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## Are Foreign Exchange Students Safe?

A Japanese girl's placement in the home of a convicted felon has raised demands for criminal background checks. Placement agencies counter the situation is being overblown.

By CAROLINE AOYAGI-STOM Executive Editor

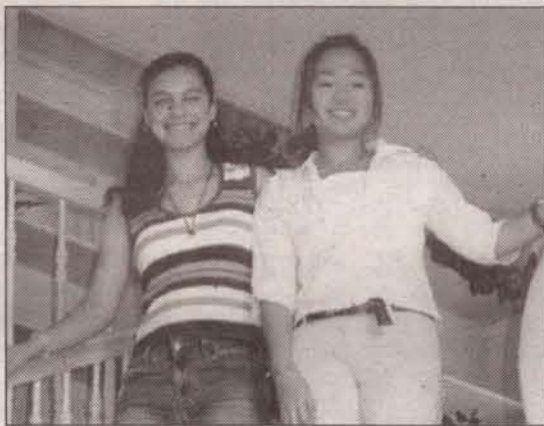
Should a convicted felon be allowed to host a foreign exchange student?

That's the resounding question after the Committee for the Safety of Foreign Exchange Students (CSFES), a California-based group, recently learned that a 16-year-old Japanese girl has been living in the St. Augustine, Florida home of a convicted felon since August. The committee is demanding her immediate removal.

But F.A.C.E. (Foundation for Academic Cultural Exchange), the organization in Gainesville, Florida

that placed the Japanese girl, say they have not violated any guidelines and have since received permission from the girl's parents in Japan to continue her stay. And they have the approval of the U.S. State Department to back them up.

"What precedence does this set? It's not a healthy placement ... it's unconscionable," said Danielle Grijalva, director of CSFES, who recently founded the committee after observing questionable practices as a former area representative for a foreign exchange student placement organization. "I would not have had any of my students placed in the home of a convicted felon. I would not want to live in the home of a convicted



HAPPIER TIMES—Sally Smith's daughter Jessica with Mary Vattanasiriporn (right) after Smith took the 16-year-old Thai girl into her home.

felon."

But according to Stanley Colvin, U.S. State Department's director for the office of exchange coordination and designation, F.A.C.E. and its directors Richard and Beverly Moss, have not violated any guidelines and the Japanese girl will continue to stay with her host family.

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## APA Political Newcomers Hope to 'Turn the Tide' in Their Communities

A handful of history-making candidates across the U.S. want to become elected officials in the November elections.

By LYNDA LIN Assistant Editor

This November, some Asian Pacific Americans are hoping to make history.

A first generation APA born in the United States like Supriya Christopher not only wants to make change, she wants to legislate it. Christopher, who is Indian American, is hoping to become the Virginia House of Delegates first APA member if she wins the 84th District seat in Virginia Beach in the Nov. 8 general election.

She points out that Virginia Beach's current legislative body is not representative of the city's diverse population. Having APA representatives in local government



CHRISTOPHER



YOON

is extremely important because "there is not one city or town in America that doesn't have people of Asian ethnic background," she added. Christopher, 35, is one of a handful of APA candidates across the nation who hope to enter the political arena next month through city and local elections. In Massachusetts, Sam Yoon, a Boston City Council at-large candidate, is also hoping to become Bean Town's first APA elected official. Like Christopher, Yoon made history as

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## The Mystique of a Geisha Packaged, Available for Sale

Cross-promotional products like geisha inspired beauty products and fashion reignites debate about cultural sensitivity.

By LYNDA LIN Assistant Editor

Two months before the film version of "Memoirs of Geisha" is scheduled to open in theaters nationwide, studio executives and retailers are already making it possible to dress, look and even smell like a geisha.

New York-based Fresh, Inc., which specializes in beauty products made from ingredients like soy, rice and sugar, unveiled a "Memoirs of a Geisha" inspired beauty collection in partnership with Sony Pictures Entertainment, the film's distributor.



Photo courtesy Marie Mockett A Fresh display in New York.

The beauty collection, which in its press releases is touted to be the marriage of the "Asian traditions of beauty" with Director Rob Marshall's visual interpretation of the controversial novel by Arthur Golden, features products like liquid bath soap enriched with sake, flower petal face mask and a makeup face palette of rosy hues to celebrate the "sensual allure of the geisha," according to the Fresh Web site.

Elongated bottles of "Memoirs of a Geisha Eau de Parfum" are affixed with pink labels sprinkled with cherry blossom drawings and the kanji for "beauty," lovely

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## Oregon Cove Named in Memory of 1887 Massacre

The site along the Snake River bore witness to a gruesome murder of Chinese gold miners. Now its name is the only indicator of that history.

By LYNDA LIN Assistant Editor

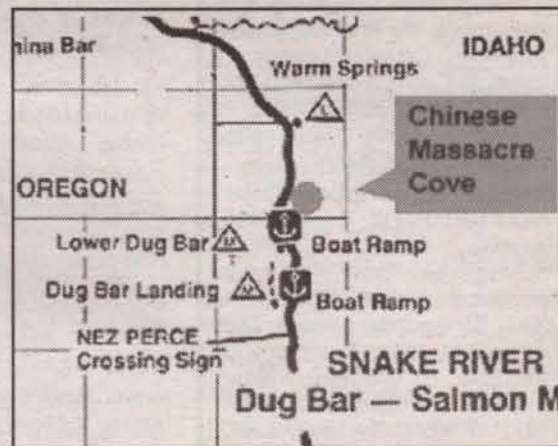
To get to the newly named Chinese Massacre Cove, you can take a boat along the Snake River to Hells Canyon.

There along the shore at the mouth of Deep Creek in 1887 Oregon, the water ran red with the blood of more than 30 Chinese gold miners killed and mutilated by horse thieves. To memorialize the tragic

event, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names and the Oregon Geographical Names Board unanimously voted Oct. 12 to name the site after the little-known massacre.

Newly printed maps will now identify the formerly unnamed site.

The ominous connotations weren't lost on board officials and local residents, but many say its name is an important nod to local history.



"I believe there needs to be recognition of this heinous crime, one of the worst in the history of the American west, and probably the

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## Planned Research Building at Fort Missoula on Hold

The proposed building would have been on land near an historic DOJ camp that once held JAs during WWII.

By Associated Press and P.C. Staff

MISSOULA—Plans to build a new University of Montana research facility at historic Fort Missoula are on hold, and the city's historical commission is asking the university to submit alternative plans for the structure.

A subcommittee of the Missoula

Historic Preservation Commission initially signed off on the plan to build the one-story, garage-like structure, but the full commission rescinded that on Oct. 6 following protests over the idea.

Opponents, including members of the group Save the Fort, have called the project an abuse of historic land.

The building would be constructed on university-owned land near the old quartermaster's stables and the fort's historic Japanese Department of Justice camp, one of a number of camps where Japanese

Americans were forced to live following the attacks on Pear Harbor.

The \$100,000 building would house meteorological and hydrological research equipment for UM's geology department, including a giant water tank that simulates ocean waves and river flow.

