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PERFECT STROKES:
Christina Li, 18,
enjoys Chinese cal-
ligraphy because
it's a formalized art,
which she has
devoted many
years to perfecting.

Photo courtesy Christina Li

Keeping the 'Old' in School, Sports

In the past, cultural activi-
ties gave young APAs the
rare opportunity to interact
with other Asians, but with
today's burgeoning ethnic
enclaves, do language
schools and Asian sports
leagues foster an ethnocen-
tric attitude?

By LYNDALIN
Assistant Editor

From kindergarten until she
entered high school, Christina Li
would leave her "American" high
school at 3 p.m. and take a bus to a
local Chinese school where she

spent two hours perfecting the
cadences of her native language.
One extra hour was devoted to mas-
tering the brush strokes of Chinese
calligraphy, a traditional art form
lost to most young Asian Pacific
Americans who prefer to scrawl
with pens and computer keyboards.

Christina, now 18 and attending
Harvard University, chose to prac-
tice Chinese calligraphy over other
cultural activities because she
enjoyed the structure of the art form.
And although Christina's after
school class was a scheduling con-
venience for her working mother
Peggy Li, it was also hoped that

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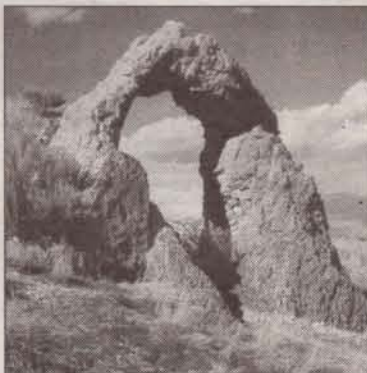
U.S. Monument Chinaman's Arch to be Renamed Chinese Arch

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah—Utah
county officials have agreed to sup-
port a Chinese American group's
efforts to rename Chinaman's Arch
at the Golden Spike National
Historic Site as Chinese Arch.

The 15-foot (4.5-meter) natural
limestone formation is thought to be
named for Chinese laborers who
helped build the Central Pacific and
Union Pacific railroads during the
1860s, according to a report by the
Standard-Examiner, a local news-
paper.

"We want to commemorate the
work Chinese laborers did, but with-



out using a derogatory term,"
Jeanny Wong, chairwoman of the
Utah Organization of Chinese
Americans, told the *Standard-
Examiner*.

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PSW/NCWNP/CC TRI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Women Take Center Stage at Tri-District

Accomplishments, careers
and community activism
are highlighted as awardees
and speakers of the female
persuasion show how they
are 'effecting change.'

By CAROLINE AOYAGI-STOM
Executive Editor

IRVINE, Calif.—More often than
not it's the stalwart Nisei male that
is associated with the JACL but this
time around it was the women —
doctors, lawyers and community
activists alike — who took center
stage to bask in the spotlight.

In existence now for 76 years, it's
not often that the JACL focuses an
entire three-day weekend to honoring
women but that's exactly what
took place at the recent
PSW/NCWNP/CC Tri-District con-
ference Sept. 9-11 in the heart of
Orange County, Calif. And most felt
it was a timely honor.



Gala Honorees (l-r): Carol Kawanami, Rose Ochi, and Dr. Mary Oda.

"A woman's place is every place
but we've had to fight to enter those
places," said Ramona Ripston,
executive director of the Southern
California ACLU who was the Tri-
District conference's opening
speaker Sept. 10. "We in this room
cannot take those rights for granted.
Since our work is never done, our
work is never over."

Ripston, who has served as the
executive director of the Southern
California ACLU since 1972, is a
pioneering figure in the civil rights
arena as the first woman to ever hold
this position in the ACLU. And over
the years she has been encouraged
by the number of accomplishments
in the women's rights movement.

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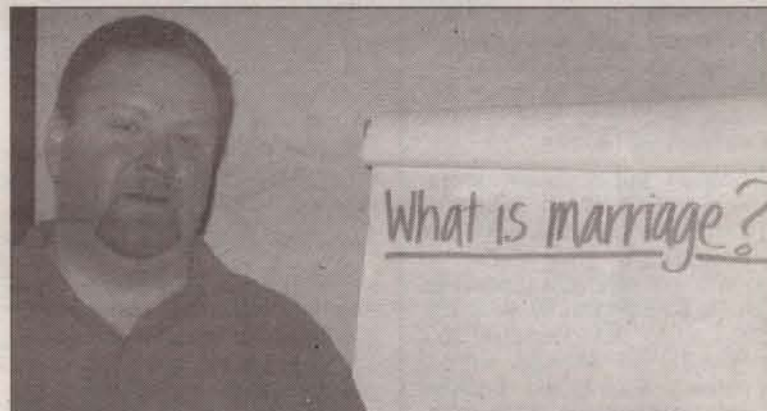
Effecting Change in the Fight for Equal Rights

JACL made history with its
longtime support of same-
sex marriage.
Now California is the new
battleground.

By LYNDALIN
Assistant Editor

IRVINE, Calif.—For equal rights
champion Ed Velasquez, the last
few weeks have proven that agony
does follow ecstasy.

The high point came Sept. 6 when
the California Legislature became
the nation's first legislative body to
approve a bill allowing same-sex
marriages — "exhilarating" news
immediately struck down by Gov.
Arnold Schwarzenegger's
announcement 24 hours later that he
would veto the bill.



LEADER: Ed Velasquez says those who personally know the plight of a gay person usually support equal marriage rights.

Now is the time to effect change,
said Velasquez who led a workshop
at the JACL PSW/NCWNP/CC Tri-
District conference Sept. 9-11.

The Legislature's historic passage
of Assembly Bill 849, the Religious

Freedom and Civil Marriage
Protection Act, authored by
Assembly member Mark Leno
would protect the rights of same-sex
couples as well as rights of religious

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Court Sides With Bush in Holding 'Dirty Bomb' Suspect

A former amice of the case,
JACL will once again look
at filing an amicus brief if
the decision is appealed.

By Associated Press
and Pacific Citizen Staff

In a victory for the Bush adminis-
tration, a federal appeals court ruled
Sept. 9 that the government can con-
tinue to hold indefinitely an
American accused of plotting to deto-
nate a radioactive "dirty bomb."

A three-judge panel of the 4th
U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled
unanimously to reverse a judge's
order that the government either
charge or free Jose Padilla, who has
been in custody for more than three

years.
"The exceedingly important
question before us is whether the
President of the United States pos-
sesses the authority to detain mili-
tarily a citizen of
this country who
is closely associ-
ated with al-
Qaida, an entity
with which the
United States is at
war," Judge J.
Michael Luttig
wrote. "We conclude that the
President does possess such author-
ity."

A federal judge in South Carolina
ruled in February that the govern-
ment cannot hold Padilla indefinitely

ly as an "enemy combatant," a des-
ignation President Bush gave him in
2002. The government views
Padilla as a militant who planned
attacks on the United States.

Attorney General Alberto
Gonzales said in a statement he was
pleased with the ruling.

"As the court noted today, the
authority to detain enemy combat-
ants like Jose Padilla plays an
important role in protecting
American citizens from the very
kind of savage attack that took place
almost four years ago to the day,"
Gonzales said.

Padilla's attorney said his client
would probably appeal to the U.S.
Supreme Court, adding that the

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COMMENTARY The Case of Jose Padilla

By JOHN TATEISHI
JACL Executive Director

We just learned today (Sept. 9)
that a three-judge panel of the 4th
Circuit Court
ruled in favor
of the govern-
ment in the
Jose Padilla
case, which the
JACL support-
ed as an amice
against government action.



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institutions, said Velasquez.

But the future of equal rights hangs precariously in the balance.

Also on the voting horizon are three ballot measures that could strip California same-sex couples of established partnership rights. The sponsors have until January to gather 598,105 signatures to put the amendments on next June's ballot.

"These issues affect people's everyday lives," said Velasquez, who works for The Center Orange County, an advocacy group for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

Whether it's a colleague or a gay person living at the end of the street with a kid, putting a face to the issue humanizes the struggle and through the Vote for Equality campaign, Velasquez hopes to raise awareness that same-sex marriage is a civil and human rights issue.

Same-sex couples in a committed relationship lack more than 1,000 federal rights and benefits that heterosexual couples take for granted. And just little things like traveling out of the United States or adopting a baby are almost intangible luxuries for gay couples.

"It's something that people aren't comfortable about — gay issues —

and it's partially cultural and it's among all cultures to a degree," said Velasquez, who started to fight for equal rights because he felt his community was being attacked. It's a feeling that JACL National President Ken Inouye said Japanese Americans know well.

"Our community understands the pain of being in a situation where

**'It's about the
Constitution and the Bill of
Rights, the right for
Americans to have the
same choices, the right to
have the same protection.'**

—Ken Inouye

there's nobody there to speak up for us," said Inouye. During the 1994 Salt Lake City National Convention, JACL was among the first civil rights organizations to pass a resolution in support of same-sex marriage.

"I believe that our community has shown the compassion and the courage to stand up and say, 'No. We cannot have it happen to anyone else,'" said Inouye.

At the same convention 11 years ago, John Saito of the East Los Angeles chapter, made a statement on the floor in support of the resolution reasoning that morality is based

on an act of will, which human sexuality is not.

"I'm still waiting for someone to refute me or give me an answer or response to my position. I would be willing to listen, but I still believe that any moral issue has to be a willful act and I just don't believe that being homosexual or being a straight person is an act of the will. This is the way you were born," said Saito. "Apparently it's a live issue even though there's been a national position. Those of us who remember '92 need to remind them of the national position on this issue."

Same-sex marriage still remains a contentious issue among JACLers, but Inouye emphasized that supporting this issue doesn't necessarily mean supporting a lifestyle, it's a civil rights issue.

"It's about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the right for Americans to have the same choices, the right to have the same protection," he said. "As Americans, I think it's incumbent amongst all of us to make sure that no particular interest group can make the decision of who's entitled to those protections."

But AB 849 faces a governor's veto because of Proposition 22. California voters agreed five years ago in a ballot initiative that marriage should be only between a man

and a woman.

Although Proposition 22 passed with 61 percent of the vote five years ago, a recent poll by the Public Policy Institute of California found that voters are evenly divided on whether gays should be allowed to marry.

Thirteen states already have constitutional bans on gay marriage. Others are expected to be on ballots next year including Alabama, Indiana, Wisconsin, South Carolina, Colorado, Arizona, Florida, Virginia, South Dakota and Tennessee. Voters in Texas will decide on an amendment outlawing gay marriage this year.

For Velasquez, conducting a workshop at the tri-district on this issue was timely and important because of "the history of JACL as a groundbreaking civil rights group."

"We can effect change by educating people about people's commitment to each other," said Inouye. "It's about the dignity of having a lifestyle that's comfortable and reflects who you are as a person." ■

ARCH

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In April, the group submitted an application to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names to rename the structure. The board establishes official names of cities and geographic features.

The National Park Service said it would conduct a public survey on the proposed name change before submitting an official statement to the board. The agency has spent the last several months trying to research the history of the arch and gather input from residents in nearby communities.

Park officials said community response to the proposed name change has been mostly positive and that the board's final decision will likely be made by next August. ■

Letters to the Editor

Re: Ben Kuroki

I just read with interest the article about Ben Kuroki. However, I was dismayed that nowhere in the article did you mention his autobiography, "A Boy From Nebraska," which I read more than 50 years ago. I think that the younger generation may find of great interest the struggles his family went through even before the war.

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Canton, OH

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democracy above all others. That's something millions of Americans have fought and died for over the years.

But when the leaders of this country believe they should have the authority to ignore Constitutional guarantees that protect the fundamental principles of democracy, when the Congress passes legislation to support such a notion, and when the courts affirm such action, we are headed down a very dangerous and dark road.

