story in *The (McAllen) Monitor*, which detailed the killing of the Japanese farmer and its apparent racial motivation.

After the story appeared, Rhyne's great-grandsons and Date's son called the newspaper, and soon a meeting was arranged

her father was doing well and had just made a \$16,000 down payment on 2,000 acres in Abram and had money left over to buy a car.

The farm deal fell through when Date was killed, and the family settled on 32 acres in Abram. Joe Date said his mother didn't dwell on the shooting and taught her family to move on.

"My mother was a strong woman," he told the Kizzias. "She missed my father, but she still went on."

The Dates never had an explanation for the killing.

"We were always told he did it because he lost a son in the war, in the Pacific," Josefina said — although Rhyne family research indicates that wasn't so.

"We don't know what happened. What we do know was enough to know it was wrong," said 48-year-old Scott Kizzia. "He was a mean man."

According to Kizzia, family lore had it that Rhyne stopped at a bar after the killing and bragged that he had "killed himself a Jap."

Other relatives recalled a kinder side, a jovial man who loved wrestling. Rhyne's granddaughter, Betty Jean Luce of Boca Raton, Fla., her grandfather became more contrite toward the end of his life.

"What would he say if he were around today?" Luce asked. "I would hope he would say he was sorry." ■

## Fifth JA Leadership Delegation Makes Its Mark in Japan

LORI MATSUKAWA  
Special to the Pacific Citizen

A tour of the sleek new Prime Minister's residence, a private performance at the home of a *kyogen* master, and an audience with her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado — all part of an intensive week to build and expand networks between the people of Japan and Japanese American leaders.

We were the fifth Japanese American Leadership Delegation to visit Japan March 4-12 as guests of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and the Japanese American National Museum.

The 12 delegates came from cities across the United States including Seattle and represented a spectrum of experience in business, government, education, law enforcement and media.

During a meeting, Vice Foreign Minister Ichiro Aisawa acknowledged Japan's concerns over "mad cow disease" have strained an otherwise robust relationship between the United States and Japan. Japan has yet to set a date for resumption of U.S. beef imports because testing for B.S.E. remains unresolved.

The assessment of U.S. - Japan relations was echoed by Tokyo Deputy Chief of Mission Michael Michalak, "They've never been better."

In a private audience, Speaker of the House of Representative H.E. Yohei Komo expressed his appreciation for the U.S. government's support of Japan's bid to become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council due to its growing humanitarian role.

A frank discussion with members of Japan's legendary *Keidanren* (Japan Business Federation) provided insights. "What do you want from us?" asked host Keikichi Honda, chairman of NCR Japan, Ltd. "The question is, what can Japanese Americans do for you?" replied Kelly Saito, a commercial real estate broker from Portland, Oregon.

Delegates suggested JAs can reach out and improve the quality of

Japanese workers' experience in the United States which could lead to higher productivity and goodwill toward the United States.

Since so many Japanese are educated in the United States or are "trailing spouses" of business workers, "these are two groups Japanese Americans can reach out to and build personal ties," suggested the delegation's leader, Irene Hirano, CEO of the Japanese American National Museum.

At a symposium sponsored by the Center for Global Partnership and the Hyogo International Association in Kobe, JA delegates were able to share tips on how multicultural coexistence — known as *tabunka kyosei* — is handled in the United States in the areas of law, business and media.

Hyogo Prefecture, Washington's sister state in the Kansai Region, is dealing with a large Japanese Brazilian influx. They come to Japan to work at car factories and other manual jobs. Japanese educational and social service agencies are seeking ways to address issues of language and culture.

Princess Takamado, who travels extensively on behalf of the Imperial Family, encouraged JAs to continue to tell the story of their struggle and success in America. "I have always been impressed by these stories and they are often not in our history books," Her Imperial Highness reflected. "It does make us proud."



Lori Matsukawa and Mark Kobayashi, national JACL treasurer/secretary, were part of the fifth Japanese American Leadership Delegation to visit Japan recently.

Photo courtesy of Lori Matsukawa

Some JAs hold a high profile in Japan. The delegation breakfasted with Glen S. Fukushima, who used to work for the U.S. Trade Representative's office in Washington, D.C. doing tough negotiations to get the Japanese to import U.S. beef, citrus, wood products and apples.

He's now wearing a new hat — bound to set off bells in Washington State — as president and CEO of Airbus Japan. Asked why he would work for the European consortium, Fukushima replied, "I like different experiences." Then he was off to Toulouse! ■

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## Decorated 442nd Veterans Celebrate 62nd Anniversary

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—Their numbers may be fading, but not their spirit.

Members of the Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team that fought in World War II were in Hawaii recently to celebrate the group's 62nd anniversary.

On March 20, more than 1,500 veterans and family members gathered for a luncheon banquet, where Gov. Linda Lingle and other officials thanked them for their service.

"Our state and our nation and our world owe you a debt that we can never repay," Lingle said. "You fought for the honor of every Japanese American and you upheld that honor admirably."

The 442nd was made up almost entirely of JAs, some whose families were held in internment camps by the government they served. They had their loyalties questioned after the Japanese attack on Pearl

Harbor but their unit emerged from WWII as one of the most decorated in U.S. military history.

Its members include U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, who lost his right arm during an attack in Italy.

During a two-year span in Europe, the 100th Battalion and the 442nd fought in eight major campaigns, suffering 9,486 casualties. The combat team and attached battalion earned 587 Silver Stars, 33 Distinguished Service Awards and 21 Medals of Honor.

Honolulu resident Ed Ichiyama, 81, said it's important the vets meet every year.

"We are a diminishing breed," he said. "Each year, when we meet, we

realize we better enjoy because next year some of us may not be around."

Veteran Charles Ijima of Kailua said as the years pass, friends and former comrades have died or

become ill.

"A lot of our friends are gone. It's mostly widows and children," he said. "I'm the youngest guy in my company and I'm 80, so you can imagine the rest of the guys."

About 100 family members whose loved ones are currently serving, have died or have just returned from war in Iraq also attended the banquet, including Allen Hoe, father of 1st Lt. Nainoa Hoe, who was killed Jan. 22.

"Nainoa would always tell me these guys are his heroes," Allan Hoe said.

Veteran Genro Kashiwa, 81, thanked the soldiers currently serving in Iraq.

"I'm very grateful for what they're doing, and I know what they're going through because I experienced that," he said. "I'm one of the very few that was not wounded and survived the war. That's because I was the last man in the platoon." ■



Retired Sgt. Seikatsu Kikuyama of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, left, and retired PFC Robert Ito, right, also of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team are shown March 20 as the colorguard presents the colors during the 62nd annual 442nd luncheon, at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel Hawaii Ballroom in Honolulu. (AP Photo/The Honolulu Advertiser, Andrew Shimabuku)



# National Newsbytes

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

## GOP Bake Sale Gives 'Minority Discount'

ALLEDALE, Mich.—At a recent Grand Valley State University College Republican bake sale, the same cupcake that sold for \$2 was available for 75 cents to a white female or a black person. Deeper discounts were given to Asians, Hispanics and American Indians to prove that affirmative action policies unfairly give preference to women and minorities.

Four students filed complaints with the university and if the review board determines the College Republicans crossed the line, the group could be suspended and lose university funding. The group received \$1,625 from the university this year.

## College Degree Pays for Asian, Black Women

WASHINGTON—Asian and black women with bachelor's degrees earn slightly more than similarly educated white women, according to a new study.

A white woman in the United States with a bachelor's degree typically earned \$37,800 a year in 2003, while a similarly educated Asian woman earned \$43,700 and a black woman \$41,100, according to the Census Bureau. A similarly educated Latin American woman made only \$37,600 a year.

## Judge Will Not Reconsider Leung Decision



LOS ANGELES—U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper stands by her decision to dismiss the case against Katrina Leung, a former FBI informant accused of being a Chinese double agent.

Cooper said the government blocked her access to retired FBI agent and Leung's former lover James J. Smith, a critical defense witness. Smith pled guilty to lying about the affair and agreed to testify against her. In return, the government dismissed more serious charges against Smith.

## Teen is Guilty of Slaying Chinese Food Deliveryman

QUEENS—Charles Bryant, 17, was convicted of the brutal slaying of a Chinese food deliveryman Huang Chen, 18, to get sneaker money. Chen was ambushed, beaten with a baseball bat and hammer and stabbed in the lung with a knife while delivering a \$10 order to an apartment in Rochdale Village last February.

The murder galvanized the city's Chinese community to support the Chen family and pressure law enforcement to bring an end to a series of vicious attacks on Chinese food workers. Bryant faces up to 54 years in prison for his part in the murder.

## Researchers find WWII Japanese Sub Off Hawaii



HONOLULU—Scientists from the University of Hawaii say they have discovered the wreckage of a "monster" World War II-era Japanese submarine in waters off the island of Oahu.