The Historic Preservation Committee on Oct. 6 voted unanimously to ask UM to submit alternative proposals that may include the adaptation of existing buildings at the fort or construction of a replica of the fort's historic buildings.

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### JAMES YEE VISITS LA

Chaplain Yee launches his tell-all book and comes to Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

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### SCHOLARSHIPS

National JAAC announces over \$60,000 in scholarships.

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### 'THREE EXTREMES'

Three directors add their vision of terror to one film. Serve chilled.

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## The P.C. Heads Back to Little Tokyo

It gives me immense pleasure to announce that the *Pacific Citizen* will be returning to Los Angeles' Little Tokyo at the end of this year after a more than decade absence.

As of Dec. 1, 2005, the *Pacific Citizen* will now be located at 250 E. First St., Ste. 301, Los Angeles, CA 90012 so please make sure to note the change. Our 800-number will remain the same so you can still reach us at 800/966-6157.

We will be updating you of all the changes, so please be sure to keep checking your P.C. issues and of course our new Website: www.pacificcitizen.org. Remember, our new Web site will have a sampling of our printed stories plus calendar, obituaries, and entertainment, but the entire P.C. will still only be available through our hard copies. So check out the Web site and encourage your friends and families to subscribe to the P.C.

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Also, please note our publication schedule for the remainder of this year. The last regular issue of the P.C. for this year will be Nov. 4. The P.C. will be moving to its new Little Tokyo office during the remaining month of November. Local phone numbers and faxes will need to be changed and the P.C. may not be able to get to your requests and questions right away. We ask for your patience as we prepare to move our operations.

In December we will have our annual 120-page Holiday Issue so please check it out. In January our special New Year's issue will be published Jan. 20, 2006. Regular issues of the P.C. will return in February 2006.

The P.C. will be going through some new and exciting changes over the next couple of months and we thank you for your patience and continued support!

*Caroline Aoyagi-Stom*  
Executive Editor

## WASHINGTON WINDOW

### A Critical Role

By FLOYD MORI  
JACL Dir. of Public Policy

When I accepted the position as Director of Public Policy for JACL, I had only a vague idea of what the general objectives and duties would be. After two months of on-the-job training, I am confident that JACL has a critical role in Washington, D.C. politics and can make a positive impact on public policy.

It has been heartening to see several former JACL Washington staff members being very visible and doing a great job in tackling the Asian American issues facing the nation. Karen Narasaki is the outspoken and articulate leader of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, while Paul Igasaki, recently a commissioner for EEOC, is the leader of the Rights Working Group. Bob Sakaniwa is an effective legislative staff member for Congressman Mike Honda. Each plays an important role in assuring our community has representation in critical policy making discussions. Kristine Minami, former JACL director of public policy, continues to be a support to this office.

It seems that there are many ongoing and soon-to-be-debated legislative issues that will impact members of JACL. I am almost overwhelmed with the information that flows back and forth on the internet and in face-to-face meetings that help all of us to formulate our approach to solving the problems we face.

There is a "civil rights community" that meets often on all critical issues. JACL has been a pioneer in the development of this working coalition of organizations which has grown in numbers as more organizations see the value of working together.

The issues that are most promi-

nent in the civil rights arena at the moment are: 1. the form and substance of the revisions to the U.S.A. Patriot Act; 2. the upcoming renewal of various provisions to the Voting Rights Act; 3. proposals to amend immigration law; 4. passage of a more effective Hate Crime law; and 5. the form and substance of various Social Security reform measures that are being discussed.

Much of my time will be spent helping to influence legislation in these crucial areas that will be positive for JACL members.

The Camp Preservation bill that is being carried by Congressman Bill Thomas is an important priority on JACL's legislative agenda. A companion bill was introduced on the Senate side by Senators Daniel Inouye, Daniel Akaka, and Robert Bennett.

We were very fortunate to have Congressman Thomas, who is chairman of the powerful Ways and Means committee, champion this bill through the House. Preserving the camp sites in the view of many is a more important accomplishment than Redress because they feel there will be a lasting educational tool from which future generations can learn.

Another initiative we are seriously considering as a major JACL program is participating in the rolling out of the new Medicare Prescription program. If we undertake this program, we will be asking our chapters to be a resource in educating and distributing information to our senior members and to other Asian Pacific American communities to help our members and communities take greater advantage of this program that will become available soon.

It is apparent that our task is huge but our desire and commitment are larger. We will require the participation of all of our chapters in helping to educate their Congressmen on how important these issues are to us. I look forward to working with the chapters in advocating the goals and objectives of JACL. ■



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## MASSACRE COVE

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worst single crime committed by whites against the Chinese who emigrated to the American west in the latter half of the 19th century," said R. Gregory Nokes, an Oregon-based retired journalist and author of "Hells Canyon Massacre."

But the crime was never fully investigated, said Nokes. The tragedy was "lost in the fog of history" and buried beneath the area's sparse hackberry trees until records were uncovered in an old Wallowa County safe in 1995.

The killing began May 27, 1887, according to one account, when a group of armed men on the cliffs fired down on a group of Chinese miners camped along the river. The killing continued until the next day when the killers left with their pockets lined with stolen gold. Body parts were reported to be seen weeks later floating on the Snake River and along the river's sloping cliffs.

Six Wallowa County men were charged with murder, but only three were tried and acquitted. Three others fled on horseback and were never captured. Two years later, Congress paid \$276,619.75 to the Chinese government as "full indemnity" for the crime, according to the Associated Press.

Racially charged crimes against Chinese workers were common during the time when the American West was being forged, added Nokes who along with Jeff Ford, former chairman of the Idaho Geographic Names Advisory Council, and Dr. Priscilla Wegars, advocated to memorialize the site.

"Using 'Chinese Massacre Cove' for the name of this location enables people in perpetuity to remember the ill-treatment once accorded to the Chinese in the West, both in Oregon and in many other places," said Wegars, who is the volunteer coordinator of the University of Idaho's Asian American Comparative Collection.

The Oregon Geographical Name Board (OGNB) approved the name in June despite some disapproval voiced from members of the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners, who were not in favor of giving that name to the site because they felt there would be too much emphasis on one negative event.

"Of course we do not want to be known as the site of this regrettable event," said Commissioner Ben Boswell. "And yet we do not intend to whitewash it. We believe that there was more to the Chinese experience than this negative incident. Consequently we favor naming the site Chinese Memorial Site. This would give the opportunity to interpret all of the Chinese experience in the area, not just the negative one."

Some residents, who were

believed to be descendents of the men charged with the crime, also expressed disapproval of the name, but overall local opposition was minimal, said Champ Vaughn, OGBN president.

"A massacre is a massacre," said Nokes. "To call it anything else is dishonest. Some people in Wallowa County may not want to acknowledge that such a heinous crime occurred in their county, so they want to avoid calling it what it was. If the name is morbid, it's not nearly so as the crime itself."

Even with the name approved and entered into the nation's official automated database, it is up to the discretion of local jurisdiction and the private sector to include or exclude the name on documents and maps, said Roger L. Payne, executive secretary of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. But Payne added most follow the federal board guidelines.