Sound familiar? In 1942, that's exactly what the leaders of this nation did: the president decided to ignore Constitutional rights, the Congress encouraged the action and in fact supported it with legislation, and the Court affirmed the right of the government to take such action in times of a national crisis.

The imprisonment of JAs during WWII, despite all evidence to the contrary of the need to do so, did not make the nation or the public any safer. The only thing the WWII internment accomplished was to weaken the foundations of American democracy.

Today, the 4th Circuit Court handed down a decision that allows this nation's leaders the same dangerous authority and once again threatens the sanctity of American democracy.

I have discussed this matter with JACL National Legal Counsel Michelle Yoshida and asked her to begin drafting an *amicus curiae* brief for the inevitable appeal of this case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Our voice in this matter is important because we can speak with authority about the damage done to our entire community and to the basic freedoms enumerated in the Constitution by the administration's actions and the court's decision to support it.

For us, it's the right thing to do and the moral thing to do. We owe this to the nation. ■

APAs in the News

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Muratsuchi Running for Torrance School Board

Al Muratsuchi, a former JACL Pacific Southwest regional director and current California Deputy Attorney General, announced his candidacy for the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education for the upcoming Nov. 8 election. Muratsuchi, who has also served as chairman of the Torrance



Planning Commission and president of the South Bay JACL, has received endorsements from local community leaders including former Assemblyman George Nakano and Torrance School board member Gary Kuwahara.

He faces seven candidates for three school board seats.

Inouye Joins Harvard, to Head Aging Center

Sharon Inouye, MD, MPH, an expert on delirium and related cog-

nitive problems, recently joined Harvard Medical School as professor of medicine and director of the Aging Brain Center at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged. She will hold the Milton and Shirley F. Levy Family Chair in Alzheimer's Disease.

She also received the 2005 David Solomon Award Sept. 14 at UCLA.

Inouye is the daughter of Dr. Mitsuo and Lily Ann Inouye.

Minami Named First APA Director of OSDBU

U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta announced the appointment of Roger Minami as director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Minami is the first Asian



American to serve as OSDBU director.

The office helps small, minority-owned, women-owned and other disadvantaged businesses compete for DOT and DOT-assisted contracts and grants.

Minami, who was appointed to the position on Aug. 8, comes to DOT from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. ■

AA Leaders Criticize State Rights Commission Task Force Report

By ANNE KIM
Associated Press

SEATTLE—Asian American students and community leaders are criticizing a state Human Rights Commission task force report on Washington State University's handling of a student complaint about behavior by two school basketball players.

"I was very disappointed," said Doug Chin, president of the Seattle chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans.

The report looked at the way the university responded to a February complaint by WSU student

Nina Kim, who worked in the school's Multicultural Center. She complained that two white male students, part of a group who would frequently pass by her office window, made animal noises and danced in what she referred to as a monkey-like style.

On one occasion, she said, one of the young men pulled up his eyes in a slant and motioned "I heart you."

Kim's complaint prompted a Feb. 23 campus march by about 100 students calling for expulsions and better minority recruiting at the university.

A WSU student conduct board found that while the two young men might have engaged in adolescent behavior, there was insufficient evidence to call it harassment under the

university's code of conduct. The board also decided the behavior was not racially motivated.

When informed of the complaint, the students apologized, stopped the behavior and expressed surprise that it had been perceived as harassment, the school said.

The rights commission task force report — released last month — found that the process that the university used to address the conduct was sound but that issues such as

outside investigation of the university's handling of the complaint.

Kim said she felt the report unfairly "points a lot of the blame back at me rather than really looking at the larger issues that occur on the campus."

But she added her main issue is with WSU, rather than the two students or the task force report. WSU could have handled the situation more fairly, she said.

Marc Brenman, executive director of the state Human Rights Commission, said the task force report didn't pass judgment, but simply noted facts and made recommen-

'It makes comments about the victim supposedly not cooperating,' she said. 'They're blaming her.'

—Yvonne Kinoshita Ward, chairwoman
Washington Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs

communication between students and the university should be addressed.

The report was produced at the request of WSU and was neither an official commission document nor the product of an investigation.

Yvonne Kinoshita Ward, chairwoman of the Washington Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, said she was stunned by the report, adding it made judgments and comments on the people involved.

"It makes comments about the victim supposedly not cooperating," she said. "They're blaming her."

Ward said she's considering scheduling a public hearing or making a recommendation to the governor's office or Legislature for a new

dations.

"We went out of our way to quote her actual language and we also constructed a chronology of events," Brenman said.

"Some feedback we've gotten from other people in the field is that this report was done well and was objective," he said.

Shari Song, president of the Korean American Voters Alliance, said the report didn't interview all those involved and didn't come up with concrete resolutions.

"It just left us feeling a little bit short," Song said.

But Brenman said the task force interviewed many people.

"It's impossible to know who all the individuals involved were," he said. ■

School May be Named After Civil Rights Legend

A new elementary school in Davis, Calif. may be named after Fred T. Korematsu, a civil rights pioneer who successfully challenged the World War II internment of Japanese Americans.

The Davis Board of Education recently heard public comments on proposed names for the Mace Ranch area school and will likely make a decision at its Sept. 15 board meeting.

Korematsu was arrested and convicted for resisting internment during WWII. He fought a long legal

battle challenging the internment all the way to the Supreme Court in the 1940s, where he lost. But he was ultimately vindicated by a court decision in the 1980s. He died in March at the age of 86.

Asian Pacific American organizations including the JACL Florin chapter and the Davis Asians for Racial Equality testified Aug. 2 on the importance of naming the school after the civil rights leader.

Floyd Shimomura, a former JACL national president, said a school named after Korematsu would be a tribute to former internees, according to the *Davis Enterprise*.

In a personal essay in the JACL Florin chapter newsletter, Andy



Noguchi said naming a school after the civil rights legend would be an "excellent teaching moment" for Davis students because Korematsu was a "regular guy" with a deep sense of justice.

Other proposed names include the late Vietnam Veteran John Barovetto, Mae Etta Castain, who with future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall won a lawsuit over unequal pay for Black teachers, Mariam A. Marden, who helped found the first public lending library and Charles David Keeling, a scientist whose research tied human activity to greenhouse gases that cause global warming.

Another suggested name is simply Mace Ranch Elementary School. ■

JACL Announces 2005 Mike M. Masaoka Congressional Fellow

Michelle Sugi of Apple Valley, Calif. is the recipient of this year's Mike M. Masaoka Congressional Fellowship award.

The fellowship will allow Sugi to spend approximately three and one-half months working in the office of Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii. She will also receive a stipend of \$8,500 and roundtrip airfare.

Sugi, a 2003 graduate of the Johns Hopkins University with an undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering, recently completed her master's degree in public health specializing in health policy from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Sugi has worked in the Asian Pacific American community as co-founder of the Asian American Student Union at Apple Valley High School, co-founder of HAPA at Johns Hopkins, and as the youth representative for the JACL

Riverside chapter.

"Ms. Sugi has long been involved in the Asian Pacific American community and hopes to enhance on her academic training in health policy with this first-hand exposure to the policymaking process," said Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, chairman committee. "We are confident that Ms. Sugi will continue in the fine tradition of public service established by Mike Masaoka."

The JACL established the fellowship fund in 1988 to honor Mike M. Masaoka (1915-1991) for a lifetime of outstanding public service in promoting justice, civil rights and human dignity.

The major purpose of the fund is to develop leaders for public service by providing opportunities for college seniors or students in graduate or professional programs to work for a member of Congress or a senator. The fellows' assignments

include a variety of tasks where they will be exposed to all facets of governmental work.

After completing her fellowship, Sugi plans to attend medical school to study orthopedic surgery and would like to eventually work in the public sector on health policy, research and analysis. ■

Want to Be the Next Masaoka Fellow?

Students interested in applying for a 2006-07 Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship should contact the JACL Washington, D.C. office at 1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 730, Washington, D.C. 20036, send e-mails to dc@jacl.org or visit <http://www.jacl.org/masaoka.html>.

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WOMEN

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In 2005 women all across the country celebrated the 85th anniversary of the women's right to vote, a right that took centuries to accomplish but was finally realized in 1920. Women have also fought for reproductive rights over the years, rights within the workplace, and a woman is now being considered for the U.S. presidency in 2008.

The women's rights movement "has transformed this country," said Ripston, noting that women have helped to shape the cultural landscape and political environment of the United States. "Today, millions of people are now reaping the rewards of our efforts."

But Ripston believes there is still much more work to be done.

Although a woman may run for the U.S. presidency in 2008, recent polls have indicated that the majority of U.S. voters are unlikely to vote for a female U.S. president. In addition, there are still few women in top political positions — today only 1.8 percent of women hold congressional positions and only one in four women hold state positions. And today, women still earn only 79 cents to every \$1 earned by men.

"We need a new energetic, creative women's movement today," said Ripston.

Honoring Women Leaders

At the PSW district's gala dinner Sept. 10, which was held during the conference, three women were honored for their contributions to the community including: Rose Matsui Ochi, Carol Hagihara Kawanami, and Dr. Mary Sakaguchi Oda.

Ochi, the first Asian American woman to hold a position at the assistant attorney general level, recently completed a four-year term as a member of the Los Angeles Police Commission. A former national JACL board member, Ochi also played a pivotal role in the

establishment of the Manzanar National Historic Site.

"When you're involved with community service there's no need to be recognized ... no awards are required. There are rewards in and of itself," said Ochi. But she added that she is proud to be given the award from JACL "because of its long history of protecting civil rights."

Kawanami became the first Japanese American woman mayor on the mainland when she was elected in 1980 as the city of Villa Park mayor where she went on to serve for two terms. A charter member of the SELANOCO JACL chapter, she has also served on its board of directors. During the national redress movement Kawanami played a pivotal role when she was able to secure Congressman Bill Dannamey's support for redress since the congressman's district encompassed Villa Park.

As Kawanami accepted her award, she compared the need to have an organization like JACL with the recent responses to the hurricane tragedy in Louisiana. "There's a very important reason for JACL's existence ... we need to be prepared." JACL has a "critical first response" position in this country, she said. We need JACL "to be there to protect our best interests."

At a time when very few women and even fewer JA women were pursuing a career in medicine, Dr. Mary Oda was attending the University of California at Berkeley Medical School. Although her education was interrupted by the WWII internment, she went on to complete her medical degree at Philadelphia's Woman's Medical College. And for more than 40 years she has served and continues to serve the San Fernando Valley community of California as a family physician.

"I became a doctor because of prejudice," said Oda, who offered a humorous tale about a college professor at UCLA telling her that



AWARDS LUNCHEON—Pictured (l-r): back row - Bobbi Hanada, Alayne Yonemoto, Thaya Mune-Craig; front row - Honorees Grace Kimoto, Hiromi Ueha, and Mary Jo Kubota-Arcarese.

although she was doing well at school, no one would hire her because of "those damn 'Japs' in Manchuria." "Prejudice made me study harder, work harder," she said.

Oda went on to have a lengthy medical career, along with several members of her family. Although she grew up during a time of much discrimination, "prejudice was part of life, we accepted it," she said. But there was also a "strong sense of community," said Oda, noting that JACL played a large role in that feeling. JACL gave me a "feeling of belonging. That someone was watching out for our interests," she said.

Serving the JACL Today

In the history of JACL, only two women have ever risen to the coveted position of national president: Lillian Kimura in 1992 and Helen Kawagoe in 1996. Although many more women today have taken on leadership roles in the organization, the majority of the current JACL national board members still remain male.

So it was fitting that two of the current female national board members — Carol Kawamoto, national JACL vice president of planning and development, and Heidi Tanakatsubo, national JACL vice

president of public affairs — were the PSWD gala dinner's keynoters.