The Japanese I-401 was found during test dives by a Hawaii Undersea Research Lab submersible 820 meters below the water's surface. The vessel is from the I-400 Sensuikan Toku class of subs, the largest built before the nuclear ballistic missile submarines of the 1960s and is the second Japanese vessel found by the laboratory off Oahu.

## Chinese Classes Growing in Popularity at the U. of Kansas

LAWRENCE, Kan.—China's growing voice in economics, politics and culture worldwide has more and more students at the University of Kansas wanting to understand the language. The jump in popularity is making it hard for administrators to find enough people to teach the classes.

Chinese isn't the only language growing in popularity. Over the past decade, credit hours for Arabic and Korean have more than doubled and those for Japanese have gone up 57 percent. ■

## APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff

## Tanamachi to Receive Good Citizenship Medal

For her continuing efforts to erase the racial slur "Jap" from road signs in Texas, **Sandra Tanamachi** will be honored with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal April 9. The award presented by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution since 1895 is given by chapters to persons who have made noteworthy contributions to their community.

## USPAACC President Inducted into Hall of Fame



**Susan Au Allen**, prominent Washington, D.C. lawyer and leading advocate for economic development in the Asian American business community, has been inducted into the Minority Business Hall of Fame for her work as the national president of the U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce (USPAACC).

The Minority Business Hall of Fame and Museum was founded last April to spotlight the achievements of pioneers in opening opportunities for equal access for business owners of color.

## 'War Trash' Wins PEN/Faulkner Prize



**Ha Jin's** "War Trash," a novel about Chinese prisoners of war under American captivity during the Korean War, won the PEN/Faulkner prize for best fiction by an American author. Jin will receive \$15,000. This is his

second win; his first was in 2000 for the novel "Waiting." ■

## East West Players Announces Visionary Awards Honorees

East West Players will honor actor **Alec Mapa** of Broadway's "M. Butterfly," actor **James Shigeta** of "Flower Drum Song," composer **Nathan Wang** and Los Angeles City Councilwoman Jan Perry for their efforts in raising APA visibility at the 39th Anniversary Visionary Awards Dinner April 18 at the Universal City Hilton. **Rodney Kageyama** will also receive the Rae Creevey Award for his 26 years of commitment and volunteer services to the theater.

## California State Assembly Names JA as Woman of the Year



Former La Palma Mayor **Charlene Hatekeyama** was recognized by the California State Assembly as the 2005 Woman of the Year for the 70th Assembly District. Hatekeyama, a State Farm Insurance agent is president of the Japanese American Republicans organization.

## Kim Named CEO of the Year

Center Financial Corporation President and CEO **Paul Seon-Hong Kim** was selected as the Korean American Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles' (KACCLA) "CEO of the Year" for the company's excellent record of financial performance.



He also received the Certificate of Congressional Commendation. ■

## Application Deadline Extended for Masaoka Fellowship Program

The application deadline for the Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship Fund has been extended to April 15. The annual program places extraordinary students in Congressional offices to learn about public policymaking.

The successful candidate will serve his or her fellowship in the office of a U.S. Senator or Member of the U.S. House of Representatives for three and one half months and receive a stipend of \$8,500 and roundtrip airfare from the fellow's home to Washington, D.C.

The fellowship period may be the fall term (September through December, 2005) or the spring term (February through May, 2006) and will be arranged with the Congressional office and the fellow.

All students who are in at least their third year of college or in graduate/professional programs and who are American citizens are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to those with a demonstrated commitment to Asian Pacific American issues, particularly those affecting the Japanese American community.

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.

Interested persons should visit the JACL website at <http://www.jacl.org/masaoka.html> for further information and an application or contact the JACL Washington office at 202/223-1240; or by email: [dc@jacl.org](mailto:dc@jacl.org). ■

## JACL Accepting Bids for '08 National Convention

The JACL is inviting chapters or district councils wishing to host the 2008 biennial national convention to submit their proposals.

Chapters interested in hosting the convention are invited to submit proposals to the JACL national board for consideration. Once awarded, the chapter will be the designated convention committee and responsible for all necessary physical arrangements for the convention.

Arrangements include securing a convention site, and planning and executing logistical and entertain-

ment activities, with consultation and cooperation from the national board and the district council to which it belongs. The national director and staff will oversee the conduct of the convention through the vice president for general operations.

Bid forms are available from JACL Headquarters, 1765 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115, 415/921-5225, fax: 415/931-4671, [jacl@jacl.org](mailto:jacl@jacl.org). Questions may be directed to Larry Oda, v.p. for general operations, at 831/758-7107 or [vpoperations@jacl.org](mailto:vpoperations@jacl.org). ■



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## PSWD and Venice-Culver Announce Fellowship Program

The Venice-Culver JACL and the Pacific Southwest District Office recently announced their collaboration for the 2005 Frances Kitagawa Fellowship Program.

The Frances Kitagawa Leadership Development Fellowship was established by the Venice-Culver JACL in 2001 to honor Kitagawa's leadership, her valuable experience and insight and forthright manner. This eight week program will place an intern at the PSWD office where they will work on the 2005 Pacific Southwest, Central California and Northern California-Western Nevada-Pacific Tri-District.

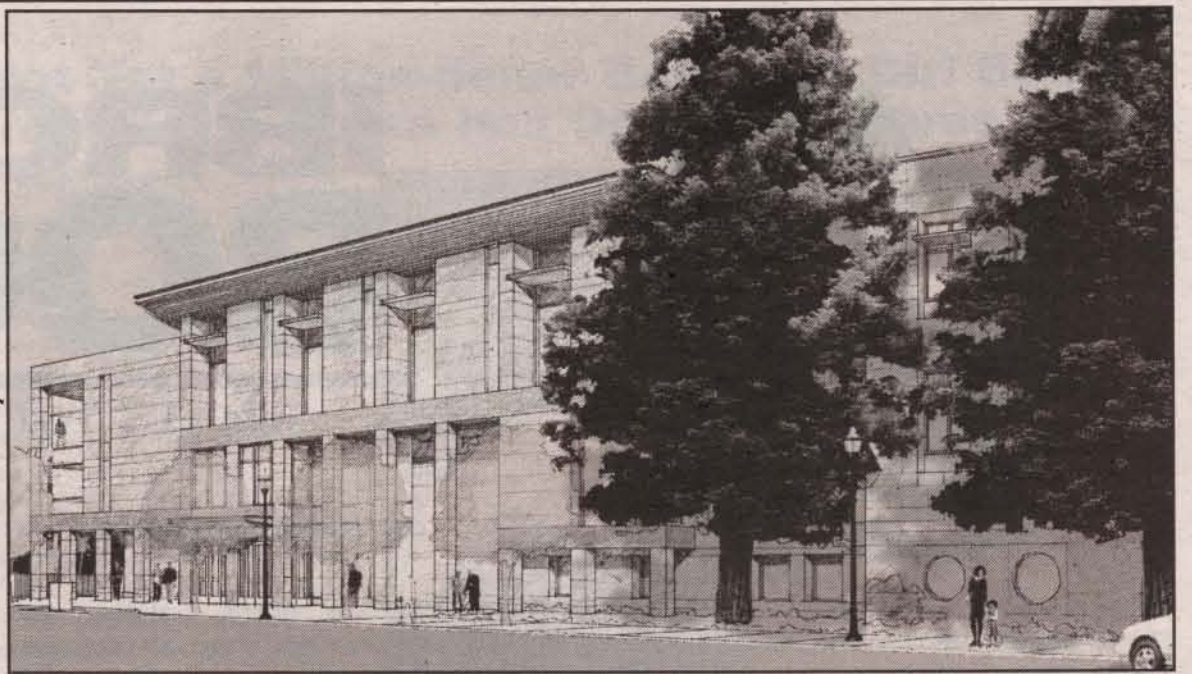
"We are looking forward to working with the Pacific Southwest District office this year and hopefully years to come," said Venice-Culver JACL President Kerry Kaneichi.

"I want to thank the Venice-Culver JACL for selecting the Pacific Southwest District office to

host the Kitagawa Fellowship this year. Hopefully, this will inspire other chapters to follow the lead of the Venice-Culver JACL in establishing internship fellowships," said Gerald Kato, PSWD district programs coordinator.

Kitagawa was a charter member of the Bay Cities JACL which later became the Venice-Culver JACL. During her 60 years of JACL membership, Kitagawa served in various capacities at all levels of the organization. She served as chapter president, both pre-war and post-war. She also held offices and served on committees for the PSWD Council and national JACL, including chapter and national JACL Blue Shield Health Insurance commissioner.