The next step is to have Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton sign off on the name, a step that Vaughn calls very automatic. Some feel the name is the first step in the right direction of making right a past wrong.

"It was a rare opportunity to imprint history in a true and respectful way," said Micki Kawakami, a member of the JACL Pocatello-Blackfoot and Sawtooth chapters. "I'm pleased that the name of 'Chinese Massacre Cove' will reflect the history of the place accurately."

Championing historically accurate names is a cause that Kawakami and other members of the Committee to Change "Jap" Road (CCJR) know well. The committee, which successfully campaigned last year to change racist road names in Texas, works to erase racist names and celebrate American history.

Kawakami hopes to visit Chinese Massacre Cove one day and listen to the whispers in the Snake River.

"[I] hope that field trips of Oregon school children will lead them to Chinese Massacre Cove and to learn an important facet of their state's history," she said. ■

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## National Newsbytes

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

### In Wake of Hunter Killings, State DNR Runs Safety Ads

WAUSAU, Wis.—The state plans to run radio and television announcements this fall about hunters' property rights and how conflicts in the woods can be handled safely, after six deer hunters in northern Wisconsin were killed in a confrontation over trespassing.

The state Department of Natural Resources produced the 30-second public-service spots to remind hunters to know where they are hunting, and to advise hunters that it's best to avoid conflict by reporting any problems to law enforcement officials and let them deal with it, said Tim Lawhern, the agency's hunter education coordinator.

Last month, a jury convicted Chai Soua Vang, 37, a Hmong immigrant from St. Paul, Minn., of six counts of first-degree intentional homicide and three counts of attempted homicide in the Nov. 21 slayings on private hunting land in southern Sawyer County.

A recent psychiatrist report said Vang had a history of suicidal and homicidal thoughts dating back two decades or more. Vang is to be sentenced Nov. 8, just days before the Nov. 19 opening of this year's nine-day deer season.

### Rape a Growing Problem in Hmong Community

MINNEAPOLIS—Sexual assault in the Hmong community is a growing problem, according to the *Star Tribune*. Scores of Hmong girls in Minnesota — some not yet in their teens — have been raped or forced into prostitution over the past several years, and many of their attackers are gang members who go unpunished because shame keeps their victims from coming forward.

Records show that the Hmong girls, many of them runaways, have been raped at Twin Cities area farms, motel rooms, basements, garages and closets. Some were threatened at gunpoint. Some were lured with drugs.

Police, schools and the community are taking action to help young Hmong girls who may have suffered from such brutality. Nearly all of the victims were young. Eighty-one of the 97 were charged with attacks against victims 15 and younger.

### Killers of Chinese Food Deliveryman Still Unidentified

NEW YORK—Detectives are still searching for the two men responsible for the murder of a Chinese food deliveryman in the Bronx.

Sahua Chen, 52, died Oct. 11 at a local medical center a day after he was shot in the eye during a struggle with two men inside the lobby of an apartment building in the Melrose section. Chen, who worked for a nearby take-out restaurant, was apparently robbed after making a legitimate \$9 food delivery on the second floor.

City groups and leaders are offering a \$3,000 reward for information leading to Chen's killers. ■

## APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff

### Aragoncillo Charged with Stealing Classified Documents



**Leandro Aragoncillo**, one of the highest-ranking Filipino Americans in the U.S. government, faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted of charges of acting as a spy for a foreign government or official.

Aragoncillo, who had a top-secret security clearance, was arrested last month for allegedly taking classified documents from computers in Vice President Dick Cheney's office and the FBI and sending them to opposition leaders in the Philippines.

### Tanabara to be Honored by Sister City Committee

**Ruth Nomura Tanabara**, 97, will be recognized at the Oct. 29 Japan-America Society of Minnesota St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee (SPNSCC).

Tanabara, a founding member of SPNSCC and a long-time Twin Cities JACL member, was already honored at the August SPNSCC 50th year celebration. Tanabara served as SPNSCC president from 1966-72. She was awarded the 2000 Walter Mondale Award for outstanding contributions to understanding between Japan and Minnesota.

St. Paul Mayor Randy Kelly declared Aug. 20, 2005, as "Ruth Tanabara Day."

### APA Alumnus to be Recognized by Universities

The University Service Award was presented to **George Nakano**, a former assembly member for the California State Legislature, at the 32nd Annual Cal State Los Angeles Alumni Awards Gala Oct. 20. Nakano was one of the first and highest ranked APAs in the State Legislature.

**Anh Do**, a journalist and CFO of the U.S.'s largest Vietnamese language newspaper was also recognized by her alma mater, the University of Southern California, with its first OVation award Oct. 13. ■

*'I had the unique position of being very close to the detainees, on a personal level, a level no one else had with the detainees.'* — James Yee

## Muslim Chaplain Recalls Ordeal of Guantanamo in New Book

By BEN FOX  
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—Army Capt. James Yee had just arrived at the U.S. prison for terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay when he got his first hint of trouble.

"This is not a friendly environment for Muslims, and I don't just mean for the prisoners," Yee recalled hearing from the outgoing chaplain. "You need to watch your back."

The exchange, which Yee recounts in a new book on his experiences at Guantanamo, would prove to be prophetic.

The new chaplain soon grew increasingly disturbed by the treatment of prisoners and what he perceived as military hostility to Muslim personnel at the base. Yee's biggest shock came later, when he was arrested on suspicion of espionage and held in solitary confinement for 76 days.

The case unraveled and authorities eventually dismissed the charges. Yee received an honorable discharge from the service and now lives in Washington state, but he was left with deep concerns about the treatment of prisoners in the U.S. war on terror and anger over his own treatment at the hands of military authorities.

"What happened to me was a gross miscarriage of justice," he said in a phone interview from New

York, where he was promoting his book, "For God and Country," which went on sale recently. "I don't want what happened to me to ever happen to anyone else."

In the book, Yee, 37, wrote that his concern about the conditions at the prison developed within weeks of his arrival in November 2002 after he became acquainted with the detainees who confided in him because of their shared faith.

"I had the unique position of being very close to the detainees, on a personal level, a level no one else had with the detainees," Yee said.

The guards would harass prisoners, mock their religion and use unnecessary force at the slightest infraction. The detainees, he wrote, were also not provided with enough books or other activities, given inadequate opportunities to shower considering the harsh tropical heat and subjected to bodily searches that violated their religion.

The military has made extensive changes to the detention center since Yee last saw it in September 2003 and has improved conditions for those prisoners deemed compliant allowing some to live communally and prepare their own meals.

At Guantanamo, the

U.S. military holds about 500 men suspected of links to terrorism.

Yee said he believes many of the detainees who numbered 660 when he was there were foot soldiers with "minimal" intelligence value and no connection to the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

"The people down in Guantanamo probably know as much about Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida ... as any private in the military would know what's going on inside the Pentagon," he said. ■

### Yee to Speak in Little Tokyo Oct. 23

James Yee will tour the Southland Oct. 20-27 to promote his much awaited book, "For God and Country — Faith and Patriotism Under Fire."