Kawamoto gave a personal account of three women in JACL who have helped to influence and inspire her. She credited Grace Uyebara, a tireless redress advocate, for "inspiring me as a young Sansei leader." She recalled the late Mae Takahashi, former *Pacific Citizen* editorial board chair, as "focused and professional" and also honored Kawagoe as helping to nurture many of the younger members in the PSW district to take on leadership positions. "Affectionately we call her 'mom,'" said Kawamoto.

Tanakatsubo focused on the future of JACL, noting that it was now time to allow the youth to take on a larger leadership role in the organization.

"We need to let [the youth] try new things," she said. "It will help them feel invested in JACL."

During the Tri-district conference's awards luncheon Sept. 10, the three districts also honored women from their area who have long served the JACL, especially at the district and chapter levels. This year's honorees are: Mary Jo Kubota-Arcarese from the NCWNP district, Hiromi Ueha from the PSW

district, and Grace Kimoto from the CC district.

Arcarese has worked for a number of years as a special education teacher and most recently as a kindergarten teacher. She is the current co-president of the JACL San Mateo chapter and is also the permanent education chair for the chapter.

"Mary Jo has made a positive impact in the Japanese American community and in the community in general," said Thaya Mune-Craig, NCWNP governor, who presented the award to Arcarese. She also noted that through her work as a schoolteacher, Arcarese has introduced JA history and culture to her students.

Bobbi Hanada, CCDC governor, described awardee Kimoto as "our energizer bunny" and "our cheerleader" as she presented the award to Kimoto for her years of leadership within the district. "We look to her for her leadership and guidance," said Hanada.

Kimoto was a school teacher for 34 years at the Winton Elementary School and has been a member of the Livingston-Merced JACL chapter since 1948 when she married her husband William Kimoto. She is currently the CCDC's *Pacific Citizen* editorial board representative and has served as both a chapter president and district governor.

Alayne Yonemoto, PSWD vice governor, described Ueha as an "inspirational leader" and an "encouraging mentor" as she presented the award to Ueha, PSWD governor. "She is the most dedicated member of JACL," she said.

Ueha has served JACL at the local, district, and national levels. She is a former SELANOCO JACL chapter president, sits on the PSW district board, and has been a member of the national JACL board as the youth council chair and as the current PSWD governor. ■

AMICUS

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appeals court decision could have grave implications for all Americans.

"It's a matter of how paranoid you are," Andrew Patel said. "What it could mean is that the president conceivably could sign a piece of paper when he has hearsay information that somebody has done something he doesn't like and send them to jail — without a hearing (or) a trial."

A number of civil and human rights organizations including the JACL, NAACP and the ACLU had signed onto an amicus brief demanding Padilla's release if charges were not filed by the U.S. government. JACL has already indicated that it will sign onto another amicus brief if the recent decision is appealed.

John Tateishi, JACL executive director, has instructed JACL's legal counsel to draft an amicus brief on the current Padilla case. "This case has very strong interest for Japanese Americans, particularly JACL," said Tateishi during the PSW/NCWNP/CC Tri-District conference in Irvine, Calif. Sept. 9-11.

But in filing the brief JACL is making no judgment on the innocence or guilt of Padilla, said Tateishi. JACL is simply stating that the U.S. government should not have the right to detain any person without legal counsel and a filing of charges.

"In the same manner in which the federal government ignored constitutional rights of Japanese

Americans in 1942, Padilla's basic rights of due process have been ignored and abrogated," he said. "It's important that the JACL challenge the administration's insistence that it is beyond the Constitution of the United States."

"We need to be vigilant," added Ken Inouye, JACL national president. There is a need for an Asian Pacific American organization to be aware of the issues involved with the U.S.A Patriot Act and especially the current developments in the Padilla case. And JACL needs to be that organization, he said.

The administration has said Padilla, a former Chicago gang member, sought to blow up hotels and apartment buildings in the United States and planned an attack with a "dirty bomb" radiological device.

Padilla was arrested at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport in 2002 after returning from Pakistan. The federal government has said he was

trained in weapons and explosives by members of al-Qaida.

Padilla, a New York-born convert to Islam, is one of only two U.S. citizens designated as enemy combatants. The second, Louisiana native Yaser Hamdi, was released last October after the Justice Department said he no longer posed a threat to the United States and no longer had any intelligence value.

Hamdi, who was captured on the battlefield in Afghanistan in 2001, gave up his American citizenship and returned to his family in Saudi Arabia as a condition of his release.

The American Civil Liberties Union expressed dismay over the ruling.

"So long as the civilian courts are open and functioning, American citizens arrested in the United States are entitled to due process protections provided by a traditional criminal trial," ACLU Legal Director Steven Shapiro said in a statement. ■

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Members, National Board Engage in Forum Dialogue

By Pacific Citizen Staff

IRVINE, Calif.—Concern about declining membership and a decreased staff were some of the issues raised by members to the national board at the PSW/NCWNP/CC Tri-district conference.

The Sept. 11 national board panel moderated by former JACL National Vice President Gary Mayeda also gave board members a chance to talk about their visions of the organization's future.

Taking part in the dialogue were elected members: Ken Inouye, president; Larry Oda, vice president of general operations; Heidi Tanakatsubo, vice president of public affairs; Carol Kawamoto, vice president of planning and development; Edwin Endow, vice president of membership; Mark Kobayashi, secretary/treasurer and Todd Sato, youth representative.

The following is a snapshot of the national board forum.

Q: What are the top three issues facing JACL?

Inouye: One of the things that I believe we need to work on is our own public relations ... showcasing the things that we do well. In communities where we have strong chapters, JACL is an important part of that community because we help build bridges.

Taking from that, what I would like to do is develop a community-building program or handbook that can be taken out and shared with the chapters that don't have the critical mass to develop programs in local communities.

Getting the youth engaged requires a commitment. I always said

to the youth that my goal is for my grandchildren to be able to walk down the street and have people look at them and say, 'There's an American,' because I know that's not happening today. There's work to be done, but I have every reason to believe it will be done.

Q: Can you talk more about the possibility of an annual convention?

Oda: We're getting down towards a time when these constitution and bylaws changes need to be submitted for consideration at the national convention. When we approved this study, it was really a study to determine the feasibility, the advantages and disadvantages of going to an annual convention.

I think there has been some conversation with the youth about how they feel that this is not to their best advantage because it takes the place of their youth conference. I guess I have to remind everyone that at convention, Todd [Sato] and Josh [Spry] — the youth chair and rep — are a part of the national board and they are in meetings and not able to spend their time with the youth, so we need to provide an opportunity for them to meet also. There are some challenges that we still have to meet.

Q: What membership drives have you planned for the chapters?

Endow: I want to start with the analogy, 'Coaches don't win games, players do. Generals don't win wars, soldiers at the front win the war.' The same thing goes for the JACL. This biennium, we're trying to have every member get a member. Every three or four months, we're sending out a packet that has the appeal letter to the individual member, a benefits page, a

script and an application. And how the plan works is it's my responsibility to get those papers to the chapters. It is the district's responsibility to make sure the chapters send them out. And finally it's the member's responsibility to get that one member. The key is the last step — if the chapters don't send that packet out,



we're stuck in the mud. Get to your chapters and get them to send those letters out.

Q: What does JACL offer the youth that other student organizations do not?

Sato: I think it is our youth conference because it's the youth council that plans it. It's our pride and joy. We basically do everything that has to do with the youth conference and I think that's something that the youth really need. To my understanding, this is the only organization that allows the youth council to do this. I know OCA (Organization for Chinese Americans) has something similar, but they have it during their annual convention. That makes JACL unique.

Q: Can you talk about the finances?

Kobayashi: Right now, we look at cash flows. If you look at our end of

the year cash flow, we're probably going to hit about even. That's my gut instinct. But I don't know if it's going to be true. We don't have our complete amount of cash flow projections currently in-house. We're trying to work with staff and with program owners in the organization to get an accurate picture. But given that we don't have this accurate picture, you then go to a modeling tech-

to the March national board meeting a mock-up of what the new site would look like. Right now, we're having delays in coding and I think it has to do with payment online. For something like this you need to have someone on contract. We do have someone in the Pacific Northwest district who is working on this with the PNW regional director to get this done. I would hope to launch shortly after October.

Q: What would you change about the organization to make it more effective?

Inouye: One of the things I would like to have JACL realize is the legacy that the Sansei and Nisei have left for our country and community. I would like for this generation of JACLers to continue the legacy that we are Americans that come from a community that was ravaged by injustice. I would like the Sansei to continue to establish itself as an equal player in the human and civil rights community. If I had another wish, I wish we would find the resources that we need to add to the staff that we have so that we can be at the table at all levels.

Q: What would be the top three programs to fund?

Kawamoto: The first one would be education. I would like to strengthen the teacher-training program. Second, I would really like to continue with the scholarships. We are really appreciative of the chapters who have stepped up and taken the ball and as volunteers made this program continue. We now use very little staff time for this program. The next one would be leadership development. In order for our youth to have the opportunity to learn about the organization and to continue, we need to provide them more leadership opportunities. ■

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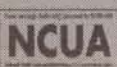
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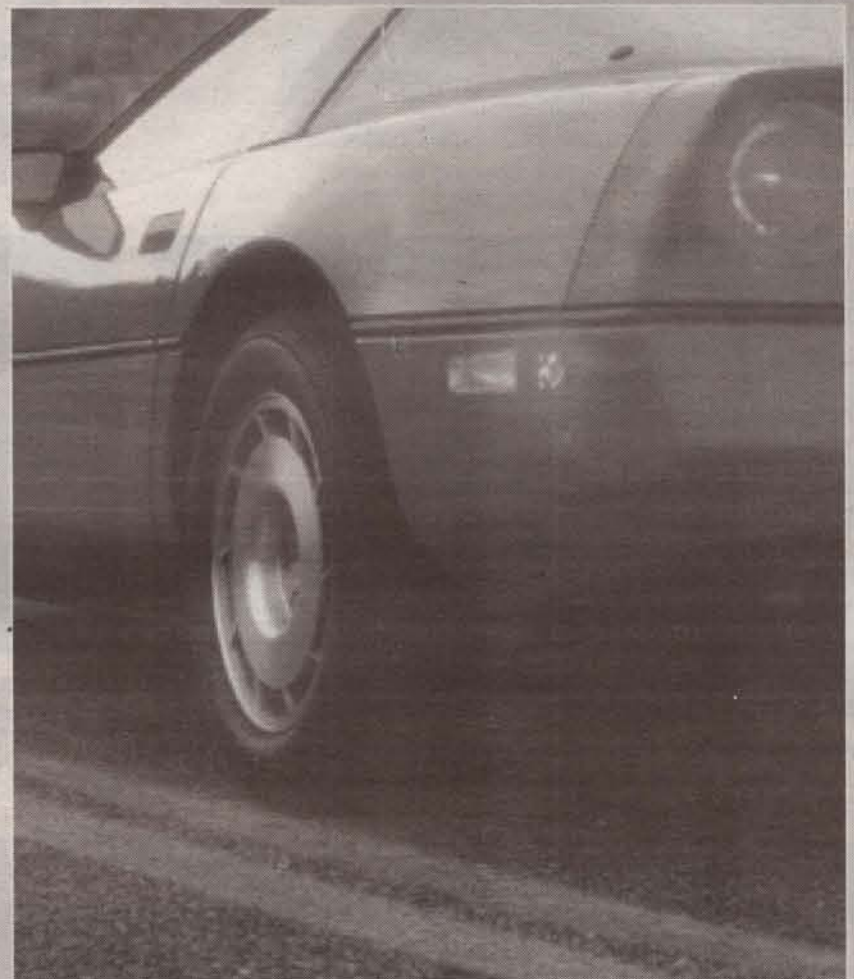
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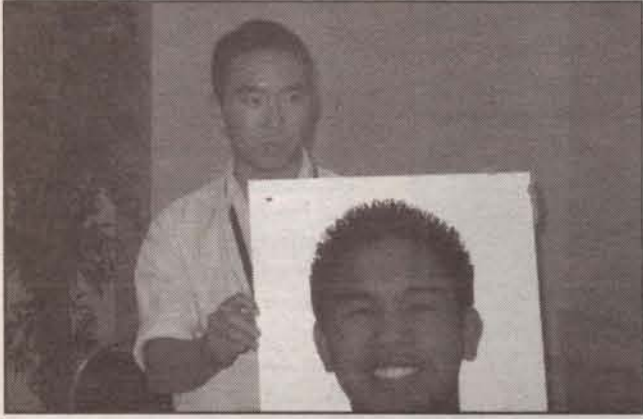
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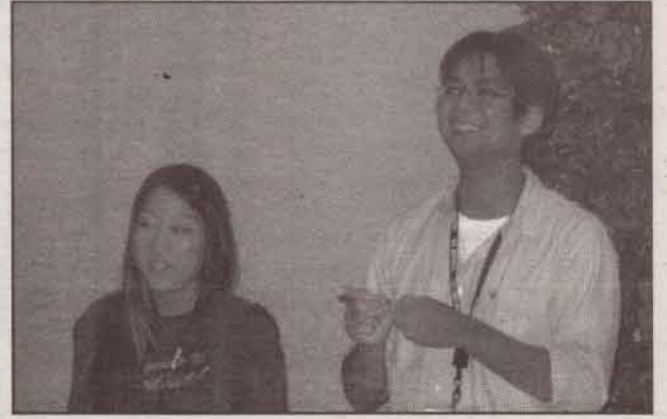
2005 PSW-NCWNP-CC TRI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE



Grant Hanada, PSW district co-youth representative, facilitates a workshop on racial profiling.



Bobbi Hanada, CCDC governor, presents an award to Grace Kimoto, CCDC P.C. editorial representative.



Amy E. Ikeda and Jean Paul DeGuzman give tips on how to conduct effective oral history interviews.



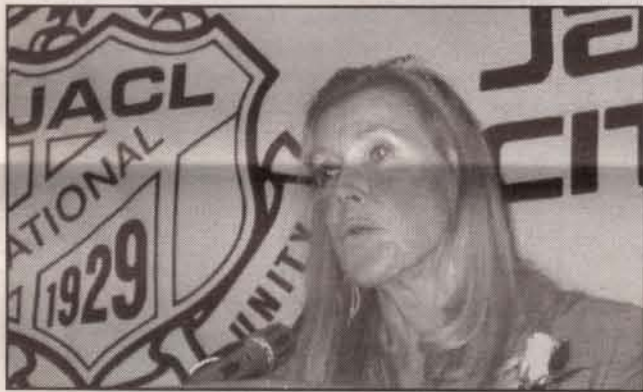
Dr. Mary Oda accepts an award at the PSWD gala dinner.



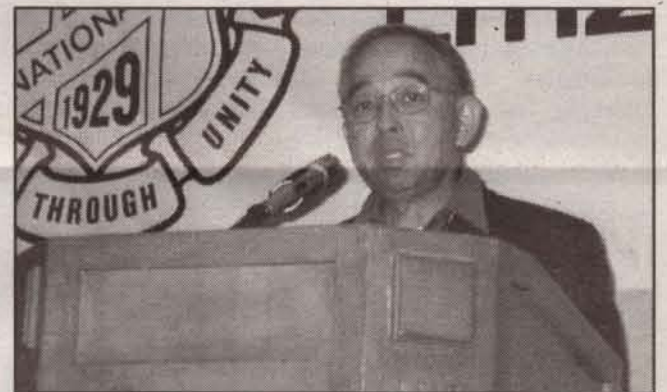
SAPPHIRE PIN AWARDEES—The honorees are: from the PSW District – Kenneth Inouye, Gary Mayeda, John Saito, and Karen Liane-Shiba; from the NCWNP district – Mark Kobayashi, Steve Okamoto, and Milo Yoshino. Pictured are back row, l-r: Thaya Mune-Craig, NCWNP governor, Okamoto, Kobayashi, Yoshino, and Hiromi Ueha, PSW governor; front, l-r: Inouye, Shiba, Mayeda, and Saito.



Honoree Rose Ochi, former LAPD commissioner, speaks at the PSWD gala dinner.



ACLU's Ramona Ripston gives the opening keynote.



John Tateishi, JACL executive director, addresses the Tri-District conference's attendees.



Tri-District conference attendees take part in the casino night, a fun way to help raise some money for JACL and its programs.



Mike Matsuda helps lead a workshop on political participation.



JACL National President Ken Inouye (left) gets some information from PSWD's former intern Jessica Kikuchi (second from right).



National board members pose for a picture with PSWD gala dinner honorees Carol Kawanami (3rd from left, front), Rose Ochi (4th from left, front) and Dr. Mary Oda (beside Ochi).

BASEBALL

Matsui Connects for No. 400 Combined

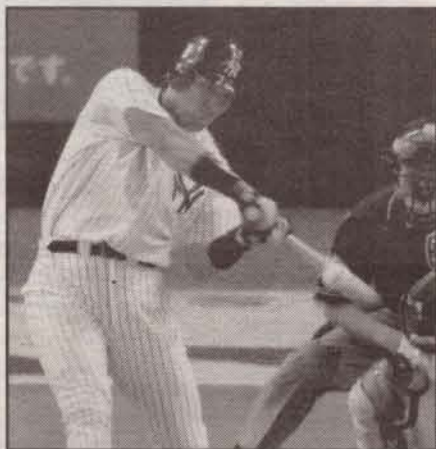
By MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK—Hideki Matsui hit his 400th professional home run Sept. 7, connecting in the fourth inning against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Matsui's drive to right-center off Doug Waechter gave him 21 home runs this season and 68 since joining the Yankees in 2003. The outfielder hit 332 homers for the Yomiuri Giants of Japan's Central League from 1993-2002.

"The feeling itself, it is the same," Matsui said through a translator. "I don't really add the statistics that I had in Japan and the home runs here."

But he did keep the ball as a souvenir.



(AP PHOTO) Hideki Matsui recently connected for his 400 homerun as a professional.

"To me, it's not that important," he said. "Perhaps my father will be pretty happy if I give it to him."

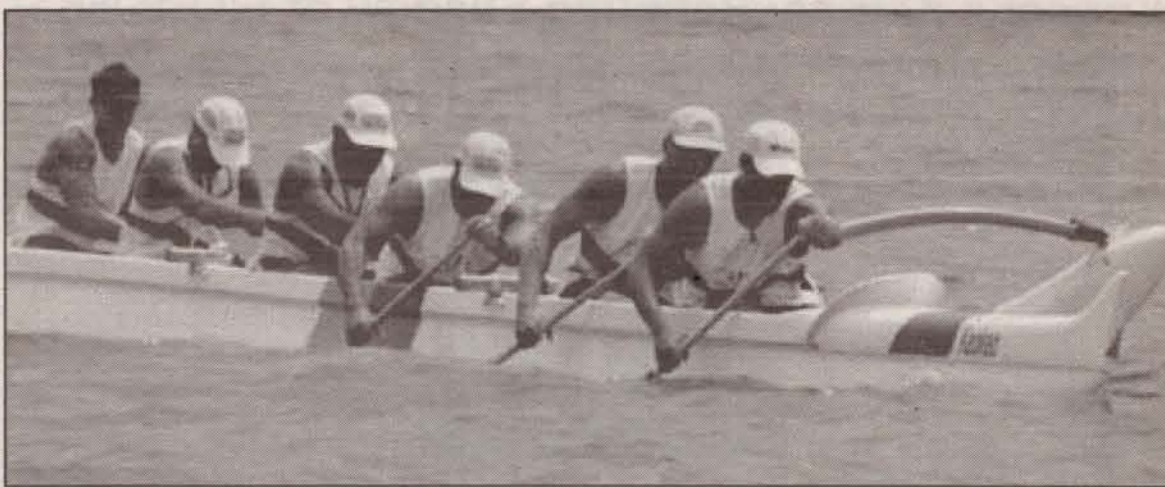
Matsui also hit a two-run double in the sixth inning, cutting New York's deficit to 4-3. He finished 2-for-4 with three RBIs, and the

Yankees rallied to win 5-4 on Jason Giambi's two-run shot in the eighth.

Nicknamed "Godzilla" in Japan for his power, Matsui was a three-time Central League home run champion and hit 40 or more three

times. But after hitting a career-high 50 in 2002, he had only 16 homers in his first season in the major leagues.

He has 104 RBIs this year, his sixth straight season with at least 100 going back to his career in Japan. ■



CANOE RACING

Big Island Long Distance Canoe Race Grows and Grows

By KARIN STANTON
Associated Press

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii—Three decades ago, a handful of Hawaii canoe clubs gathered in Kona for the inaugural Queen Liliuokalani Long Distance Canoe Races.

Now billed as the "world's largest long distance canoe race," the event was the brainchild of famed Hawaii waterman Duke Kahanamoku's brother, Louie and his wife Mary Jane.

"We started off this race in 1971 with three Big Island clubs and a few invited from Oahu," said Maile Mauhili, executive race secretary. "We had nine races for men and women. We were the first race for double hull canoes and the first to organize one-man canoe races, too."

Mauhili said she is proud of how far all the clubs have come, from local clubs that sweep categories to newcomers from the mainland and beyond.

"The Outrigger Club from Oahu did well that first year," she recalled, and went on to dominate for the next decade until finally a Big Island club took top honors in the early 80s.

"That was the biggest chicken skin moment for me," she said, "when Kai Opua broke through that barrier. And we haven't looked back."

Recently, more than 240 crews fought for medals in 60 divisions. The races included canoes with six and nine paddlers racing the 18 miles between Kailua Bay and Honaunau Bay, while other events

focused on youth, double hull and one- and two-man canoes.

Teams came in from across Hawaii and the Pacific, as well as California, Washington state, Washington, D.C., and Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Island Paddle Club took home two medals and boatload of motivation.

"We've been coming for seven or eight years and this year we brought our biggest contingent. Three men's crews and two women's," Matthew Flynn said. "This is our target race, the biggest one for us. It gives us a lot of motivation to take home and try to get better."

Paddler and coach James Shortis said the club will be back and is even leaving one of its canoes in the care of Kai Opua, to cut future transportation costs.

He hopes to bring more paddlers next year.

"It's a really good race to blood the novices," he said. "It's wild to

see 120 boats on that start line. Some of them have never seen anything like that."

The Hong Kong club was the first to form in Asia. Four more have popped up in Hong Kong and Singapore now has a club, Shortis said.

"Asia is just bubbling away," Shortis said. "It can only increase exponentially."

Other paddlers agree the sport is on the verge of mainstream global recognition.

Randy Davis, a veteran paddler who now focuses on one-man races, said he has befriended an Italian paddler, who raced in Hawaii and went home to begin building canoes.

"Every year there are guys — from Italy, from Germany — who are taking the sport home with them," Davis said. "It's exploding around the world. It knows no boundaries. I think eventually it'll be an Olympic sport." ■

SUMO

Report: Sumo Reaches Its Limit for Foreign Wrestlers

TOKYO—Foreign wrestlers hoping to enter Japan's ancient sport of sumo will have to wait in line.

Because of a rule that permits only one foreign wrestler per stable, there are currently no openings for foreigners in sumo, the *Yomiuri Shimbun* reported Sept. 1.