Applications are now available through the PSWD office. For more information or questions, contact Gerald Kato at the PSWD office at 213/626-4471 or email at [programs@jacpsw.org](mailto:programs@jacpsw.org). The deadline for applications is May 25. ■



## San Mateo Library Requests JA Internment Camp Experience Book Donations

The San Mateo Public Library Foundation is building a new public library and is currently requesting donations of books that are about the Japanese American internment camp experience.

The new library will be 90,000 square feet, three times larger with enhanced collections, advanced technology and expanded community meeting space. Through a rotating Cultural Spotlight Program, various cultures will be highlighted during the year. The program is an opportunity to reach out to the broader community to educate and to share various cultures through books, the arts and intellectual exchange.

Components of a JA spotlight would include:

- Creation of a Special Remembrance Collection of the

Japanese American Internment Camp Experience to be on permanent display in the San Mateo Library starting in May 2005 and accessible through the SF Peninsula Library System Network to 32 public libraries and three college libraries;

- Surrounding the Japanese Language Collection in a sight and sound experience of cultural music, art and digital graphics;

- Creation of a JA Lecture & Performance Series with dynamic artists, poets and scholars;

- Expansion of the bilingual Japanese Heritage Programs for children and youth to familiarize the younger generation with the richness and beauty of their cultural background;

- Exhibitions of JA artwork and

artifacts in three distinct display areas in the new main library and;

- Presentations of culinary events that will encourage the appreciation of Japanese cuisines and the sharing of specialty recipes.

The Cultural Spotlight Program will be planned, built and evolve only in collaboration with local community members. The Japanese Cultural Spotlight Pilot Program will take place in May 2005 and in 2006 a full program will be featured when the new library opens.

The deadline for receiving book shipments is April 18 and donations will be acknowledged during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month this May. For information, contact Donna Divodi, 650/522-7855, fax: 650/522-7801, or e-mail: [ddivodi@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:ddivodi@cityofsanmateo.org). ■

## GLAS Announces Scholarship

The JACL Greater L.A. Singles Chapter is offering their annual Hana Uno Memorial Scholarship of \$1000. The scholarship is given each year not only to assist a student financially, but to help applicants become acquainted with some of the goals of the JACL including the privileges and responsibilities of JA citizenship.

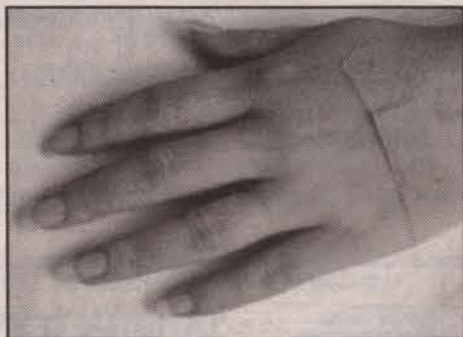
The scholarship was established in 1992 as a memorial to Hana Uno Shepard who before her death in 1987 was an ardent GLAS/JACL member for many years and active in the redress movement for the unconstitutional internment of JAs in

camps during World War II.

To qualify, applicants must be college bound seniors with a good academic achievement record from single-parent families. The student should be of Japanese descent and a resident of Los Angeles or Orange County.

Application forms are available through the students' high school college counselors. To qualify for review by the GLAS Scholarship Committee, applications must be postmarked by May 9 or faxed by that date to the scholarship chairperson at 310/559-4024. ■

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## CELL PHONES

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accessories. Mobile phones have become a \$100 billion a year industry with over 1.5 billion users around the world. Over 650 million cell phones are expected to be sold to consumers this year, said a recent MSNBC poll. Just as quickly as cell phone companies are putting out the latest models with the latest technology, young consumers are snatching them up and slapping on flashing face plates, stickers that light up when a call comes in and personalized ring tones.

Nowhere is the mobile culture more prevalent than in Japan where flashy, state of the art mobile technology is so much a part of the lifestyle that it merited its own name, *keitai* (Japanese for "portable; mobile phone"), and has its own devoted followers called the "thumb tribe" because of their constant dialing. In the United States, the urge to use the cell phone as an accessory to communicate personal style isn't as omnipresent except for groups of young Asian Pacific Americans like Vo who just can't get enough flash.

To cater to the demand, Asian-owned cell phone stores in enclaves like San Gabriel and Westminster, California outnumber all other retail chains. Along the city of San Gabriel's bustling Las Tunas Boulevard, there are more than two-dozen small cell phone storefronts with English and Chinese marquees lined up side by side. For Kiet Lam, a first generation Vietnamese American, this is his mecca.

Somewhere in a desk drawer in Lam's room, there are more than 20

old cell phones gathering dust, not counting the ones he already donated to charity. Lam, 29, is a self-proclaimed "gear head" who devours *Wired* magazine each month and changes cell phones, mobile carriers and accessories more often than he says he can remember.

He went through the neon faceplate fad and a *Spiderman* phase, but he says it takes all his energy and resources to keep up with technology, which of course includes video game consoles, computers and MP3 players. To subsidize his hunger for the latest and greatest, he lives with his parents.

"I get really strong reactions from my friends whenever I show off my new gear," said Lam. His most recent purchase was the Motorola V3 Razor, an ultra thin and expensive (approximately \$650 retail price tag) mobile phone that he said was purchased for much less, but would not specify how much. He shrugs off the expense with an explanation that most of his friends have much more costly hobbies such as detailing their cars.

The American cell phone industry loves young APAs and they show their devotion by inundating the community with target advertisements that go beyond just the traditional billboard and print ad. It's not a coincidence that cell phone and other hi-tech ads feature the most multi-racial casts in Hollywood. Even the table placemats at Los Angeles Asian cafes scream of great deals from Cingular Wireless.

Some argue that these are symptoms of an increasingly commercial society obsessed with the word "bling-bling" and all that it comes with. But most agree that even with-

out a true "thumb tribe" in America the cell phone and accessory craze is most common among young APAs. And within that subset of that population, there is an understood but not usually admitted stereotype that those APAs who love their mobile technology so ardently must be new immigrants.

"It is a bigger fad amongst the Asian community. I wouldn't say it is that big among the Asian American community," said Mowe Hy who never decorated his phone, but had a friend in college fix up his cell phone with a changeable face plate in "purple, orange. You know, anything flamboyant."

"Most Asian kids I know focus on other things to enhance their image. Everybody wants to have little unique things. When people have those flashy things on their cell phone, they think people will look at them and find it to be cool," he added.

Le Sheng Liu, an Oakland film student and outreach volunteer echoes the same sentiment: "Asian Americans who grew up in the States — and thus would be more likely to express themselves through cultures founded in the West such as hip-hop culture — wouldn't be caught dead with a cell phone with neon blinkers and Sanrio stickers all over it."

But don't be so quick to link Lam's cell phone obsession to his ability to identify as American — at least don't do that to his face.

"You know what? That's offensive. It's like if one Black guy asks another why they wear the gold chain with their names spelled out. It's offensive ... and why hate your own [race]?" ■



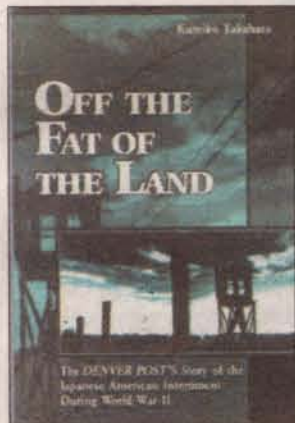


# BROWSE BOOKS

ideas for bookworms

By YUMI SAKUGAWA

**Off the Fat of the Land: The Denver Post's Story of Japanese American Internment**  
Western History Publications  
By Kumiko Takahara  
pp. 198; paperback \$16.95



Takahara's work brings an interesting perspective to the Japanese American internment experience — through the articles of the *Denver Post*, the leading newspaper in the state of Colorado at that time. Takahara's study shows the extent of the anti-Japanese propaganda that was blatantly disseminated through the media. It is also a sobering reminder of how much power paper journalism, even in present times, still wields over formulating collective opinion.

**Japanese Americans of Merced County**  
Japanese Americans of Merced County Committee  
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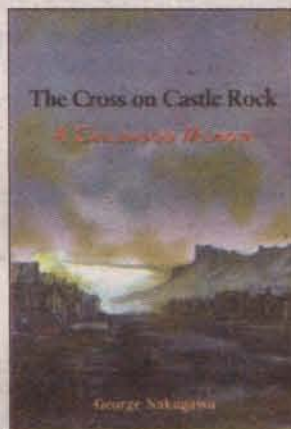
A photographic journal spanning from 1906 to 1960, this book chronicles how Japanese immigrants settled into California and established farms in Merced. Inevitably, it also delves into the internment experience



the Japanese American residents of Merced County faced in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor, and the struggles they had to overcome in returning to their community and rebuilding their interrupted lives. Created by the residents of the Merced County themselves, this is a personal glimpse into the individual lives of the first JAs who settled into these farm communities.