Yee will speak on Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center in Little Tokyo. The book signing program is sponsored by Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress (NCR) which is involved in civil rights and social justice issues.

The Oct. 23 program is co-sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Council on American Islamic Relations — Civil Rights Fund, JACL PSWD, Muslim Public Affairs Council, the Organization of Chinese Americans (L.A. and Orange County chapters), the Southern California Library and the Islamic Shura Council.

In addition to Little Tokyo, Yee will speak at the Southern California Library, 6120 S. Vermont Ave., on Oct. 22 at 2 p.m., KPFK (90.7 FM) on Oct. 25 at 8 a.m., and at campuses throughout the southland. For details about Yee's tour, contact NCR at 213/680-3484 or log on to [www.ncrr-la.org](http://www.ncrr-la.org). ■

## Utah Minority Bar Honors State's First 50 Minority Lawyers

The Utah Minority Bar Association recognized groundbreakers in the legal field at "The First 50 — Celebrating Diversity in the Law," a first-ever gala event Oct. 15 at the Grand America Hotel.

It was an opportunity for the community to celebrate diversity in the law and to applaud the efforts of the "First 50" forerunners who have paved the way for so many others.

The list of the distinguished "First 50" group — which includes African American, Asian American, Hispanic, and Native American lawyers — was compiled using admission dates to the Utah State Bar. The list ranges over a 71-year period from 1909 to 1980.

Only 12 minority attorneys were admitted in Utah before 1971. Despite the adversity faced by the "First 50," they have made a mark on the legal profession. The keynote speaker of the event was the Hon. Christine M. Durham, chief justice of the Utah Supreme Court. Durham has been on the Utah Supreme Court since 1982 and has served as Chief Justice since 2002.

Lawrence Marsh, the first known minority attorney in Utah, was honored posthumously. He was admitted to the State Bar Association of Utah on July 1,

1909.

Among the APAs honored were Third District Court Judge Raymond S. Uno. A native of Ogden, Uno was interned in the

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Heart Mountain Internment Camp for over three years during World War II. He served in the U.S. Army Military Intelligence, which helped prepare him for his legal career. With no minority attorney mentors, Uno started his own legal journey by graduating from the University of Utah College of Law in 1958. He was the co-founder and first president of the Utah Minority Bar Association.

Founded in 1991, the Utah Minority Bar Association is an organization of Utah lawyers committed to promoting diversity and addressing issues that impact racial and ethnic minorities, especially within the legal community. ■

### Pioneering Minority Attorneys in Utah

1. Lawrence Marsh\*
2. T.S. Grasty\*
3. David H. Oliver\*
4. Yoshio Katayama\*
5. Mas Yano\*
6. Jimi Mitsunaga
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20. Armando R. Ibanez
21. Mary Ellen Sloan
22. Michael N. Martinez
23. Kevin J. Kurumada
24. Herbert Yazzie
25. Frank Nakamura
26. Howard H. Maetani

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## POLITICS

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the first APA to run for elected office in his city.

Both candidates hope to join the elite list of recent California history-makers like San Jose's first Vietnamese American city council member Madison Nguyen and Torrance City Councilmember Ted Lieu, who last month defeated Republican opponents to gain a seat on the 53rd Assembly District.

Many regard local level government like city council and school board seats as important springboards to state and federal levels. Current Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, the late Congressman Bob Matsui and Congressman Mike Honda all began their political careers as city councilmen, school board members or planning commissioners.

"It's at the city level where you make the strongest local impact," said William H. (Mo) Marumoto, president and CEO of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS). "I think if we make an impact at the local levels we'd have more APAs in Congress."

Every year, APAICS and the UCLA Asian American Students Department track and publish a directory of APA politicians. According to last year's study, there are about 2,000 APAs in office at the state and local levels. Marumoto notes that of the roughly 100 congressional districts with an APA population of five or more percent, there are only four APAs in Congress in the mainland.

"I find that amazing," said Marumoto.

"We as Asian Americans have the least representation," said Christopher, who if elected will make one of her top priorities recruiting more APAs to enter politics.

This is Christopher's first venture into politics. She is the president of her own writing business, Christopher Corporate Communications, and a former broadcaster with a radio version of *USA Today* and an ABC affiliate in Mississippi. But the odds are stacked against her — Christopher is squaring off against a veteran Republican for a seat in a Republican male-dominated House of Delegates, a feat she says is challenging, but as a former Army officer, she's not intimidated.

"I learned a long time ago how to hang out with the boys," she said, adding that she'd like to invite all the pundits writing off her election bid as a loss to her election party. "We are going to turn the tide in Virginia Beach."

Yoon, a Korean American from Dorchester, is also a political rookie. A Harvard educator and businessman who was most recently the development director of the Asian Community Development Corporation in Chinatown, Yoon told local reporters his lack of a political background is an asset in working as an advocate for residents.

Yoon placed a strong fifth in the preliminary elections despite Boston's history of being dominated by white politicians.

Many say strong candidates like

Christopher and Yoon are needed to represent the changing faces of cities across the U.S.

"When we reflect back to 10-20 years ago, the number [of elected APAs] were way down," said Marumoto.

"It's about time we have representation. We have to go forward. Our time has come," said Christopher. ■

For more information:  
[www.electchristopherdelegate.com](http://www.electchristopherdelegate.com)  
& [www.samyoon.com](http://www.samyoon.com)

### More APA Political Hopefuls

Across the nation on Nov. 8, these candidates are hoping to represent their respective communities. Here is a snapshot of some of these leaders.\*

#### Jun Choi



Democrat  
**Running for:** Mayor of Edison, New Jersey  
**Education:** Bachelor's degree from MIT & Master's degree in public policy from Columbia University

In the June 7 primary election, Choi defeated the three-term incumbent mayor, but he is better known as the victim of racist remarks made on-air by New Jersey radio hosts, Craig Carton and Ray Rossi of NJ101.5 FM (WKXW-FM). The remarks drew outrage from the APA community and led to an on-air apology from the hosts.

More info: [www.junchoi.com](http://www.junchoi.com).

#### Franklin Chu



Independent  
**Running for:** Mayor of Rye, New York  
**Education:** Yale and Harvard

tion for Japanese culture and those things that exemplify its beauty and serenity," said Tateishi. "But in reality, what they've done is to bastardize those qualities by a kind of stereotyping that pretends to capture the essence of beauty in Japanese culture."

But others argue that movies are a work of fiction meant to capture fantasy rather than the truth.

"On the other hand, we are only talking about make-up, and perhaps I should lighten up!" said Mockett.

Fresh beauty products can be found online, at Bath and Body Works chain stores and other high-end retailers. And with the national presence of Banana Republic — which is also offering as a part of its "Memoirs of a Geisha" campaign a chance to win a trip to Tokyo to attend the film's premiere — and the push for the movie, all things geisha will soon be available for purchase.

Neither Fresh nor Banana Republic responded to the *P.C.*'s questions regarding their research of real geisha culture. A Sony representative said in an e-mail that they "are happy to respond" to the question of the movie's cultural sensitivity, which he pointed out had been addressed in mainstream media, but had not responded by press time.