A rule that allowed two foreigners per stable was abolished in 2002 and replaced with the current rule. Of the 54 stables in sumo, 50 already have one foreign wrestler. Stable masters at the other four said they have no intention of bringing in foreigners, opting instead to develop Japanese wrestlers.

Foreign wrestlers wanting to enter sumo will now have to wait for a foreigner at one of the 50 stables to retire or for one of the remaining four stables to change its policy.

Sumo's elite ranks have seen an

increasing number of foreign wrestlers in recent years and the sport is dominated by Mongolian Asashoryu, the only grand champion competing in sumo.

Asashoryu won his 13th Emperor's Cup in July and became the first wrestler in almost 20 years to win five titles in a row.

Wrestlers from Russia, Bulgaria and Georgia have also moved up the ranks recently. Sumo hasn't had a Japanese grand champion since Takanohana retired in January of 2003.

There are 735 wrestlers currently competing in sumo, including 59 foreign wrestlers from 12 countries. When the Autumn Grand Sumo Tournament opened on Sept. 11 in Tokyo, 13 of the 42 wrestlers competing in the elite makuuchi division were foreigners. ■

GOLF

Hurst Wins LPGA State Farm Classic

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Pat Hurst reversed her fortunes against Cristie Kerr.

Hurst double-bogeyed the final hole of the Wendy's Championship for Children to finish two strokes behind Kerr. On Sept. 4, Hurst closed with a



routine par to beat Kerr by three strokes in the LPGA State Farm Classic.

The win was a big boost for Hurst heading into this weekend's Solheim Cup matches.

"You try to look at the present not the past," Hurst said. "I think last week was just a stepping stone and I think it helped a little bit."

The 36-year-old Hurst finished with a 2-under 70 for her fourth LPGA Tour victory and first since 2000. She had a 17-under 271 total and earned \$195,000.

A little more than an hour after finishing play, Hurst and Kerr boarded a bus with five other U.S. Solheim Cup players for the trip to Carmel, Ind., for the matches this weekend against Europe at Crooked Stick.

"What more can you ask for? ... Representing your country, it makes you feel good," said Hurst, the 1995 LPGA rookie of the year.

On Sept. 4, Hurst birdied four of the first five holes and had a five-stroke lead after 11 holes, but dropped three strokes on her next two holes with a double bogey and bogey. She rebounded with a birdie on No. 14 and finished with four straight pars.

"I'm glad that last putt is in and that back nine is over," Hurst said. ■

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Hurricane Katrina: Haunting Shadow of E.O. 9066

One MIS veteran from the Hurricane Katrina devastation called me this past week (Sept. 8). Ted Yenari, a 50-year resident in Metairie, La., was in Alexandria to say, "We're doing O.K. ... True America is coming out." He was referring to the thousands of volunteers helping in New Orleans. The same day's mail from American Legion Sadao Munemori Post adjutant Carl Miyagishima was hopeful. "Remembering the charm of New Orleans, may she be a phoenix."

Several minutes later, Ted called again, asking, "How much time did the Terminal Islanders have (in 1942) to evacuate?" My quick response: "48 hours!"

Rep. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., the same morning on C-SPAN-1 recalled what it was like after Pearl Harbor. This was the first time I heard a public official mention "Pearl Harbor" in connection with "Katrina."

That's the track that would come to the minds of Japanese Americans, especially by those who remember Pearl Harbor and the rigorous cry on the West Coast for Evacuation.

As I watched Hurricane Katrina "live," thoughts of E.O. 9066 and evacuation camps came to mind. I heard unused Army barracks might be a temporary camp. So the Superdome was "an assembly center a la 1942," only worse as the news coverage unfolded.

There are several Army camps within a 200-mile radius of New Orleans — Camp Shelby being one. It's a summer training center for National Guardsmen bound for Iraq. Cable MSNBC reported the

VERY TRULY YOURS



Harry Honda

4,000 out-of-state troops at Shelby were tucked away in hurricane-resisted quarters, much greater than what was forecast for the area around Hattiesburg.

Many have insisted the mayor and governor should have acted first in moving people out of their homes. So, where were the boats and "ducks" when it became mandatory after the levees broke?

53 Years Ago

Rumors, circulating for months before Pearl Harbor, depicted "Fish Harbor" (as the Japanese settlement was called) as a spy colony, that fishermen had maps of the coast, their physiques were built up for the Japanese military, the boats had torpedoes, and they planned to blow up the Long Beach naval base.

In reality, the antennas at home were poles for drying fish. The maps were navigational charts purchased at any marine supply store. There were no torpedoes and the U.S. government said — after the war — there were no cases of sabotage or spying by the fishermen.

The day after Dec. 7, 1941, every Issei with a commercial fishing license and a few Nisei on

Terminal Island were picked up by the FBI, detained at the Island's immigration station and sent to Fort Missoula, Montana, an enemy alien camp.

The frantic wives and children of Fish Harbor were surrounded by soldiers with bayonets mounted on their rifles. Fatherless families began to move in with relatives or friends in Little Tokyo and Boyle Heights.

On Wed., Feb. 24, the remaining Japanese population had only 48 hours to evacuate the island. Profiteers, like ravenous crows, descended upon them to buy their stoves, china, radio, pianos for next to nothing, especially the expensive fishing gear and the nets.

Some families were able to store what they could, but much was abandoned. Their small homes were torn down, furniture and all, and paved over with asphalt.

A month later, evacuation orders put them (and the rest of the Japanese people in Southern California) into Santa Anita with all they could cram in two suitcases.

This is the "Nisei nightmare" I recalled when they ordered, "Everybody out of New Orleans."

P.S.—Katrina Aftermath

Does the mayor or governor have the power to move people from their homes by force (for their own safety), even though some wanted to stay home to protect their property, etc.? (Korematsu in the making?)

By February after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Roberts Commission found the two commanders, Admiral Kimmel and General Short, guilty of "dereliction of duty" and were fired. This was the first of nine more investigations that followed. (Prange, "At Dawn We Slept," 823-25). How many will "Katrina" generate?

The Rev. Jesse Jackson says it's racist to call American citizens packed into the Houston Astrodome "refugees." The Associated Press and the *New York Times* are among those that use refugees or evacuees where appropriate. President Bush weighed in: "They are Americans and they need our help..." (In 1942, when "Japs" was standard slang, the Nisei chose "evacuees.")

Finally, the soldiers, police and firefighters, engaged in telling people to leave their homes, were also at risk carrying out their mission. (Remember the firemen who responded to the 9/11 attacks?) ■

Mayor of Japanese Hero's Hometown Visits Houston Exhibit

Mayor Shingo Akatsuka of Yaotsu Town, Japan visited Holocaust Museum Houston recently to view the Museum's summer exhibit dedicated to the life of Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat who risked his life and career to save thousands of Jews from Nazi persecution.

Akatsuka, who is mayor of Sugihara's hometown, presented the Museum with 1,000 paper cranes made from copies of visas that Sugihara personally hand wrote for Jews during World War II.

The Aug. 20 ceremony commemorated the exhibit, "Sugihara: Japanese Righteous Gentile," dedicated to the man that Holocaust survivors like Edith Hamer, 68, credit with saving their lives.

In 1939, Sugihara had opened a one-man consulate in Lithuania as WWII broke out in Europe. The nearby Soviet Union annexed Lithuania and ordered the consulates closed. Thousands of Polish Jews fleeing German-occupied Poland requested visas from Sugihara.

After requesting authorization three times to issue Japanese visas to these victims of Nazi persecution and being rejected twice and ignored once, he disregarded his government's instructions and issued thousands of visas to Polish Jews. For 29 days, from July 31 to Aug. 28, 1940, he and his wife hand wrote more than 2,000 visas, barely stopping for meals or sleep.

When asked why he made the choice to defy his orders and save these people, he simply replied, "I may have to disobey my government, but if I don't I would be disobeying God."

When he returned to Japan at the end of WWII, the Japanese govern-



Yaotsu Town, Japan Mayor, Shingo Akatsuka, presents 1,000 cranes to Holocaust Museum Houston Chairman Peter Berkowitz and Executive Director Susan Llanes-Myers.

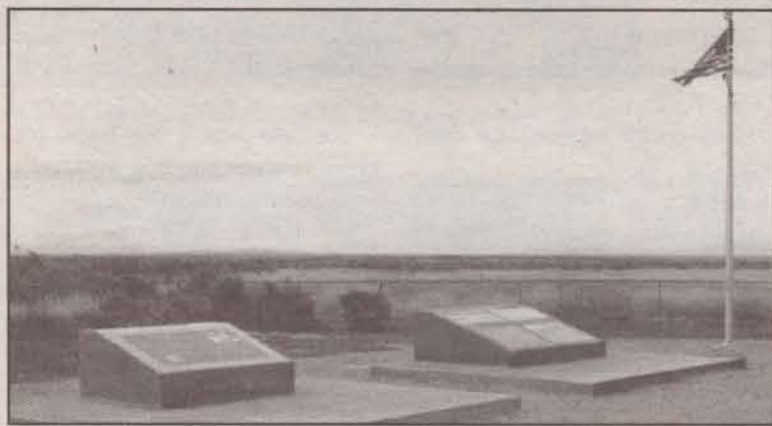
ment forced him to resign from the diplomatic service. He had to start his life over. Sugihara never spoke about his humanitarian deeds in Lithuania. The families of those he saved found him in 1969 and told the world about what he'd done.

Sugihara died in 1986 at the age of 86 without ever being officially recognized by the Japanese government for his outstanding humanitarian service. He is now recognized as a "Righteous Gentile" by the state of Israel and a tree was planted in his name at Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem. Near his rural mountain home of Yaotsu, Japan, the Sugihara Memorial Museum was erected on the Hill of Humanity.

Sugihara's exhibit ended its five-month run at the museum Aug. 31. ■

For more information, call 713/942-8000 or visit www.hmh.org.

Topaz Honors Its Veterans



The Topaz Memorial Committee recently honored its veterans by erecting a new monument containing some 350 veterans' names. Since the dedication, numerous veterans' names have been submitted and there are plans to add the new names to the monument. Those wishing to submit names should contact: tnagata2@comcast.net or mail to 815 Sandhurst Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84103. ■

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Q&A

Katie Leung

Harry Potter's Cho Chang

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Katie Leung's presence in the forthcoming film "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" has already set off a feedback firestorm from Asian Pacific American community members who scrutinize the popular book series' ethnic portrayal. But the Scottish native also has devoted fans, an impressive list of fan Web sites and a legion of girls who are jealous that she plays Harry Potter's love interest.

Amidst the attention and her studies, she chats with the *Pacific Citizen* by e-mail about her fateful audition and making magic with the film's cast.

Pacific Citizen: How did you land the role of playing Cho Chang?

Katie Leung: My dad wanted me to try out for the part of Cho after he saw an advertisement on telly because it seemed such a coincidence for me to fit the description and also for the auditions to be held on a Saturday — my dad's only day off work!

I didn't want to miss the opportunity of being in London and I only expected to gain experience from it, so it came as such a surprise when I won the part. The auditions took place within a period of around two months and it involved drama workshops and a screen test, which was incredibly terrifying but such an amazing experience!

PC: Were you a fan of Harry Potter before you were cast?

KL: I'm a fan of both the movies and the books. I'd watched all the films and read the first three books before I won the part and then I read the fourth and fifth ones afterwards. I've just finished reading the sixth book, which was brilliant once again!

PC: What was it like growing up as a child of Chinese immigrants in Scotland?