**The Cross on Castle Rock: A Childhood Memoir**  
iUniverse Publishing  
By George Nakagawa  
pp. 130; \$13.95 paperback

Nakagawa chronicles his three years spent in American prison camps as a young son of a poor immigrant farmer. In spite of the stark conditions of internment, Nakagawa remembers his experience in camp as endless days of play, sports, school and mischief-making with his adolescent buddies. However, as he grows older, Nakagawa realizes the blatant racism still prevalent in America, and how it is tearing apart the closely-knit Japanese American community.



**Grace: An American Woman in China: 1934-1974**  
Soho Press, Inc.  
By Eleanor McCallie Cooper and William Liu  
pp. 363; \$15.00 paperback

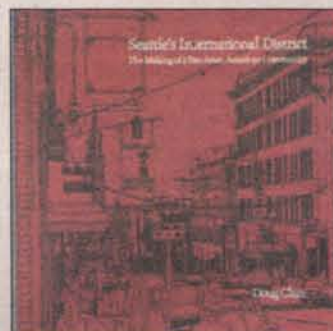
"Grace" is the fascinating and true love story of an American woman from Tennessee who married a Chinese engineer and lived to be one of the few Westerners who witnessed



the turbulent era of the Chinese Cultural Revolution. A personal journey that involves raising a mixed-race family and being a foreigner in a different country, this book also gives a unique outsider-perspective on the sweeping historical events that changed China forever.

**Seattle's International District: The Making of a Pan-Asian American Community**  
International Examiner Press  
By Doug Chin  
pp. 124; paperback \$14.95

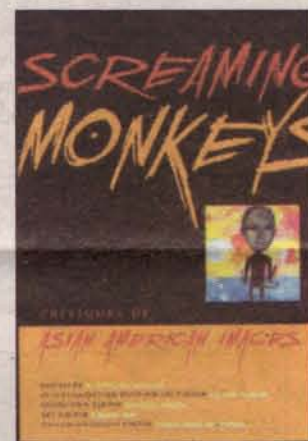
Chin explores and chronicles the growth of the International District in Seattle, home to a diverse pan-Asian American community, from its humble beginnings to the present. Internal and



external conflicts, government politics, immigrant struggles and broad historical forces all contributed in shaping the District that is home to many ethnic communities. The book explores the movement of the Chinatowns, Filipino immigrants organizing unions, the interment of Japanese Americans and the significance of the District as a pan-Asian American community in this present time.

**Screaming Monkeys: Critiques of Asian American Images**  
Coffee House Press  
Edited by M. Evelina Galang  
Paper \$22; 500 pp.

Screaming Monkeys is the collaborative work of writers, artists, scholars and activists from different ethnic communities who speak out against the negative cultural stereotypes of Asian Americans that are so enmeshed within the collective imagination. With contributors that include Maxine Hong Kingston, Arthur Sze, Li-Young Lee along with artists Jordon Isip, Phung Huynh and Hiroshi Kimura, this book also contains published articles and advertisements that subtly disseminates further stereotypes of Asian Americans. ■



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ALASKA CRUISE W/ CRYSTAL CRUISES (departs from SF, 13 days)	JULY 5
MIDWEST BASEBALL TOUR (9 days, games @ ChiWS, Det, Cin, StL, KC, Mil, ChiC)	JULY 19
THE OZARKS & BRANSON (w/ Tauck Tours, 9 days)	SEPT 24
JAPAN AUTUMN ADVENTURE (12 days)	OCT 19
DISCOVER KYUSHU (13 days)	OCT 30
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BASEBALL  
Ichiro Keeps the Momentum  
Going at Spring Training

By TIM KORTE  
AP Sports Writer

PEORIA, Arizona—It's only spring training, but Seattle Mariners star outfielder Ichiro Suzuki is hitting the baseball everywhere again. He was leading the Cactus League with a .531 average and 26 hits — best in the majors — going into last weekend.



With a sixth-inning triple Mar. 25 against Kansas City, Suzuki stretched his hitting streak to all 15 of his spring games, tying a Mariners record set by Ken Griffey Jr. in 1989.

After a historic season last year, when Suzuki broke an 84-year-old major league record with 262 hits, fans on both sides of the Pacific Ocean are eager to see what he'll do for a follow-up.

Can he become the first .400 hitter since Ted Williams batted .406 in 1941? Maybe he can challenge Joe DiMaggio's record 56-game hitting streak set that year. Suzuki was jokingly asked if he can hit in all 162 games.

"If that happens, I'll quit baseball," he said through a translator.

Not only did Suzuki make history with 262 hits in 2004, breaking George Sisler's 1920 mark, but his 46-hit margin over runner-up Michael Young of Texas (216) was the largest difference ever.

Suzuki became the first player with at least 200 hits in each of his first four seasons, and his 924 hits from 2001-04 set another major league mark for a four-year stretch. His 225 singles were also a record.

Oh, and he hit .372 for his second American League batting title.

So what's next? Unfortunately for the curious, it goes against Suzuki's nature to dive into forecasts.

"Those things occur so far ahead, and I really can't see that far ahead," he said. "I've really got to focus on what I'm doing right now. Of course, as a hitter, you want to get hits. There are ways of getting hits."

"That's the fun part," he added. "Every at-bat is different."

But what about a .400 season?

Suzuki won't touch the question, explaining that he's only committed to what's immediate. He'll allow, however, that his strong hitting stems from minor changes he made last July — widening his stance slightly to about 16 inches (40 centimeters).

If anyone today could challenge DiMaggio's 56-game streak, then, you'd have to think it would be Suzuki. Too bad Suzuki doesn't share that belief.

"A 56-game hitting streak? I don't think of that, not at all," he said. "I don't even think I've reached halfway there."

Just how good is Suzuki right now?

He's within reach of spring training club records for batting average (.491, Edgar Martinez, 1996) and hits (35, Carlos Guillen, 1999). After a 2-for-4 night against the Los Angeles Angels two weeks ago, Suzuki's average actually dropped — from .579 to .571.

He even drew an intentional walk — rare in spring games. Seattle led Milwaukee 2-0 with one out and runners on the corners on Mar. 24 when Brewers manager Ned Yost decided it was safer to take the bat out of Suzuki's hands.

"You just can't bad-pitch around him," Yost said. "I know it's only spring training, but if you try to bad-pitch around him, he'll slap it through a hole and all of a sudden it's 3-0." ■

Stories by Associated  
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BOXING  
Not Yet a Million-dollar Baby, but Girl Boxer  
from North Korea has Olympic Dreams

By BURT HERMAN  
Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea—In a frigid basement gym reeking of sweat, 14-year-old Choi Hyun Mi hammers a punching bag with ferocious three-punch combinations, her rosy-cheeked face burning with the intensity of an Olympic dreamer.

Her talent was discovered in North Korea, her country of birth, where she was identified at age 11 as a top athlete and given special training and food rations. She fled with her family last year and is back in training, hoping to represent her new home country in the ring.

Choi's family lived a privileged life in North Korea; her father was allowed to travel to China to negotiate export deals for the seafood company where he worked. But in South Korea, Choi's parents are unemployed. They rely on the kindness of their daughter's trainers.

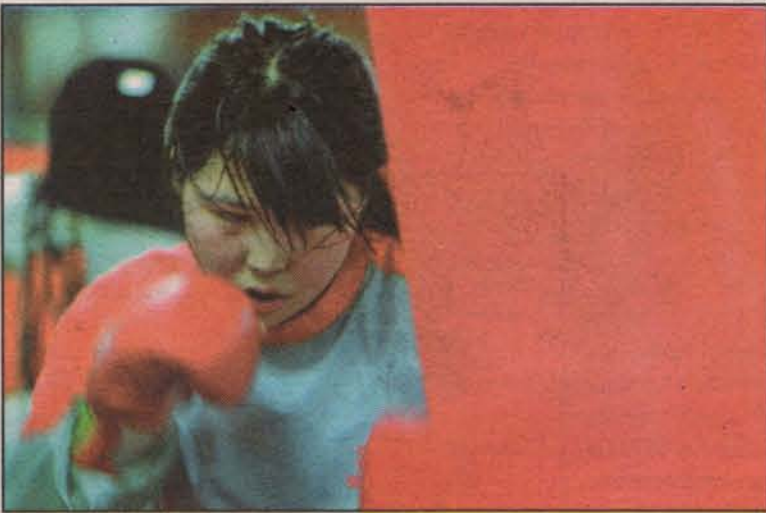
It would be a stretch to call her Korea's equivalent of the "Million Dollar Baby" in the Oscar-winning film, but her trainers are excited enough about her prospects to be offering their services free.

Choi's father said the decision to defect stemmed from the pressure of being under constant surveillance as a member of the North Korean elite.