"It remains to be seen what kind of message this movie and these beauty products will send to a general audience. The message is already imbued in the names of the various products with their exotic names and descriptions. It's a message that seems to want to [describe the] Japanese as exotic, as a mystique of the Orient," said Tateishi. "If these products are a preview of the movie, then we have a challenge before us." ■

ship to anything from the geisha world," said Mockett, who also points out that a real Japanese geisha's lipstick is a very specific product in Japan. "It is paint found inside a shell and applied with a brush. The items sold by Fresh don't look at all like anything a true geisha would use."

In reality, geisha makeup or *Neri-Oshiroi* is paper white, but none of the Fresh products come that pale.

It's what can happen when cultures borrow from each other. What gets lost in the cultural re-interpretations often becomes the focal point of debate within communities being borrowed from and being represented.

With "Memoirs of a Geisha," the cultural tug-of-war started as far back as 1999 when the book by Golden started a debate about the portrayal of geishas as high-priced prostitutes. In the book, a work of fiction inspired by real-life geisha Mineko Iwasaki, the light-eyed heroine Sayuri auctions off her virginity. It was a point of contention that Iwasaki herself called defamation injurious enough to sue the author and publisher in 2001.

The idea that the geisha is a prostitute is a common misperception, many argue, exacerbated by traditions of Orientalism. Especially in Hollywood where Asian women have historically been fetish symbols of exotic and mysterious foreigners.

JACL Executive Director John Tateishi says the old Hollywood sentiment of Orientalism is alive as well as evident in the promotional products.

"What strikes me is a curiosity that the producers of these products seem to want to reflect an admira-

## GEISHA

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images inspired by the film's use of flowing kimonos.

Design influences are seen again in Banana Republic's newly launched line of "Memoirs of a Geisha" fashion wear, a limited edition collection of "uniquely wearable pieces with subtle Asian influence." The fashion line includes mostly silk and velvet floral tops and dresses with kimono-style sashes, ribbons, and tassels — fashion advertised as "East Meets West."

The movie is yet to be screened, but the season of cross-promotion has already begun. In the big business of movies, promotions like these are needed to generate the necessary buzz for the film's release and studios often look for products that dovetail with the film's appeal. But what happens when cross-promotional products endorse the same messages that the Asian Pacific American community has been debating as stereotypical as far back as when the "Memoirs of a Geisha" book was first introduced?

"I've been to many spas in Japan and don't remember ever bathing in anything containing sake," said Marie Mutsuki Mockett, a New York-based writer who blogs about Japanese popular culture including the geisha inspired Fresh beauty products on [www.mariemockett.blogspot.com](http://www.mariemockett.blogspot.com).

The products, she said, are clearly created on perceptions of quintessentially Japanese things not to shed light on true Japanese beauty secrets.

"These 'Memoirs of a Geisha' products don't really look Japanese and don't have a concrete relation-

Chu, president of an investment management firm, was elected to Rye City Council in 2001. He is a member of the planning commission, the audit committee and a trustee of the Rye Police Pension Fund.  
More info: [www.franklinchu.com](http://www.franklinchu.com)

#### Jay Aiyer



Democrat  
**Running for:** Houston City Council at Large Pos. 2.  
**Education:** Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas, Austin & law degree from South Texas College of Law

An attorney specializing in immigration and public law, Aiyer also works as a private management consultant. The Houston native has worked with Deloitte and Touche, LLP, the Texas Senate and the city of Dallas. In 2001, he was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Houston Community College System, becoming the first APA to serve on the board.

More info: [www.jayforhouston.com](http://www.jayforhouston.com)

#### Mark Lee



Democrat  
**Running for:** Houston City Council, Dist. C  
**Education:** Bachelor's degree from University of Texas, Austin & law

degree from the University of Houston

A native Houstonian, Lee is a tax lawyer and certified public accountant currently serving as an associate general counsel in the legal department of AIG/American General. He is also on the boards of Children at Risk and Houston Media Source.  
More info: [www.markleeforhouston.com](http://www.markleeforhouston.com)


#### Jason Jackson



Republican  
**Running for:** El Central City Council in Calif.  
**Education:** Degrees in criminal justice administration from San Diego State, Imperial Valley Campus, in Calexico & a master's degree in public administration.


Jackson's career in the public safety sector affords him the opportunity to work with a cross section of public agencies, small local businesses and corporate officers of national firms. He is active in the JAACL serving as local chapter president, the executive board of its Pacific Southwest district and the national personnel committee. He is also the finance chairman of the Boy Scouts Desert Trails District and a former Eagle Scout.

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### JACLers Attend Gala Dinner 'Elegant Pursuits 2005'



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JACLers recently attend the gala dinner "Elegant Pursuits 2005" at the Ruth & Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art at the Clark Center in Hanford, Calif. Pictured (l-r) are: Thaya Mune Craig (NCWNP district gov.); Edwin Endow (national v.p./ membership); Debby Endow (Stockton); Bob Taniguchi (Livingston-Merced); Bobbi Hanada (CC district gov.); Sidney Mukai (Selma); Makoto Yamanaka (Consulate General of Japan); Reiko Yoshino (Darville); Milo Yoshino (Darville); Mrs. Yamanaka; and founder Bill Clark.

### Diablo Valley JACL Announces Scholarship Winners



At a recent luncheon, the Diablo Valley JACL chapter awarded scholarships to five deserving students for their academic excellence and community involvement. The recipients were: (pictured, l-r) Ezechimere A. Wachuku, one of this year's Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki special awardees; Brandon Endo, chapter scholarship awardee; Minh Nguyen, George S. Fujioka Memorial Scholarship; Ken Russell Coelho, second Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki special awardee; and Daniella C. Poy-Wing, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki Scholarship.

### Ventura County Chapter Celebrates Culture Day



Yokozuna Musashimaru made a special guest appearance at the Ventura County JACL chapter's 15th annual Japanese Culture Day program recently. He is the second foreign-born grand sumo champion to hold the title of Yokozuna and is on a special tour to promote sumo. Pictured (l-r): Musashimaru, Ellen Matsuo, event chairperson, and Andrew Freund, director of the American Sumo Association.

### GLAS Awards Hana Uno Shepard Memorial Scholarships



The JACL Greater L.A. Singles chapter recently awarded the Hana Uno Shepard Memorial Scholarships to Marisa Kimura and Ami Takahashi. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving high school graduate from a single-parent home. Kimura, of Gardena, said witnessing her mother's struggles

motivated her to strive harder. She ranked tenth in her class at Narbonne High School and is headed to UCLA. Takahashi, a senior at Pioneer High School in Whittier, finished second in her class and will also be attending UCLA to major in Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics.