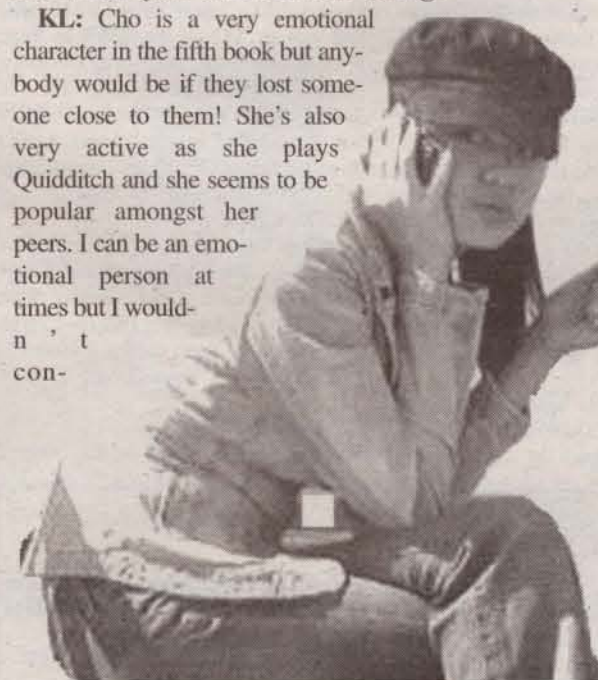
KL: Although we are a minority in Scotland, we are all treated equally here and I haven't experienced any racial problems.

PC: What are some things you enjoy doing in during your free time?

KL: I'm 18 years old and during my free time, I enjoy shopping, playing my guitar and piano, listening to music, spending quality time with my family and friends and just doing what a normal teenager likes to do!

PC: How do you think that you are similar or different from your character Cho Chang?

KL: Cho is a very emotional character in the fifth book but anybody would be if they lost someone close to them! She's also very active as she plays Quidditch and she seems to be popular amongst her peers. I can be an emotional person at times but I wouldn't con-



sider myself as being active or popular!

PC: How did you feel about being new to the Harry Potter cast?

KL: It was incredibly daunting meeting the cast at first but we became friends in an instant because everyone was so welcoming and friendly.

PC: What are some of the things you and the cast did together off set?

KL: We didn't really get to spend that much time together off set because of our studies but when we did, we had great fun just chatting and playing daft games, which kept us entertained!!

PC: What was it like to kiss Daniel Radcliffe?

KL: I haven't kissed Daniel in this film. He does have a vast number of female fans so the jealousy which has arisen would have been inevitable for anyone who was cast as Cho and therefore I was prepared for it. I'm not affected by the issue in any way.

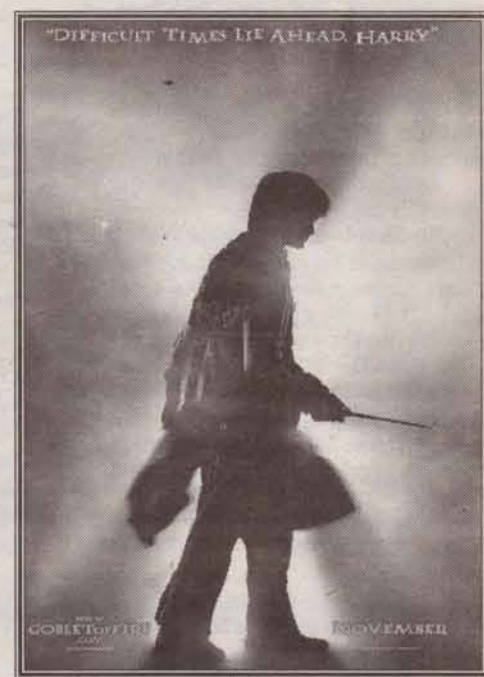
PC: Would you do another Harry Potter film?

KL: I would love to do another film if Cho Chang [were] in another Harry Potter book series after the fifth one, although I don't think she is. I would be foolish not to after having such a wonderful time on the fourth film.

PC: What are some of your future plans?

KL: I don't have any set plans at the moment but I would definitely like to continue with my studies and attend university. Acting is a job I haven't really considered up until now but I think it could be a possible career in the future. ■

"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" opens nationwide Nov. 18.



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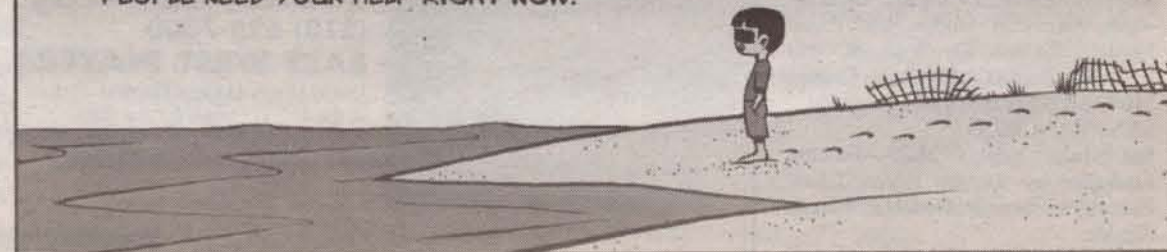
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Midwest

ALBUQUERQUE

Sun., Sept. 25—Aki Matsuri 2005; 10:30-4:30 p.m.; Park Square (Louisiana Blvd. and Indian School Road NE); free admission and entertainment, great raffle prizes, Japanese food, arts, crafts and demonstrations. Info: Esther Churchwell, 505/883-5320 or 6kalani4@comcast.net.

DENVER

Sat., Sept. 24—Concert, "Hoshi no Dengen"; Legendary Japanese Poet, Misuzu Kaneko's World; 4 p.m.; Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temples, 1947 Lawrence; **Mon., Sept. 26**; 7:30 p.m.; Grusin Music Hall, 18th and Euclid, Univ. of Colorado; free but reservations recommended; Info: 303/530-0851 or mu@parkcity.ne.jp.

MINNEAPOLIS

Sun., Nov. 13—Twin Cities JACL Afternoon at the Theater; 2 p.m.; In the Heart of the Beast Puppet Theatre, 1500 E. Lake St.; "The Pink Dress"; Q/A session with local internees and reception to follow; \$10/adults, \$5 children 12 and under (nonreserved seating); reservation deadline through Twin Cities JACL is Sept. 30. Tickets/Info: Lil Grothe, 612/727-3542.

Intermountain

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah

Tues., Sept. 27—Jake Shimabukuro in Concert; 7:30 p.m.; Utah Cultural Celebration Center Amphitheater, 1355 West 3100 S.; \$10/adults, \$7/seniors 60 and older and children 12 and under; co-sponsored by Mt. Olympus JACL with a portion of ticket sales benefiting the chapter. Info: www.culturalcelebrationcenter.org and www.jakeshimabukuro.com. Tickets: Diane Akiyama, 801/277-6115.

Northwest

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

Sun., Oct. 16—Nidoto Nai Yoni: Voices of the Past and Present Japanese American Internment Conference; 1-5 p.m.; IslandWood, 4450 Blakely Ave, NE; free; co-sponsored by the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community (BIJAC), Densho and IslandWood. Info: 206/855-4300 or www.islandwood.org.

PORTLAND

Sept. 18-Nov. 1—Matsutake: A Living Legacy; Tues.-Sat. 11-3 p.m., Sun. 12-3 p.m.; Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center; Sept. 18 opening will feature a lecture, shigin performance and food made with the matsutake, 1:30-3 p.m. Info: Katrina Gilkey, 503/224-1458.

SEATTLE

Sat., Oct. 1—"Celebrating 120 Seasons," Nikkei Concerns celebrates 30 years of enriching the lives of seniors; The Westin Seattle, 1900 5th Ave.; featuring live and silent auctions and a raffle. Info: Mary Ann Arnone, 206/726-6523 or marnone@nikkeiconcerns.org.

Sat., Oct. 8—Mavin Foundation's 3rd Annual Gala and Auction; 5:30 p.m.; McCaw Hall at the Seattle Center. Info: Nicki Carrillo, 206/622-7101, nicki@mavinfoundation.org or www.mavinfoundation.org.

Northern California

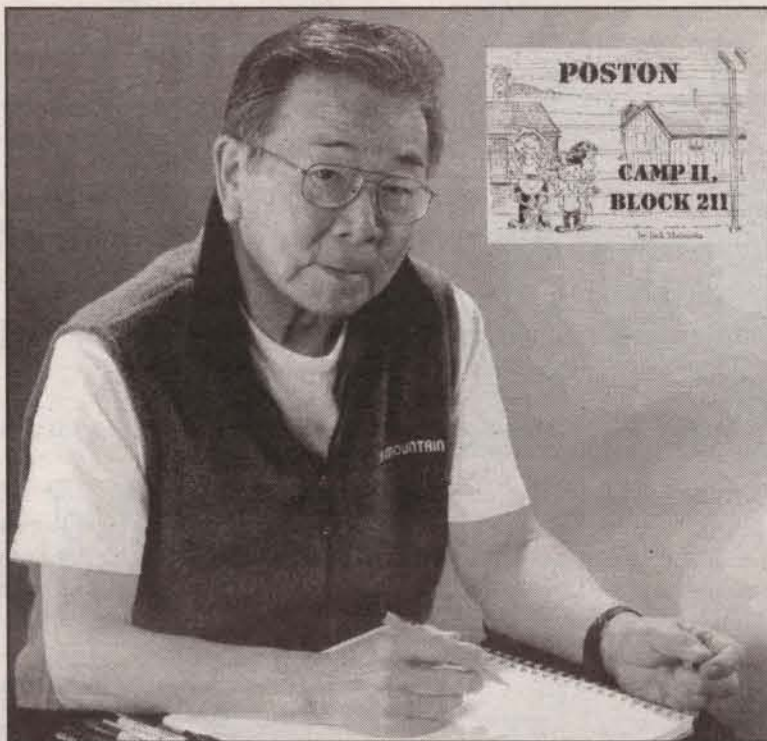
BERKELEY

Sat., Oct. 15—Authors Panel, Pinay Power: Feminist Critical Theory; 2 p.m.; Heller Lounge located in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Union, UC Berkeley; a Feminist authors panel discussing the Filipina/American experience; co-sponsored by the UC Berkeley Asian American Studies and Asian Pacific Student Development and Eastwind Books. Info: Janet Duong, 510/642-6717 or duong@berkeley.edu.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 24-25—Fashion fundraiser by Sachiko Eileen Tabata Fitzpatrick; Seaside Buddhist Temple Seaside.

Mon., Sept. 19—Seminar, Under-



'Making the Best of Poston,' an exhibit based upon the art of Jack Matsuoka and his book, 'Poston Camp II, Block 211' will be on display at the Santa Cruz County Fair through Sept. 18.

standing Arthritis and an Update on Arthritis Medication Safety; 2-3:30 p.m.; Radisson Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St.; parking available at Japan Center Garage; Brian R. Kaye, M.D., F.A.C.P. is the featured speaker; free, Japanese translation will be provided; sponsored by Pfizer, Inc., Assessing Care of Vulnerable Elders and Kimochi. RSVP: 415/931-2294.

Sat., Sept. 24—Community Healing Garden Festival; 11-4 p.m.; Yerba Buena Upper Gardens; featuring dance and music performances, art making, free bodywork, health workshops and low-cost to free resources. Info: Judy Hamaguchi, 415/567-5505.

Thurs., Oct. 6—"Making Waves" Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation's Annual Dinner; registration 5:45, cruise departs 6:30 and returns at 9 p.m.; Hornblower's San Francisco Belle, Pier 3; honoring Bill On Hing, Mike Groza, Charles Greene and Ruth Coleman; co-chaired by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (Calif.) and Gov. Gary Locke (Wash.). Info: Margaret Whelly, 415/561-2160.