"The government watches you and controls you because you have money," he said, speaking on condition his name not be used for fears of repercussions against family still in the North. Other relatives have tried to join them, and his 70-year-old mother is in jail after being arrested in China and sent home for attempting to escape.

Choi said she was walking with friends on a street in the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, when a boxing trainer spotted her and saw the makings of a fighter.

Her parents were at first opposed — her mother wanted her to take up art or music. But the trainer kept coming to their house and urging Choi to sign up, so she left her ordi-



Former North Korean defector Choi Hyun Mi, 14, beats a sandbag during her training at the Dongbu Unsung Gymnasium in Seoul. (AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

nary schoolgirl life for the privileged world of North Korea's top athletes.

Choi's parents said their daughter told them she wanted to make it to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing because "I want to make Kim Jong Il

*'She's not afraid of  
getting punched.'*

— Trainer Lee Yong-hun

happy," referring to the North Korean leader.

North Korea relies on outside aid to feed its people, and Choi's parents said adults receive daily rations of about 25 ounces that actually end up at 18 ounces after what they called "taxes."

As a potential star athlete, Choi was guaranteed the full 25-ounce ration along with meat and cooking oil, and all the clothes and equipment she needed.

It wasn't easy, though: She would wake up at 5 a.m. six days a week for a five-mile run, then take classes, then train from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. After dinner she would have another hour of training. She saw her parents on Sundays only.

An organization that works with defectors put Choi in touch with Chang Jung-koo, South Korea's

most famous boxer, who held a WBC junior flyweight title for five years in the 1980s.

He criticized the North Korean training as only focusing on exercise, changed Choi's diet and applied new sports technology.

Now Choi trains only an hour a day, bobbing and weaving to the beat of Korean and American pop music. She wears a plastic suit to help her sweat off weight to compete in the 63-65 kilogram (139-143 pound) division. She also has had to learn new boxing vocabulary: South Korea uses English words like "jab" while North Korea sticks with the pure Korean variants.

She goes to school and is home every day now.

Women's boxing will be an exhibition sport at the 2008 Olympics, although Chang said efforts are under way to make it an official event. Choi is too young to have fought any bouts, but is set to start fighting in student competitions this year.

"She's not afraid of getting punched," said another of Choi's trainers, Lee Yong-hun. "Of course she can make it to the Olympics." ■

SWIMMING  
McDonnell Wins  
Breaststroke Events

Brigid Mary K. McDonnell, Georgia's 11-12 year old girls breaststroke champion, successfully competed in the 2005 Southern Zone Eastern Section Age Group Championship, winning two of the three breaststroke events and placing third in the 400 Individual Medley (IM).

The 2005 Southern Zone Eastern Section Age Group Championship meet was held March 17-20. More than 750 swimmers from Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi and Tennessee competed at Dynamo Swim Club in Atlanta, McDonnell's home pool.

McDonnell medaled in four events, placing first in the 50 Breast (32.37) and 200 Breast (2:30.58), second in the 100 Breast (1:10.29) and third in the 400 IM (4:49.39). She swam personal bests in these events.

McDonnell is a sixth grader at St. Martin's Episcopal School. Her parents are native Philadelphian Pat McDonnell and native San Diego Donna Yamaguchi McDonnell. They reside in Buckhead. McDonnell's grandparents are native Southern Californians Mary Doi Yamaguchi and the late Daniel Hiroshi Yamaguchi. ■

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## BUDGET

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porate donations include:

- \$75,000 from Ford for the anti-hate program
- \$50,000 from State Farm for the APA curriculum guide
- \$10,000 each from Wal-Mart, AT&T (Spirit of 76 campaign)
- \$29,000 from the JACL Credit Union (Spirit of 76 campaign)

In addition, long-time Thousand Club member Anthony Plummer recently made a \$52,000 personal donation to the JACL.

"This is one of the largest individual and personal donations we've ever received, certainly the largest during my tenure as director, and I can't tell you how absolutely critical it is for us to receive this type of contribution," said Tateishi. "With enough donations like this and more, we'd be able to build an endowment that would make it possible to solve our budget woes in the future."

"Revenues of this nature definitely help us in our financial situation by offering a means outside of membership income to make our budgets," said Kobayashi, adding, "In fact, membership income makes up 50 percent of revenues and the remainder come from various sources such as these." Because of this, Kobayashi is calling for a proposal of ideas of funding opportunities to suggest to the national board.

"I am hopeful that the membership will come up with several ideas out of which we can develop five to 10 of these programs as potential grant and fundraising opportunities," he said.

As of Dec. 31, 2004, the budget shows a total of \$2,283,098 in total actual revenue and \$2,233,310 in expenditures. Membership income topped off at \$1,007,840, fund rais-

ing came in at \$265,961 and the Pacific Citizen brought in \$198,458.

Some larger expenditures included \$489,682 for operations, \$615,054 for the national convention in Hawaii and the P.C. at \$396,174.

JACL investments include the National Endowment Fund at \$392,281, the Masaoka Endowment

"I am definitely cautiously optimistic about the financial future for the JACL," said Kobayashi who pointed out some trends: The first four to five months of the year are traditionally the largest membership revenue months. However, membership monies usually dry up in the summer. And with the summer months right around the corner, the

national board agreed to postpone the hiring of two new staff members (P S W D regional director and P.C. reporter) at least until the next board meeting in June.

Another issue for the national board to take up is the alarming membership demographics. Seventy-one percent of members are over the age of 50, which raises concern about JACL's future.

"The Nisei ... are the strongest and most generous supporters of the JACL. When the Nisei are no longer with us, our future as an organization will be questionable unless we make huge adjustments," said Tateishi.

The challenge continues to be how to develop programs that attract members of all age levels and diversify revenues sources while continuing to work on educational programs with a skeletal staff.

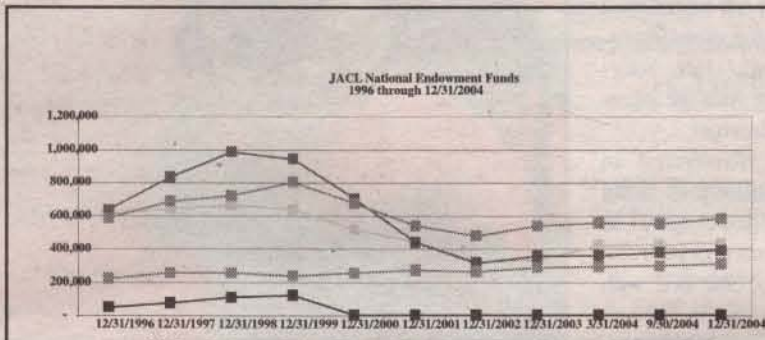
"A tough assignment but definitely something that the JACL as a whole I believe is ready to tackle," said Kobayashi. ■

Fund at \$309,830 and the Life Trust Endowment Fund at \$437,559, which Kobayashi said is returning to — if not exceeding — the level it once was in 2001.

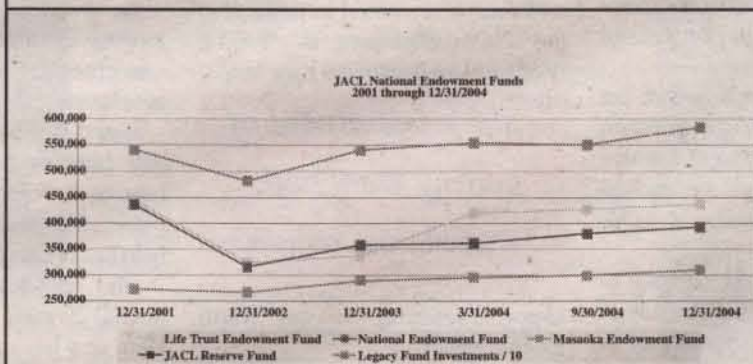
The Legacy Fund was at \$5,829,223 as of Dec. 31, but was reported to decrease slightly to approximately \$5.7 million March 19. It is currently over the corpus level.

## Cautiously Optimistic in 2005

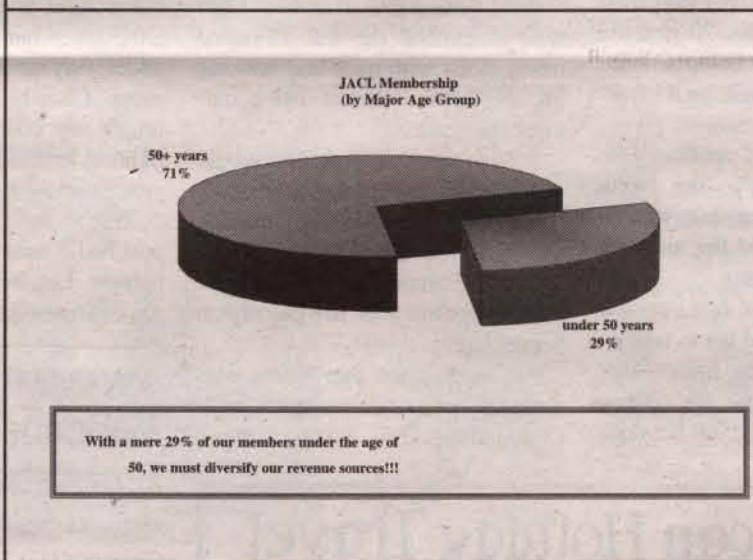
Even with the budget surplus, national board members warn of financial danger in 2005.