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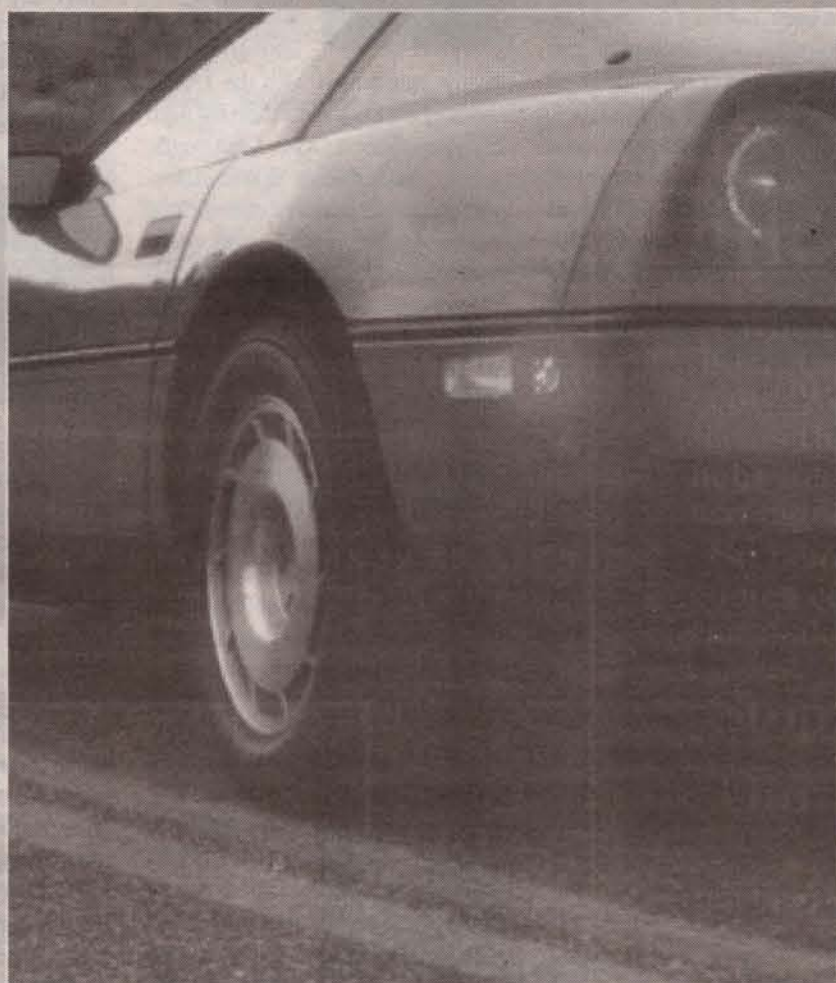
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# Nat'l JACL Awards \$60,000 in Scholarships

The national JACL recently announced its 2005 scholarship winners. The following are recipients from the graduate and specialty divisions with excerpts from their personal statements. This year JACL awarded 29 scholarships totaling \$60,000.

## GRADUATE

### Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial

Emily Momohara  
Sawtooth Chapter  
University of Kansas  
Expanded Media

The Nikkei community has blessed me in many ways. From my home in Kansas, I cannot give back as much as I would like. However, I try in whatever ways possible. In 2005, I will serve again as the Friend of Minidoka

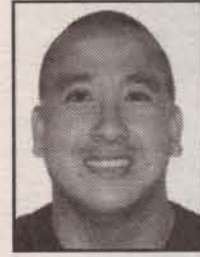


(FOM) president. As president, I am focusing on uniting the Nikkei community organization in the planning of the 3rd annual Minidoka Pilgrimage. My goals in life and art are firmly rooted in cultural understanding and equality. I believe that through community service and expression, people's lives can be touched by the work of the few.

### Nisaburo Aibara Memorial

Cliff Akiyama  
Philadelphia Chapter  
University of Pennsylvania  
Criminology

I have been working tirelessly on the intervention and suppression of Asian youth gangs nationwide as an academician, educator, law enforcement officer, and graduate student. It is my goal that through my continued educational pursuits, I will be able to enhance my skills in the area of Asian youth violence prevention and bring these trainings to the Asian American community. I will research possible solutions on how to eradicate and prevent gang violence and its formations from happening in the first place. Most importantly, my work is aimed to teach the Asian American community that Asian gang violence affects us all — regardless of socioeconomic class, gender, occupation, or geographic location.



### Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial

Jolene Nakao  
Sacramento Chapter  
Stanford University  
Medicine

Having grown up in Sacramento attending the Sacramento Buddhist Church on Sundays and ethnically diverse schools, I have always had the fortune of being a small part of a greater Japanese



American and Asian American and Pacific Islander community. My road to medical school has been an unusual one, but throughout my experiences in community service and college, teaching and working in Japan, and working in documentary television on JA histories, the one constant has been by involvement in the JA and AAPI communities. When I think of the Sacramento chapter of the JACL, the late Mr. Toko Fujii immediately comes to mind, a man of vigor and spirit unrevealing his age. Although I only knew him for a short time, he remains one of my role models, and I aspire, like him, to continue my work in the JA and AAPI community in the future with JACL and other philanthropic organizations for many years to come.

### Railroad & Mine Workers Memorial

Kathryn Taketa  
Honolulu Chapter  
National College of  
Naturopathic Medicine  
Medicine

From childhood, I participated in local Japanese cultural events in Mililani, HI, in an effort to better understand my cultural heritage. While a student at Brigham Young University, I



became acquainted with the JACL, when I attended a workshop for high school teachers in Delta, Utah on the JA internment during WWII. A former internee, an active member of JACL, spoke and I was very impressed with her record of active involvement in JA and AA civil affairs, and I was determined to follow her lead. After the workshop, I joined JACL and plan to stay active.

### Reverend H. John Yamashita Memorial

Meredith Oda  
Contra Costa Chapter  
University of Chicago  
History

I have been a JACL member for over ten years. The Asian Pacific American community has been and continues to be a significant part of my life. I grew up in the suburbs of Pennsylvania, where there were few other A P A S



However, when my family moved to Northern California, it was easy and fun to be an active part of the community. Now, I am the co-president of the APA Graduate Student Collective at the University of Chicago. My dissertation is on the postwar resettlement of JAs and the redevelopment of San Francisco Japantown. As I do now, I intend to continue to participate in the APA community through both my academic work and off-campus

involvement.

### Minoru Yasui Memorial

Cathleen Kozen  
Berkeley Chapter  
UC San Diego  
Ethnic Studies

Through my undergraduate work, I developed a strong conviction in the fundamental relationship between Ethnic Studies and community struggles. I was involved with several multiracial and AA grassroots community-based organizations, all of which were



focused on using political education as a strategic tool for empowerment and mobilization of people of color. As a graduate student and later as a professional academic, I plan to continue pursuing community-based research in the fields of AA and JA Studies. Going forward, as a scholar-activist within the academy, it is my hope that my research, scholarship, and teaching will always be grounded in community struggles for racial and social justice. In my view, that is what the Ethnic Studies project was found upon and what will continue to drive my passion for pursuing this work now and in the future.

## DENTISTRY

### Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda Memorial

Brooke Kondo  
Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter  
University of the Pacific  
Dentistry

At UC Santa Barbara I have been able to take several AA Studies courses. I had been exposed to some JA history while I attended Japanese Cultural School as a child, but



learning about it at the college level has really opened my eyes to our strong community and history. I am excited to be moving to San Francisco for dental school. I plan to be much more involved with the JACL and my church. Once I am finished with dental school, I plan to move back to Santa Cruz and I would really like to become an active member of the community. I want to assist with the planning and organization of the JACL, festivals, church, and gakko events. I hope I can follow in my father's footsteps and through continued support and involvement, live up to the community's expectations.