Sat., Oct. 8—API Legal Outreach Celebrates 30 Years of Service; headquarters of Google; Luau by the Bay with Master Chef, Sam Choy. Info: www.APILegalOutreach.org or info@apilegaloutreach.org.

Sat., Nov. 5—Buchanan YMCA Sentimental Journey II: Reliving Sports Memories; 5-9 p.m.; Buchanan YMCA, 1530 Buchanan St.; open to individuals who passed through the YMCA's doors, but to also Asian sport participants of the 40s-70s throughout California; planning committee is also seeking old photos to be included in a photo display. Info: Reeshmah Davis, 415/931-961

SAN JOSE

Sat., Sept. 24—"It happened in Santa Clara County ... Exploring the Historical and Ongoing Impact of the Japanese

American Internment;" 10-12:30 p.m.; Wesley United Methodist Church (Fellowship Hall), 566 North 5th St.; event will feature a keynote address and slide presentation by Mas Hashimoto; free, light refreshments will be served; co-sponsored by the West Valley JACL, San Jose JACL, and Japanese American Museum of San Jose. RSVP required to: Kellie Takagi, 650/498-8333.

Sat., Oct. 15—"Continuing Commitment to Serve Our Community" 4th Annual Community Recognition Dinner; 5 p.m.; San Jose Hyatt; honorees include: Ken Iwagaki, Aiko Nakahara, Peter Nakahara (posthumously), Dr. Ko Nishimura, Tom Shigemasa, Yoshihiro Uchida, and Chidori Band; past San Jose JACL President Wayne Tanda will emcee; silent auction, entertainment by Chidori Band; Info: Jeff Yoshioka, 408/363-8191 or jyoshioka@msn.com.

SAN MATEO

Sun., Sept. 25—Movie matinee, "Eat a Bowl of Tea"; 1:30 p.m.; JA Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St.; Info: 650/343-2793.

Sun., Sept. 25—2005 San Mateo JACL Golf Tournament; Poplar Creek Golf Course, 1700 Coyote Point Dr.; 10 a.m.; \$68 w/cart, \$81 w/cart; RSVP by Sept. 8; send entry fees and form to: Vince Asai, 745 Pico Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403; please make checks payable to San Mateo JACL; entry form can be downloaded at www.sanmateojacl.org. Info: Vince Asai, 650/349-3590.

SANTA CRUZ

Through Sept. 18—"Making the Best of Poston" Exhibit featuring the art of Jack Matsuoka; Santa Cruz County Fair; noon-10 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sat., 10-8 p.m. Sun.; exhibit is based on Matsuoka's book, Poston Camp II, Block 211.

SARATOGA

Sat-Sun., Oct. 15-16—28th Annual

Crafty Foxes Holiday Boutique; 10-4 p.m.; Saratoga Community Center, 13777 Fruitvale Ave. (across from West Valley College).

STOCKTON

Sat., Oct. 1—Stockton JACL Bus Trip to Lee Institute of Japanese Art in Hanford, Calif. and Palace Casino; depart from Stockton Buddhist Church 8 a.m., return 8 p.m.; \$35/members of JACL, \$40/non-members (covers transportation and admission, but not lunch). Info: Teddy and May Saiki, 209/465-8107.

WATSONVILLE

Sat-Sun., Oct. 8-9—Watsonville Taiko 14th Annual Anniversary Performance; Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.; Henry Mello Center for the Performing Arts, East Beach and Lincoln Streets; Tickets: Henry Mello Center, 831/763-4047 or www.mellocenter.com; \$15/ adults, \$12/seniors and children 12 and under. Info: 831/426-9526 or www.watsonvilletaiko.org.

Central California

HANFORD

Through Dec. 3—Woman as Art / Woman as Artist: Two Sides to the Female Figure in Later Japanese Painting; Ruth and Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art, 15770 Tenth Ave.; \$5/adults, \$3/students, members and children under 12 are free. Info: www.shermanleeinstitute.org.

Southern California

CAMARILLO

Sun., Oct. 2—15th Annual Japanese Culture Day, hosted by Ventura County JACL; 1-4 p.m.; Camarillo Community Center, 1605 E. Burnley St.; dance, sumo and judo demonstrations, taiko and cultural exhibits. Info: 805/677-4517, vcjacl@hotmail.com or www.vcjacl.org.

LOS ANGELES

Through Nov. 27—Toshiko Takaazu: The Art of Clay; JANM, 369 E. First St.; exhibition features the recent work of Toshiko Takaazu, an artist at the forefront of breaking down the traditional barriers between functional and sculptural art. Info: 213/625-0414 or www.janm.org.

Thurs., Sept. 29—"First & Central Summer Concerts" presented by JANM in association with the National Center for the Preservation of Democracy and sponsored in part by the city of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department; 7:30 p.m.; in the institution's plaza at First and Central Ave.; Marta Gomez, Sept. 29: "Of Melodies Old: New Music from the APPEX Ensemble." Info: JANM, 213/625-0414.

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Thurs., Sept. 22—Benefit concert, Changing Lives and Saving Families at Showtime 2005; 7-9:30 p.m.; George and Sakaye Aratani/Japan America Theater; Kilauea, featuring Daniel Ho, reunites to perform at this benefit concert

for AADAP Info: 323/293-6284.

Thurs., Sept. 29—35 Years of Asian Pacific Film and Video; 8:30 p.m.; Ford Amphitheatre; Visual Communications's 35th Anniversary celebration pairs groundbreaking moving images of Asian Pacific America with live performances, climaxing with the VC Digital Slam. Tickets, 323/461-3673 or www.fordamphitheatre.org, \$15/general admission, \$12/students and VC members. Info: 213/624-2188 or www.vconline.org.

SANTA BARBARA

Sat., Oct. 8—3rd Annual Santa Barbara JACL Golf Tournament; Glen Annie Golf Club. Info and reservations: Wade, 805/448-9912.

VENICE

Sun., Sept. 25—Aki Matsuri fall boutique by West LA JACL Auxiliary; 9:30-3:30 p.m.; Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr.; free admission, cash or check purchases only, free parking and hourly prize drawings. Info: Jean, 310/390-6914 or Eiko, 310/820-1875.

Sun., Oct. 9—6th Annual Frances Kitagawa Leadership Development Program Luncheon; Venice Japanese Community Center; Warren Furutani is the guest speaker; \$30/person. Info: Sharon Kumagai, 310/719-2364 or Carole Yamakoshi, 310/581-6691.

WEST COVINA

Sat., Oct. 1—33rd Annual Aki Matsuri Fall Festival; 12-8 p.m.; East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave.; food, raffle, games, bingo and demonstrations. Info: 626/960-2566 or 626/337-9123.

Arizona-Nevada

LAS VEGAS

Sat., Sept. 24—Las Vegas JACL Friendship Picnic; 11-5 p.m.; Floyd Lamb State Park; potluck with hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks provided; parking \$6. Info: Marie Hollingsworth, 702/658-8806.

Mon.-Wed., Sept. 26-28—Manzanar High School Reunion; California Hotel/Casino; Sept. 26 (Mixer Night), Auloni Kaeka and the Brothers perform; Sept. 27 (Banquet Night), Brian Maeda, writer/producer will premiere his documentary on Louis Frizzell, who served as the music teacher in Manzanar, followed by an update by the Manzanar National Park Rangers; registration deadline is Aug. 1. Info: Seizo Tanibata, (Gardena area) 310/327-1864, Victor Muraoka, (Valley) 818/368-4113, Ray Kuwahara, (Orange County) 714/521-4036, Sus Ioki, (Venice) 310/202-9199.

Mon.-Wed., Oct. 3-5—Heart Mountain IX Reunion; Riviera Hotel and Casino. Info: Bacon Sakatani, baconsakat@aol.com.

PHOENIX

Sat., Sept. 24—Golf Tournament, hosted by the Asian Chamber of Commerce to benefit ASU Asian Pacific American Studies Program; 8 a.m. start, scramble format; Biltmore Country Club; \$100/player; sponsorship levels available. Info: Ted Namba, caseyfolks@aol.com, 623/572-9913 or Lisa Sakata, asiansun@aol.com, 602/371-8452. ■

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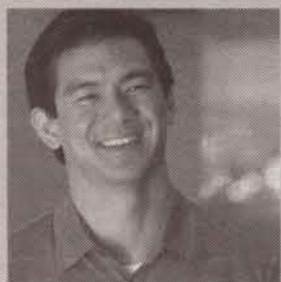
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Chin, Benny Den B., 83, Houston, Aug. 19; mechanic with the "Flying Tigers"; survived by wife, May; sons, Kenny, Melvin, Wayne, Warren and Sunny; daughter, Yvonne Lee; and brother, Howard Tin Chiu Chin.

Hashimoto, Shichiro, 102, West Los Angeles, Aug. 29; survived by son, Yotaro (Keiko); daughters, Nanayo (Shin) Kuno and Chimie; 6 gc.; and brother, Suehiko (Sao) Hashimoto.

Igasaki, Kevin, 42, Encinitas, Aug. 10; survived by wife, Catherine; son, Maximilien; daughter, Samantha; parents, Dr. Howard and Nobbi; and brother, Dr. Alan (Shari).

Inaba, Frank, 88, Moses Lake, Wash., July 3; WWII veteran, 442nd; survived by wife, Fumi; daughters, Karen (Michael) Holubar and Janet (Jim) Ottosen; 2 gc.; and brother, Joe (Matsuko).

Ishibashi, Florence Fujie, 90, Pacoima, Aug. 12; survived by daughter, Esther (George) Sakatani; sons, Richard and Kenneth; 2 gc.; 1 ggc.; brother, Masato (Fukuye) Nitta; and sisters, Lorraine Enomoto, Mary Meifu and Betty Nitta.

Isuzugawa, Minoru, 75, Monterey Park, Sept. 1; survived by husband, Ken; brothers, Masao (Noriko) Suzuki and Kenzo (Keiko) Suzuki; sisters, Kinuko Iijima, and Kiyoko Suzuki; and brother-in-law, Hiroshi (Grace) Sasaki.

Ito, Kiyoko, 81, Los Angeles, Aug. 20; survived by husband, Ichiro; sons, Ron (Sue) and Don (Pauline); daughter, Joy (Dan) Hong; 5 gc.; brother, Kazuo (Sachi), Mitsuo (Helen) and Jim Tsujihara; and sisters, Eiko Baba and Tomi Hamaguchi.

Iwahashi, Kaoru, 78, Alhambra, Sept. 3; survived by wife, Kazuko; son, Karl (Sara); daughters, Yoko Kondo and Yukie (Wesley) Oba; step-daughter, Elaine (Raul) Salazar; and 11 gc.

Izawa, Frank, 68, Gardena, Sept. 4; survived by sisters, Norma (Susumu) Yokota and Marion Izawa.

Kadowaki, Eiji, 87, Northridge, July 31; survived by wife, Aiko; son, Shogo (Yumiko); daughters, Junko (Hisashi) Iwami, Taeko (Osamu) Yakura and Satomi (Yoshihiro) Nishimoto; 9 gc.; 2 ggc.; and brothers, Isamu Inoue and Nobutaka Kadowaki.

Kaneko, Michio Thomas, 89, Aug. 21; survived by daughter, Edith kaneko; brother, Takeo (Masako); and

sister, Kimiko (Tomio) Kaneko.

Kihara, Sumie, 94, Los Angeles, Aug. 8; survived by son, Robert; son-in-law, Henry Miyashiro; and 3 gc.

Kikuni, Mabel Hatsue, 94, Monterey Park, Aug. 11; survived by sons, Edwin (Ethel) and Ronald (Victoria); daughters, Kathy (Harry) Torigoe, Joy (Paul) Tomita and Marian (Winston) Ogata; brother, Larry (Kiyoko) Shimokawa; sister, Tsurue Tanita; 11 gc.; and 15 ggc.