- Life trust increase is due to return of funds borrowed in 2003
- \$75k returned
- 30% increase from 2003
- Legacy fund is at \$5.8million (12/31/04) with corpus at approx \$5.4 million
- 7.9% increase over 2003



- Note that with the exception of the National Endowment fund all funds have gotten back to 2001 levels
- Important issues with regards to how funds should be invested w/ by the IPC going forward
- It may make sense to re-evaluate the investment mix to reflect the nature of today's market



## GENERATION MIX

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Originally conceived as a national book tour back in 2003, organizers in MAVIN soon realized there were larger issues at hand and the idea for the Generation MIX national tour was born.

"What's exciting about the mixed race perspective ... it's not black vs. white or gay vs. straight ... it's recognizing that there is a spectrum of identity. That when we talk about race, there is this grey area," said Matt Kelley, 26, founder and president of MAVIN.

"For me personally, the most exciting aspect of the tour is the national dialogue component," said Kelley, who is of Korean and Irish ancestry. "It's a refreshing perspective — that we can and should talk about mixed race experiences in the 21st century."

In states like California, Oregon, and Washington, more mixed race kids are born today than any other race but Caucasian. And for the first time in the 2000 Census, mixed race persons were allowed to identify with more than one race.

"For me I have an 'in' to different communities," said Tibbetts, who notes that his heritage is Chinese American and not Chinese. "It's not about trying to challenge the community. It's about sharing community."

Tibbetts knows that some in the Asian Pacific American community may be threatened by promoting mixed race issues, fearing a loss of culture and diminished Census numbers. "But this is a misconception," he said. "It's a wonderful way to open up culture."

"It's important to allow people to identify with more than one race," said Lakshminarayanan, who identifies with both her Asian Indian and white heritage.

In addition to raising awareness and creating a national dialogue, Generation MIX also hopes to highlight the growing amount of resources that are available to par-

ents raising mixed race youth.

"With the young people it's important to foster a positive identity formation when they're trying to figure out who they are," said Tibbetts, who currently runs the Like Minded People T-shirt company.

"I'm looking forward to working with the kids and families," said Lakshminarayanan, who remembers being one of the few multiracial individuals growing up in Michigan. "I'm excited about bringing them information" about growing up mixed race.

Working with various college and community groups, locals will be encouraged to take part in the tour that includes a children and families station, a community expression station, and a health station. The Generation MIX members will also talk about their experiences along the tour with daily blogs (www.generationmix.org) and their adventure will be featured in an upcoming documentary.

Joining Tibbetts and Lakshminarayanan will be: Aaron Kendeall, 21, of African American, Greek American, and European American heritage; Ashley McDermott, 20, of African American and European American descent; and Charles Yesuwan, 23, of Chinese and Thai heritage.

The Generation MIX tour participants have been going through intensive training sessions and have only a few days left before they embark on a grueling travel schedule. Still, they are excited about what lies ahead.

"I want to see what the other folks in college surroundings are doing," said Tibbetts, who looks forward to learning about the mixed-race experiences outside the big east and west coast cities. "I want to see the experiences of people from across the country."

"I'm looking forward to seeing different parts of the country ... see how other [mixed race] people have grown up," said Lakshminarayanan. ■

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Haole Hubby Club founder Brandy Yamamoto with husband Marc Arcidiacono, who is of English/Irish/Sicilian descent, knew that if she started a club, interracial couples would join.



Lovebirds Joe and Bonnie Gardewin fell in love in 1973 Hawaii and paved the way for future interracial couples. Today, they live in Ohio and Joe jokes that Bonnie 'never pays retail or full price!'

'We are not our parents and we have to bring our two cultures together,' Nani Phoumisavanh said about her husband Pete whom she met in Hawaii while he was in the U.S. Air Force.



By LYNDALIN  
Assistant Editor

For all the Asian women married to Caucasian men, there is now the Haole Hubby Club. To join you need only show off the man on your arm. And although there are no membership costs or meetings to attend, the club does provide a forum for couples to rant and rave about sticky marriage issues, especially the ones that emerge when two different cultures merge into one.

For instance, does your Haole hubby recoil from the pungent scent of Durian fruit while you dream of digging your fingers into its squishy flesh? Just go to [www.haolehubby-club.com](http://www.haolehubby-club.com) and start pouring your heart out in the "Funny Food" section. There are already a handful of stories posted by women lamenting that their Haole hubbies don't understand delicacies like "Sinigang Na Baboy" (a Filipino dish with pork in sour broth) and Kalua Pig (Yes, it does kind of look like a pile of stringy leftovers).

You can also share your mortifying and funny stories about cultural differences in the "Culture Clash" link and direct your husband to the "Teach Hubby" section, which offers information to help dispel stereotypes about Asian wives. In each section, there are already dozens of stories posted by women and men who couldn't help but share their experiences with other like-minded couples.

The club taps into a growing demand for an interracial marriage forum. The number of interracial marriages is growing according to the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau, especially in the Asian wife/white husband category, so chances are you or someone you know may already be a member of the Haole Hubby Club.

Just ask Brandy Yamamoto, 32, who created the club in October 2003 with her cousins for fun. Yamamoto herself is married to English/Irish/Sicilian financial adviser Marc Arcidiacono whom she met while living in San Francisco. Her cousins were also

members of the unlikely sorority of women "married to big Haole men" and together they shared stories about the cultural bumps in their relationships. The cousins would point out other interracial couples and joke that they were "in the club" too.

Then Yamamoto decided to actually start the club.

"I registered the domain name and it just started out as a site for friends and family and then I started meeting more and more people who were in interracial marriages and then they knew other couples," said Yamamoto.

What started out as a joke between cousins mushroomed into a popular forum for couples to share

of having a place to sort of share stories," said Joe, who submitted a photo to the web site.

Yamamoto, a San Diego-based architect who works on the web site at night, said she receives so many submissions that she may expand to a newsletter. The club already offers merchandise for sale like Haole Hubby Club T-shirts featuring different hair colors to match your Haole man or woman and customized Hapa Baby products. Yamamoto said she recently sold \$600 worth of merchandise in one week. Now she's thinking about expanding the site by creating links to different ethnicities "because each culture has different issues."

But not all visitors to the site are fans. A previously posted "open letter" explained that the site is not meant to be offensive.

"A couple of people were saying 'Why are you treating a white husband like a status symbol?' I've been called a racist," said Yamamoto, adding that she was not surprised at the criticism because it is such a sensitive topic.

David Liu an engineer from Seattle said the club's web site is amusing, but reinforces the sexless Asian male stereotype. "Can an Asian brother catch a break?" he implored.

However, Yamamoto insists it's all in good fun. "It's not a dating site. It's not to encourage marrying a white man."

The web site includes a section for Asian men married to Haole women and a "Hubby Rant" link for men to vent about their wives to capture the other side of the stories. Although she received a few critical notes ("seven from the same person") and a few e-mails from men looking for Asian wives, overall she said the response has been positive. And members are quick to defend their club.

"People sometimes get a bit too uptight about racial issues. Something like [this club] shows the lighter side," said Joe. "If we lose the capacity to laugh at our foibles and idiosyncrasies, we have lost something pretty special and very valuable." ■

*'I don't object to being called a haole ... I like the idea of having a place to sort of share stories.'*

— Joe Gardewin, a self-proclaimed Haole hubby.

stories and photos. The images in the "Photo Album" link are a medley of smiling faces in weddings, on vacation and in pirate costumes but all sporting the same look of love.

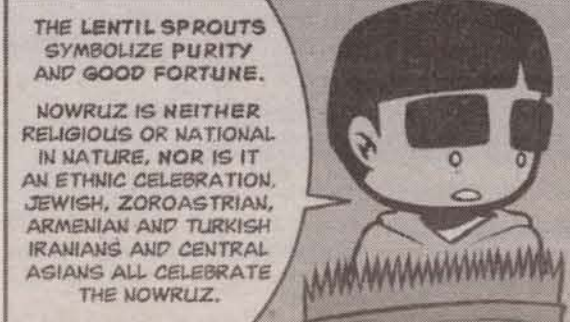
The site also offers mixed families the opportunity to share baby pictures in the "Hapa Kids Club" and pays respect to older "trendsetter" couples like Joe and Bonnie Gardewin who met over "great pupus and cheap drinks" in 1973 Hawaii where he was based as an air force captain.