## FINANCIAL AID

### Abe & Esther Hagiwara Student Aid Award

Todd Maetani  
Downtown Los Angeles Chapter  
USC  
Theater Arts

Family heavily influences my involvement with the JACL. My grandfather Yukus Inouye and my father Howard Maetani have been



least 15 years.

I am writing a feature length story about JAs growing up in Hawaii. I also have written two scripts about internment in Topaz, Utah. I have just completed a documentary about my grandfather, who helped start the JACL Credit Union in Salt Lake City. This past year I was on the Nihon Matsui Committee assisting with various tasks involving a film festival for the Matsui. We showcased the talents of many young JA and other AA filmmakers. I believe that ability is nothing without opportunity. The JACL scholarship program really does help open doors to opportunity.

## LAW & ARTS

### Thomas T. Hayashi Memorial

Kristine Minami  
San Francisco Chapter  
Georgetown University  
Law

I have been involved in the JACL for as long as I can remember. I have



vivid memories of attending the Washington, D.C. chapter's picnic as a child. As an adult, I have maintained my involvement in APA issues through my work — at the Asia Foundation, the Japan Society and the JACL. I can honestly say that working for JACL changed my career and my life, and I am grateful for the opportunities this job has afforded me. I take a tremendous amount of pride and satisfaction in working for the JACL, and I know that I will miss the day-to-day involvement in the APA community. It is this sense of regret, along with the deep feelings of satisfaction from the work, that affirm for me my commitment to continue to be involved in community activities.

### Mary Reiko Osaka Memorial

Penny Honda  
San Jose Chapter  
Santa Clara University  
Law

As the youngest member of the 2003-2004 Board of Directors for the Sacramento JACL, I had the



amazing opportunity to work with a group of dedicated, experienced individuals and become more involved in the JA community. The officers really went out of their way to make me feel welcome and share with me the rich history of the Sacramento chapter. I have gained a deep respect and appreciation for our civil rights organization and I jumped at the

chance to serve on the Sacramento JACL board. Once I become an attorney, I am confident I can also make positive contributions to the Nikkei community by becoming a voice for the underrepresented in society.

### Sho Sato Memorial

Miki Anne Kamijyo  
Washington, D.C. Chapter  
American University  
Law

I have learned a great deal about human rights while in law school and I believe the school offers a lot of amazing talent and knowledge in the issues of human and civil rights. I hope to continue working in this field not only during my legal education but also into



my professional career as a practitioner. I have an opportunity through one of my law school's programs to interact with delegates from Japanese law schools. As a JA, I will discuss with the Japanese students the civil and human rights issues that we face in this country and, hopefully, they will use that insight back in Japan to address the same types of issues that they face in their local context.

### Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Memorial

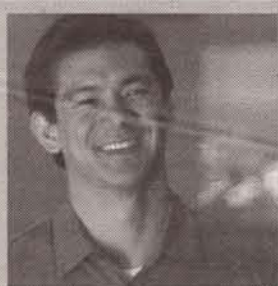
Yukiko Shishikura  
Cleveland Chapter  
New York University  
Performing Arts Administration

Since I began my undergraduate career at Oberlin College, I have been perusing performing arts as a way of expressing cultural heritage, resistance, and political statements. I have been a member of Dance Diaspora — Oberlin College's touring



dance company — whose purpose is to broaden interests and access to Africa's rich cultural heritage through music and dance. Without my involvement with Dance Diaspora, I would not have been aware of similar struggles among AAs. This is when I decided to establish a Japanese Dance group at Oberlin College to express our existence, and rich cultural heritage through performing arts. Although my involvement with JACL is limited right now, I hope to get involved more this September in New York City, where I will start attending NYU. Because New York City's JACL is one of the largest and active chapters, I am excited for the opportunities to get involved with JACL's various arts activities and contributing my time as an artist.

On behalf of the national JACL Scholarship Committee Chair David Kawamoto would like to thank the San Diego and the Berkeley chapters for their significant assistance with the 2005 national scholarship program. Berkeley chapter volunteers were Ron Tanaka (chair), Dr. Mark Fujikawa, Gordon Kono, Neal Ouye, Lauren Sasaki, Sarah Sasaki,



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## GOLF

# Wie Disqualified for Bad Drop During Third Round

By DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Sports

PALM DESERT, Calif.—Michelle Wie's pro debut made her look like an amateur Oct. 16 when she was disqualified for taking a bad drop from the bushes in the third round of the Samsung World Championship. Talk about a rude welcome less than two weeks after turning pro.

First, Annika Sorenstam blew away the field to win by eight shots, even with a double bogey on the last hole.

Then, the 16-year-old Wie no sooner had signed for a 74 to finish fourth — \$53,126 — that LPGA Tour officials took her out to the seventh hole to discuss a drop she took the day before.

Nearly two hours later, she was disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard. Because Wie dropped the ball closer to the hole — by 3 inches according to her, by about a foot according to the rules officials — she should have added two strokes to her third-round 71.

"I learned a great lesson," Wie said, her voice choking with emotion. "From now on, I'll call a rules official no matter where it is, whether its 3 inches or 100 yards. I respect that."

Wie hit a 5-wood into a Gold Lantana bush Oct. 15 and was barely able to find it. She told her playing partner, Grace Park, she was taking an unplayable lie, dropped away from the bush, then chipped to 15 feet and made the par. It was a critical par save, and Wie steadied herself to get within five shots of the lead.

Michael Bamberger, a reporter for *Sports Illustrated*, told tour officials that he was concerned about the drop. Rules officials Jim Haley and Robert O. Smith reviewed tape from NBC Sports before taking Wie and caddie Greg Johnston to the seventh green after the tournament ended Oct. 16.

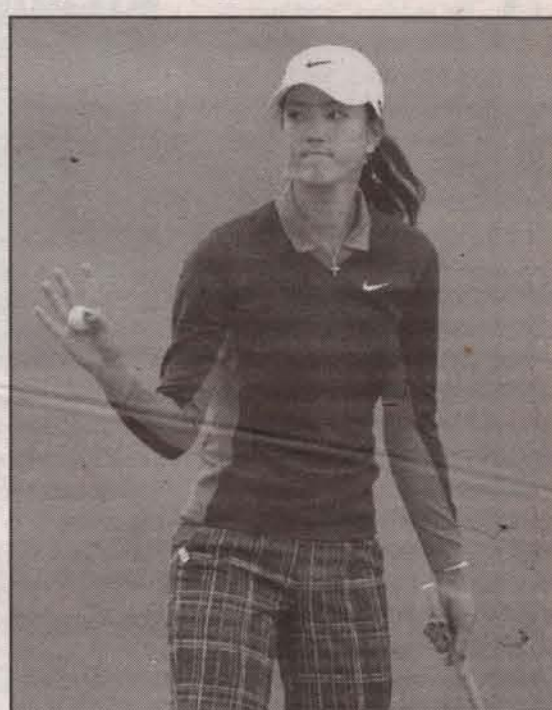
"If I had to make the ruling based on the videotape, to me it was inconclusive," Smith said.