Kodama, Etsuko, 93, Anaheim, Sept. 1; survived by daughters, Carolyn (Kaz) Shinzato and Erni (Jun) Arai; son, Steven (Leslie) Kodama; 11 gc.; and 12 ggc.

Maruno, Arthur J., 54, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Aug. 26; Vietnam vet, Air Force; survived by sister, Cindy Whaley; brother-in-law, Ted Whaley; sister, Sheri Page; and brother-in-law, Perry Page.

Maruyama, Eiichiro, 87, Los Angeles, Aug. 10; survived by wife, Yayoi; daughters, Linda (Don) Wamre, Lillian (Robert) Ikeda and Jo Ann; 3 gc.; 2 ggc.; sisters-in-law, Sumiye Maruyama, Grace Maruyama and Tomie Uetake; and brothers-in-law, Peter (Chieko) Yamaguchi, Hiroshi (Sachiko) Isoda and Mikio (Tazuko) Wakatsuki.

Mishima, Frank Y., 84, Chicago, Aug. 11; survived by brother, James; and sister, Yukie Ikeda.

Nakai, Joseph Hideo, 92, San Clemente, Aug. 21; survived by son, Michael (Pat); daughters, Karen (Tak) Toda, Joanne (Michael) Siu and Suzy (Norm) Takeda; and 8 gc.

Nakao, Yoshie, 79, Rancho Palos Verdes, Aug. 19; survived by husband, Masayuki; daughters, Margaret Elledge and Florence Nakao; 4 gc.; and brothers, Nagasato (Ritsuko) and Nagayoshi Matsui.

Nishi, Ruth Yoneko, 85, Monterey Park, Aug. 21; survived by son, Norman (Sharon); daughter, Naomi (Edward) Endo; 3 gc.; sister, Helen Toyoshima; and sister-in-law, Tsugiko Mitani, Elaine (Masao) Matsumoto, Mary Nishi, Ida Kato and Mineko Kato.

Nishihara, Taichi Larry, 83, Aug. 23; survived by wife, Hideko; brother, Mas (Sho); daughters, Aline Nishihara and Lori Ann (Jim) Gustafson; son, Curtis (Shari); 5 gc.; and 2 ggc.

Okazaki, June Hisayo, 90, Torrance, Aug. 16; survived by daughter, Flora (Dr. Tadami) Yamanaka; 4 gc.; 3 ggc.; brother, Mitsuhiro Mizuhata; and sisters, Tomoko Akagi and Sumiko Tomita.

Ota, Minol "Doc", D.V.M., 88, San Jose; born in Wamsutter, Wyo. and graduated from Texas A&M University in Veterinary Medicine; first president of the Wyoming and Montana JACL; awarded for community service by the National JACL and president of the

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Sagawa, Emiko Amy, 84, Gardena, Aug. 23; survived by daughter, Teri St. Jacques; son, Norman (Nancy); 2 gc.; sister, Yaeko "Jane" (James) Mita; and sister-in-law, Matsumi Nagamura.

Sakamoto, Ben Tsutomu, 55, Los Angeles, Aug. 16; survived by brothers, Paul (Gail) and Gene; and sister, Lily (Mas) Hamasu.

Satow, Hideo "Jibo," 91, Torrance, Aug. 23; survived by wife, Fumiko; daughters, Barbara (Itsuo) Iwasaki and Beverly (Randy) Iwasaka; sons, Glenn and Alan (Chris); 10 gc.; 3 ggc.; and brother, Tomio (Masayo) and Fumio (Chieko) Satow.

Shimotsu, George "Keoki," 70, Honolulu, Aug. 23; survived by wife Yae; son, Gary; daughters, Mieko and Akemi; 3 gc.; and brother, Katsumi and Mitsuhiro.

Sudo, Kazunari "Ken," 62, Fountain Valley, Aug. 19; survived by wife, Mary; daughters, Lisa (Michael) Perry and Tina; and 3 gc.

Sugahara, Yoshie, 88, Aug. 20; survived by daughter, Hideko Kono; sons, Haruo Fukui and Leslie Kono; 4 gc.; and 2 ggc.

Suyenobu, Yaeko, 82, Aug. 15; survived by daughters, Sharon (Monte Neumann) and Winona; son, Brandall; 4 gc.; 2 ggc.; and brother, Iwao (Tadako) Aoki.

Takata, Kikuyo, 88, La Palma, Aug. 29; survived by sons, Larry and Allan; daughters, Nancy (Paul) Inafuku and Joyce (Eugene) Kano; 4 gc.; sisters, Toshiko Takemoto and Betty Taoka; and sister-in-law, Ruth Takata.

Tanouye, Michiko, 75, Canyon Country, Aug. 14; survived by sons, Ron and Wayne; and brothers, Toshio (Masako) and Keiji (Ryoko) Nakamori.

Toguchi, Gary G., 77, Huntington Beach, Aug. 30; survived by wife, Merry; son, Michael; daughters, Gail (Yoshimine) and Katie (Fukuzawa); and 4 gc.

Uchida, David Yoshito, 84, West Los Angeles, Aug. 10; survived by wife, Mary; son, David (Lana); daughter, Janet Aston; 2 gc.; sisters, Mary Kiino and Sumi Takeno; brothers, Leo (Florence) and George (Frances) Uchida; and brother-in-law, Jimmy Fukuhara.

Yamagata, Kikuji, 71, Torrance, Sept. 5; survived by wife, Hiroyo; sons, Glenn (Dina) and Ray (Chie); daughter, Denise; 2 gc.; and sister, Kisako Minami.

Yamana, Shigeo Joe, 88, West Los Angeles, July 10; survived by daughter, Kathleen Yamana; and sister, Yuriko Miyata. ■

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Christina would forever etch her cultural identity into her life with every brush stroke.

Because in the Li family, being Chinese is a lifestyle.

And for many other APA families separated from their native soil, cultural activities act as bridge between two nationalities to create a harmony where cultural heroes like Momotaro (the Japanese folklore hero also known as "Peach Boy") aren't completely taken over by the likes of SpongeBob SquarePants or Harry Potter.

"It's important to infuse children with cultural activities because it's their root," said Peggy. "You may not realize it when you're young, but you'll know when you're older how important it is..."

Peggy, who immigrated to the United States from China in 1979 to complete her graduate studies at the California Institute of Technology, is part of a growing number of APA parents who want to keep their American offspring firmly rooted in their heritage. At times, this means having to pack schedules with culturally specific activities including Asian language school, dance and Asian league sports to keep younger generations tied to the old world.

But as the APA population continues to grow, according to Census statistics, and ethnic enclaves persist, what evolving role does cultural activities play in the communities?

Speaking Your Ancestors' Language

The Li family live in the suburban city of Arcadia, Calif. where, according to the 2000 Census, APAs composed 45.4 percent of the population. For students like Christina, this meant spending the day at an APA populous high school and than

spending more time at an APA dominated language school.

But Christina did not mind the extra schooling because most of her friends did the same.

"It felt normal to go to Chinese school," she said.

At the age of eight, Los Angeles resident Peter Khauo and his two siblings were also enrolled in Chinese school — a non-negotiable rite of passage. Peter's parents emigrated from Thailand to settle in East Los Angeles and Chinese language school was a way to keep their children from becoming "so Americanized." At home, questions

stream society while keeping them tuned into their heritage at the same time.

An adolescent who chooses to use the native language with his or her parents is honoring them and respecting them, added Chao.

Jane Chen, principal of the San Jose based Mandarin Language and Cultural Center, said she has seen an increasing interest in learning Mandarin. Her school sees about 1,100 students per year who learn language, calligraphy, dance and even flower arrangement.

But whereas in the past these cultural activities gave young APAs the

cent Asian student population, but she admits it's going to be different.

"I tend to be more comfortable around Asians. Most of my friends now are Asian because of the similar culture. We can communicate better with that sort of background where what's important to our parents is important to us," she said.

The Culture in Sports

Like many other cultural activities, the Community Youth Council (CYC) sports league originated in the 1950s to give boys of Japanese ancestry the chance to play in competitive sports regardless of their skill level, but it also served an important socialization purpose.

When Bobby Umemoto first expressed interest in playing sports, his parents nudged him towards the CYC Japanese American sports league.

"I think part of it is that you can be with others from the Japanese community. If it weren't for the [CYC sports], there weren't a lot of Japanese people around," said Umemoto, 54, about growing up in the city of Los Angeles. "In the Japanese league, it's recreational ... it's about getting together, having fun and playing a little ball."

Bobby played baseball and basketball in the CYC leagues and at his high school and at the collegiate level. Now without the "fire" he once had in his youth, he organizes and coaches in the adult league, the Nisei Athletic Union (NAU).

Through the years, he's noticed an evolution in JA league sports. These days, he said the Los Angeles CYC teams are flushed with kids who trek from ethnic enclaves like the San Gabriel Valley to play in Asian league sports. For some, this creates a false sense of superiority.

"This kid might be your superstar [in the CYC league] and you treat him as a prima donna. Then he goes

to high school and he's not used to being instructed harshly or not starting. Those are realities," said Bobby, whose four sons, affectionately known as "Bobby Boys," play sports but not all went through the CYC circuit.

But for others, the Asian sports leagues are still crucial cultural bridges.

Jesse James, who was born in Japan, said he learned to become more accepted in the JA community by playing sports. Now, his son who attends a predominately White school in Orange County, Calif. enjoys similar benefits by playing in the local JA sports league. Every August, the leagues' teams participate in the Nikkei Games, an Olympic style competition that James directs.

"It's about making kids feel good about themselves," said James, 54, about the league which mixes sports with cultural activities like mochi making.

"The fact is that unless you go to an all JA or an all Asian school, you're not around a lot of Asians, so hanging out on weekends with JAs is good," he said. "Are they engulfing themselves in too much of the same? Absolutely not."

Vince Hamasaki saw the need for Asian league sports when he and his family moved to a mostly White community. When it came time to choose a sports program for his kids, he and his wife decided that "going the Asian route was a good way to go."

"I see it as the best of both worlds," said Vince. "For me living out here, it's a positive."

But perhaps more important is the fact that recent graduates of cultural school and sports say they would continue the tradition.

"I think I will send [my kids] to Chinese school. It's not negotiable," said Christina. ■



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BOBBY'S BOYS: (l-r) Brandon, Bobby, Mark, Bryce and Byron.

asked in English would have to be translated into Chinese in order to merit an answer.

"They said, 'When you're at home, you speak Chinese,'" said Khauo, now a 24-year-old photographer.

It's a definite trend for first generation immigrant parents to raise their children with ethnic-specific activities, said Ruth Chao, a professor of psychology at the University of California, Riverside who researches the socialization of Asian immigrant families. Although there are many variations to the trend, Chao said studies have revealed that cultural activities are beneficial in fostering bi-cultural identities by helping young APAs acculturate to main-

stream society while keeping them tuned into their heritage at the same time.

For some, their worlds have become a fish bowl.

"There have been studies relating to kids who grew up in mostly Asian communities going off to private and prestigious colleges in the Northeast and really struggling because they don't have the experience ... and the racism and discrimination really hits them hard," said Chao. "They really struggle."

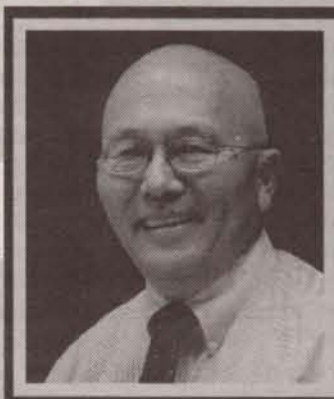
For the most part, Christina isn't too worried about adjusting to life at Harvard, which only has a 12 per-

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