On their first date, Bonnie took her Irish American husband-to-be to a Korean market and over three decades later they are still self-proclaimed lovebirds.

"My wife and I both have what can be called strong and active senses of humor ... I don't object to being called a haole ... I like the idea

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# JACL-COMMUNITY Calendar

## National

### SALT LAKE CITY

**Fri.-Sun., June 24-26**—2005 National JACL Student/Youth Conference; University of Utah; \$40 for members (includes lodging), \$60 non-members (includes youth membership and lodging). Info: Joshua Spry, youthchair@jacl.org or Todd Sato, youthrep@jacl.org.

### VANCOUVER, British Columbia

**Thurs.-Sat., July 7-9**—XIII COPANI, "Heritage and Health in the 21st Century, 2005 PANA Convention; Hyatt Regency Hotel, 655 Burrard; Info: www.najc.ca.

## East Coast

### BROOKLYN, N.Y.

**Sat.-Sun., April 30-May 1**—24th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival; Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Info: www.bbg.org or 718/623-7333.

### TOWSON, Maryland

**Sat., Apr. 23**—Kazuo Sawai and the Sawai Koto Ensemble; 8 p.m.; Asian Arts and Culture Center, Towson University.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Thurs., April 7**—National Japanese American Memorial Foundation Awards Dinner Gala; 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner; Capital Hilton, 1001 16th St. NW; Honorary dinner co-chairs Gen. Eric Shinseki (ret.) and George Aratani; honoring Daniel K. Inouye, Peter W. Rodino, Jr. and President Ronald Reagan (1911-2004); Pat Morita is the master of ceremonies; black tie optional; Info: 202/530-0015 or www.njamf.com.

**Sun., Apr. 24**—Kazuo Sawai and the Sawai Koto Ensemble; 4 p.m.; Freer Gallery of Art, Meyer Auditorium.

**Sun., April 10**—The Twinkling, Sparkling Writing Life: 2005 Newbery Award Winner Cynthia Kadohata; 2:30-4:30 p.m.; Carmichael Auditorium, National Museum of American History, 14th Street and Constitution Ave. NW; free and open to the public. Info: 202/786-2409 or www.apa.si.edu.

**Sun., May 1**—Jazz fusion concert by Hiroshima; 6 p.m.; Hirshhorn Plaza; concert will be preceded by a documentary about Hiroshima and discussion about the group's experiences, moderated by Franklin Odo, 4:30 p.m.

**Through May 1**—Exhibition, Miracles Under the Waves: a collection of 34 images by Akiyoshi Ito; Concourse of the S. Dillon Ripley Center, Smithsonian Institution, 1100 Jefferson Drive S.W.; 10:30-5:30 p.m. daily; free

**Through May 8**—Exhibition, "Isamu Noguchi - Master Sculptor"; Smithsonian Institution, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Independence Ave. at 7th St., SW.

**Tue., May 17**—11th Annual APAICS Gala Dinner; Washington, D.C. Capital Hilton; join APAICS for its annual celebration of Asian Pacific Islander Americans in politics and public service. Info: www.apaics.org.

**May 21-Aug. 29**—Exhibition, "Shomei Tomatsu: Skin of the Nation"; 10-5 p.m. Wed.-Mon., closed Tues.; Corcoran Gallery of Art, New York Ave. and 17th Street, NW; Tomatsu is Japan's preeminent post-war photographer and his work has rarely been seen in the U.S. Info: 202/639-1700 or www.corcoran.org.

## Midwest

### CHICAGO

**Thurs.-Sun., July 21-24**—Bi-District Conference of the MDC and EDC JACL; Radisson Hotel, 160 East Huron; room rate: \$129/night for single, \$139 for two doubles and \$154 for corner suite; room deadline is June 21; a welcome reception is scheduled for Thursday and a dinner on Saturday. Further details to follow.

### CINCINNATI

**Sun., April 17**—Ohanami, Cherry Blossom Viewing Party, Japanese Bazaar and Bake Sale; 2-4 p.m.; Hyde Park Bethlehem Church, 3799 Hyde Park Ave.; sponsored by the Cincinnati JACL.

## Intermountain

### MOSCOW, Idaho

**Through Apr. 29**—Exhibit, "Exposing Anti-Asian Racism and Stereotypes, Past and Present"; University of Idaho Library. Info: Valerie Park, park0013@uidaho.edu or 801/389-0951.

### SALT LAKE CITY

**Sat., Apr. 9**—Mt. Olympus JACL FundaRama; sushi/majju/bake goods sale 6 p.m., 6:30 dinner, bingo after dinner; Cottonwood High School, 5717 S.



CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART

The work of Shomei Tomatsu, Japan's pre-eminent post-war photographer will be on display at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. beginning May 21.

1300 East; dinner \$9 with reservations, \$10 at the door; children 12 and under \$5 with reservations or \$6 at the door.

**Sat., Apr. 30**—Nihon Matsuri; 11-7 p.m.; First South between 200 and 300 West; Japanese cultural craft demonstrations, handicrafts, entertainment, food.

## Pacific Northwest

### PORTLAND

**Sun., Apr. 24**—Presentation and book signing, "The Toledo Incident of 1925: Three Days That Made History in Toledo, Oregon" by Ted Cox; 1:30 p.m.; Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 121 N.W. Second Ave.; \$3 donation at the door, free to ONLC members. Info: June Schumann, 503/224-1458.

## Northern California

### BERKELEY

**Through Apr. 30**—Lewis Suzuki's One Man Show; 9:30-2 p.m. and 5:30-9:30 p.m.; La Pena Cultural Center, Cafe Valparaiso Gallery, 3105 Shattuck Ave.; viewing hours are Wed. through Sun.

**Tues., May 10**—"Manzanar: An American Story"; Zellerbach Hall, U.C. Berkeley; under the artistic direction of Kent Nagano.

### MANZANAR

**Apr. 8-May 1**—"Reflections of Manzanar" Art Show; 9-5:30 daily; Manzanar National Historic Site Interpretive Center; Henry Fukuhara's works will be on display; free. Info: Manzanar History Association, 877/878-2727.

### OAKLAND

**Sat.-Sun., April 23-24**—Fashion Fundraiser, Oakland Buddhist Women's Association; Sat. 1-4 p.m., Sun. 11-4 p.m.; 825 Jackson St.; features the Spring "Sachiko" Collection; designed by Eileen "Sachiko" Fitzpatrick; portion of gross sales to be donated to OBWA.

### PALO ALTO

**Through 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.

### SAN FRANCISCO

**Fri.-Sat., April 8-9**—"Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied." Assembly on the Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians; Hastings College of Law; The Assembly of Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, a grassroots public education forum, will focus on the personal testimonies of U.S. citizens and immigrants of Japanese, German and Italian ancestry in the United States and from Latin America, who have not received proper acknowledgment nor an apology for the violation of their civil and human rights due to U.S. government action during World War II. Info: Campaign For Justice, 510-528-7288, www.campaignforjusticejla.org or NJAHS, 415/921-5007, www.njahs.org.

**Sat., Apr. 9**—Go for Broke Educational Foundation training workshop; 10-3 p.m.; JCCCNC, 1840 Sutter St., Suite 201; session is sponsored by UPS with beverages and lunch provided; RSVP by April 6. Info and reservations: Steven Wasserman, 310/222-5705 or hanashi@goforbroke.org.

### SAN JOSE

**Sun., May 1**—28th Annual Nikkei Matsuri; 9:30-4 p.m.; San Jose Japantown; free. Info: www.nikkeimat-suri.org or Warren Hayashi, 408/241-0900.

### SAN MATEO

**Sun., April 24**—Movie matinee, "Dr. Akagi"; JA Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St.; free. Info: 650/343-2793.

## Central California

## FRESNO

**Sat., April 30**—Fresno JACL hosts the 20th Annual Shinzen Run; 7 a.m.; Woodward Park. Info: Bob Shiitaku, 559/449-0273.

## HANFORD

**Through July 30**—The Ruth and Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art Presents: Drawn from Literature: Narrative Traditions in Japanese Art; 15770 Tenth Ave; \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and students with ID. Info: 559/582-4915 or www.shermanleeinstitute.org.

## Southern California

### IMPERIAL VALLEY

**Sat., Apr. 30**—Imperial Valley JACL Friendship Dinner; 6 p.m.; Imperial Valley Expo, Casa de Manana Bldg., 200 E. 2nd, Imperial, Calif.; \$18/person; Operation Recognition, an Imperial County Board of Education program, will present high school diplomas to those from the Imperial Valley who were forced to discontinue their high school education due to wartime circumstances.

### LONG BEACH

**April 29-May 22**—International City Theatre presents Velina Hasu Houston's, "Tea"; Long Beach Performing Arts Center, 300 East Ocean Blvd.; Thurs., Fri. and Sat. performances begin at 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 p.m. Info and tickets, 562/436-4610 or www.ictlongbeach.com.

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## IN MEMORIAM

## Shimanouchi Lederer, founder of Japanese American Social Services, Inc., Passes

Midori Shimanouchi Lederer, founder and president emerita of Japanese American Social Services, Inc., a non-profit providing social services to Asian Americans in New York, passed away Mar. 9 in Manhattan. She was 81.



According to her husband Peter, Shimanouchi Lederer passed away due to respiratory failure.

Born in Fresno, Calif. on April 11, 1923, Shimanouchi Lederer founded Japanese American Social Services, Inc. in 1981 to help the elderly, abused women, and hospital

patients who did not speak English.

At the age of 18, Shimanouchi Lederer and her family were interned at Topaz, Utah after the bombing on Pearl Harbor. Two years later she moved to New York where she worked as a film publicist.

She was the recipient of a number of awards and volunteered her time with several organizations including the Lower East Side Center and Japanese American Help for the Aging.

In addition to her husband Peter, Shimanouchi Lederer is survived by a sister, Ida Shimanouchi, of Medford, N.J.; stepdaughter Patricia Lederer Michaels of Manhattan; and one step grandson. ■

## Takashi Sugiura, Retired Smithsonian Institution Art Conservator, Dies

Takashi Sugiura, 93, retired Smithsonian Institution conservator of East Asian paintings, died Mar. 15 at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Maryland of pneumonia. Sugiura lived in Darnestown, Maryland.

Sugiura was born in Odawara, Kanagawa prefecture, Japan. He was apprenticed to a private art conservator at the age of 15 where he gained extensive experience and recognition repairing Japanese screen and scroll paintings. He opened his own restoration studio when he was 26.

After World War II, the Freer Gallery of Art at the Smithsonian Institution approached Sugiura to maintain the East Asian collection of screens and paintings. He worked from 1953 to 1980 at the Freer Gallery.

At the time of his retirement, Sugiura was one of seven members of the *Kokuho Shuri Renmei* (Federation of Mounters Repairing

National Treasures), a group of elite conservators who have the expertise to handle National Treasures of Japanese art. He was also a fellow of the International Institute of Conservation and a member of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works.

Because full diplomatic and business relations had not been re-established between the United States and Japan by 1953, an act of Congress was required for Sugiura's entry into the United States becoming the first private Japanese civilian to immigrate to the United States after WWII. He became a U.S. citizen in 1972.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Chii; four children, Motoko Walz of Ft. Myers, Fla., Atsushi Sugiura of Akron, Ohio, Kumi Kinoshita of Darnestown, Md., and David Sugiura of Columbia, Md.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandsons. ■

**Funai, Kazuo, 105**, Los Angeles, Mar. 3; Wakayama, Japan-born Issei; survived by wife, Tamae; daughters, Teruko (Shinki) Dahn, Carol and Helen (Gene) Erickson; and 1 gc.

**Hiramatsu, Richard Y., 91**, Santa Maria, Mar. 3; WWII veteran, 442nd; survived by wife, Kiyoko; daughter, Carol Eichenberger; sons, Dale and Eric (Leigh); 3 gc.; brother, Charles; and sisters, Kikue Kishida and Yoshie Tsugawa.

**Ishii, Yuriko**, Sacramento, Jan. 10; survived by husband, Edward; daughter, Carolyn (Bob); son, Loren; and 2 gc.

**Matsumoto, Richard Dan, 55**, Covina, Feb. 23; survived by wife, Hitomi; daughter, Mika; mother-in-law, Michiko Higashida; sister, Marilyn (Geoffrey) Price; and brother, Robert.

**Miyata, Marvel Matsuye, 88**, West Covina, Mar. 5; survived by husband, Henry; brother, Robert (Nobuko) Maeda; sisters, Grace (Han) Tatsui, Alice Hashimoto and Edith (Myles) Glasgow; brother-in-law, Nobuo (Yuriko), John (Lily) and Tom (Mieko) Miyata; and sister-in-law, Fumi (Yoshimi) Hanami.

## DEATH NOTICE

## KINJI IMADA

An architect and long time resident of San Francisco, passed away Mar. 14, 2005 after a prolonged bout with prostate cancer. Age 77, born July 11, 1927 in Fresno, Calif. he was interned with his family at Gila River during WWII. He attended college and did graduate work at Harvard from the mid-forties to mid-fifties, interrupted by military service when he worked as an administrative clerk in General Douglas MacArthur's office during the U.S. occupation of Japan. He was a partner in the firm of Oakland and Imada, whose work today is remembered for the Eichler house, a modern design icon in the Bay Area. As a member of the Class of '45 of Gila River Canal High School he helped organize many of their reunion events. He leaves his sister Chiz Yamamoto of San Francisco, and his sister Toshiko Kawa of Los Angeles, as well as, many devoted relatives of the Imada and Kawa families.

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**Miyata, Wayne, 63**, Hermosa Beach, Mar. 21; surfer, appeared in the film "Endless Summer"; died from cancer of the esophagus; Hawaii-born, known for his fine, hand-crafted surfboards.

**Okamoto, Evelyn Teiko, 87**, Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 6; survived by sons, Melvin and Norman (Laura); 4 gc.; and 2 sisters.

**Tange, Kenzo, 91**, Tokyo, Mar. 22; Osaka-born; architect, designed the twin gymnasiums for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics and other buildings in 12 countries; survived by wife Takako; and son, Noritaka. ■

## DEATH NOTICE

## SATOMI ISHIHARA TANIMOTO

GRIDLEY, Calif. — Satomi Ishihara Tanimoto passed away peacefully on Mar. 17 at the age of 88. She was born in Sacramento and lived in Gridley since 1946 as a horticulturalist, home maker and farmer's wife. She is survived by two daughters, Joyce Sager and son-in-law, Rick Sager, of Cotati, Lorine Tanimoto and son-in-law, Gary Stroy of San Jose, two sons, Glenn of Gridley, Eugene and daughter-in-law, Lisa Wang, of Sunnyvale, and one granddaughter, Mika Tanimoto-Stroy of Durham, North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her husband, Masashi "Mike" Tanimoto in 1980. A memorial service was held Mar. 25 at the Marysville Buddhist Church.



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## DEATH NOTICE

## FUJU "MAYOR" SASAKI

Born Mar. 15, 1898 in Kisa, Hiroshima, Japan, Fuju Sasaki quietly passed away at his residence in Torrance, Calif. on Mar. 3. An Issei pioneer, he was known by his honorary title for his long-time activities in the Japanese American communities, especially in Seabrook, N.J. He is predeceased by his wife, Kikue and survived by his six children, daughters, Miiko (Herb) Horikawa and Kayko (Roy) Ichinaga; sons, Leo (Kiku), Akira (Carole), Ken (Sally) and Bernard (Karen) Sasaki; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Also survived by numerous relatives in Japan. A memorial service was held Mar. 24 at Centenary United Methodist Church in Los Angeles under the direction of Fukui Mortuary. (213) 626-0441.

## DEATH NOTICE

## KIYOKO B. YAMASHITA

BASKING RIDGE, N.J. — Kiyoko B. Yamashita, 88, passed away Mar. 27 at Morristown Memorial Hospital. A private memorial service will be held for immediate family members later this week.

Mrs. Yamashita, the former Kiyoko Kitano, was born in San Francisco, one of seven children of Motoji and Kou (Yuki) Kitano. She graduated from Galileo High School, and U.C. Berkeley in 1938, with a BA in Economics.

She married Susumu Yamashita, former Executive Vice-President of Yusen Air and Sea Service and former founder and Director of Mitsubishi International Corporation in New York. Prior to 1942, the Yamashitas lived in Berkeley and Oakland, Calif.; in 1945 after the camp experience they returned to Berkeley.

The family moved in 1951 to New Jersey, and settled in Montclair. Mrs. Yamashita was active in Japanese-American organizations, and was a founding member and chairman of Nichibei Fujinkai, a Japan-America cultural exchange and friendship club for executive women, headquartered in New York. Mrs. Yamashita was also a member of the Japan Society and the National Japanese American Historical Society.

She moved with her husband to Mendham, N.J. in 1984 and lived there until 1996. Mr. Yamashita died in 1989. Mrs. Yamashita had been a resident of Fellowship Village in Basking Ridge since 1996.

She is survived by her five children, Susan Bower of Coto de Caza, Calif., Evelyn Cauwel of Paris, France, Kenneth of Stockton, Calif., Michael of Chester, N.J. and Alan of Hong Kong and West Orange, N.J.; sisters, Chizuko Iiyama of El Cerrito, Calif. and Sadako Kawaguchi of Richmond, Calif.; brother, Tamio Kitano of Modesto, Calif. and six grandchildren.

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