He had Johnston and Wie show him where the ball was in the bushes, then where they dropped. They paced it off, then used string to measure the distance and determined it to be slightly closer.

"The Rules of Golf are based on facts," Smith said. "They had to tell us where it was. The fact was, the ball was closer to the hole by 12 to 15 inches."

Wie took three unplayable lies during the tournament, all without the help of rules officials. She twice asked for help, including a favorable ruling from Haley on Oct. 14 when she asked for a free drop because of bees swarming in a desert bush on the 14th hole.

She took this drop with confidence, placing tees in the ground



Michelle Wie waves after saving par on the fourth hole in the final round of the LPGA Samsung Championship at Bighorn Golf Club in Palm Desert. (AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

from where her ball was in the bush, and within two club lengths of that spot. Asked by Bamberger after the third round Oct. 15 about her drop, Wie said she used "the triangle thing to make sure that you're not closer."

"I don't feel like I cheated," Wie said. "I was honest out there. I did what I thought was right. I was pretty confident. If I did it again, I'd still do that. It looked right to me."

Ultimately, Wie made quite a splash in her professional debut — just not the way she intended. And she wound up stealing all the attention from Sorenstam, who turned in one of her most dominant performances of the year making this her eighth victory of the year. ■

## SPEEDSKATING

# Ohno Surprised by Warm Reception in Seoul

SEOUL, South Korea—U.S. short track star Apolo Anton Ohno is happy the mood has changed in Seoul since his controversial Olympic win over a South Korean skater in 2002 earned him a barrage of hate mail.

"I wasn't sure what to expect, but we thought now it was time to come," he told The Associated Press following the recent World Cup meet. "It turned out for the best. 'I've had a really good reception.'"

Ohno's win in the 1,000-meter final at Salt Lake City came at the expense of South Korean Kim Dong-sung, who was disqualified for impeding and surrendered the gold medal to his American rival.

Fears for his safety prompted Ohno to sit out a meet at a provincial city here in 2003 along with the rest of the U.S. team. Nerves remained frayed as he was greeted at Incheon airport by more than 100 security officials.

But while the heavily patriotic South Korean public were still upset that Ohno's gold medal came at Kim's expense, they seem to have come to terms with it.

"There was nothing hostile about the fans, they were just happy watching the races," said Ohno, who regained the world No. 1 ranking from local skater Ahn Hyun-soo on Oct. 9 with golds in the 1,000 and 3,000 finals.

Reflecting on the death threats sent to the United States Olympic Committee three years ago, Ohno said the threats obviously did not reflect general sentiment.

"After 2002, certain individuals organized for me to be the root of certain anti-American sentiment ... using me as a kind of cover up," he said. "Certain people in a Korean organization were (involved) — but for the majority of the Korean people, it's not in their nature to do that, it's not their way."

Ohno regretted being denied any opportunity to hold a news conference in Seoul to show people another side to his character, which he figures has been largely demonized in the local media.

"A lot of media was shut away. I'm not sure why," he said. Maybe "certain people wanted to keep that

false image."

Unfortunately, he said, the language barrier also meant there was little interaction off the ice with local skaters.

With Kim now off the ice — he was commentating on the weekend's races for local broadcaster MBC — a new talent pool in Asia has emerged.

"Since 2002 there have been so many new skaters, a whole slew of new guys," Ohno said. "The athletes have got better and stronger ... that definitely raises the challenge for me."

Ohno, the youngest male to ever win a World Cup title at 17 and already a veteran after almost a decade in the sport, said he had to step up a gear to remain competitive in Seoul. ■

## VOLLEYBALL

# Dave Shoji Named to NCAA Anniversary Team

HONOLULU—University of Hawaii women's volleyball coach Dave Shoji was named to the NCAA 25th Anniversary Team, honoring the best coach and players in past quarter century of the NCAA Tournament.

Shoji coached three NCAA championship teams, two runners up and three others that advanced to the semifinals.

Former Rainbow Wahine Deitre Collins, who played on two national

championship teams, was also voted to the team. Collins was a three-time AVCA All-American and National Athlete of the Year in 1982-83.

She is currently the coach at Cornell.

The other players named to the team were Elaina Oden of Pacific, Logan Tom and Kerri Walsh of Stanford, Danielle Scott of Long Beach State and Natalie Williams of UCLA. ■

Al Satake, Dr. Kelly Shintani, Sharron Sue, Roger Tanaka and Derrek Tomine; San Diego chapter volunteers were David and Carol Kawamoto, Susan Iguchi, Dr. Yuri Kaneda, Dr. Leland Saito, Greg Toya and Dr. Linton Yee.

JACL thanks them for their thoughtful time and effort in screening the hundreds of applications. Because of the excellent

quality of all the applications submitted from throughout national JACL, narrowing the selection to the 29 recipients was a very difficult task. Also, with only limited staff assistance, all of the processing of the applications, follow-up communications with applicants and the verification process with recipients was handled by volunteers. Please join JACL in thanking these volunteers. ■

Sports stories by  
P.C. Staff and the  
Associated Press

## Still on My Mind: Louisiana, Texas and Hapas

**A** "NISEI ANGLE, whatever the incident," still keeps me in tune with an old chant from the prewar vernacular days. While chit-chatting with New York JACLer Stanley Kanzaki in wake of Hurricane Katrina, he casually mentioned: "As for a Nikkei living [in Louisiana], my brother once knew a Hapa named Joe Nagata who was in the 442nd with him. He was kind of big and played football at LSU with Steve VanBuren."

In the Nikkei world of sports, Nagata remains as one spectacular Nisei who played at the Orange Bowl, where LSU defeated the Texas Longhorns 19-14. P.C. briefly notes quarterback Nagata played 58 of the 60-minute game, but no mention that he was Eurasian. (There's a term we hardly see or hear today.)

Another bowl game story in the P.C. (Jan. 8, 1944) mentions Jim Kishi, at tackle for Texas, played against the Randolph Field Flyers at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. I've since discovered the game pitted two high school alumni teams. Score was 7 to 7.

A quick add: George Wakiji's letter from Pasadena to the P.C. (Feb. 15, 1950) recalled Jack Yoshihara

### VERY TRULY YOURS



Harry Honda

played with Oregon State in the 1942 Rose Bowl game that "relocated," because of war, to Duke Stadium at Durham, North Carolina.

Can anyone else remember other Nikkei gridgers playing in a New Year's bowl game?

Returning to the Nagata story, Stan's brother Milton served in Co. F. From another Fox Co. veteran, Mits Kodama in Vegas, he remembers: "Very well, because we came home together on the same ship. Here we were in New York City, went to a Japanese restaurant. I was from Chicago, another from Brooklyn (with a very-Brooklyn accent), and Joe Nagata with his Southern drawl. After that, we went

to a so-called Chinese nightclub where the waitresses were Japanese. And they never laughed so much when we started to talk because we all had different accents. Nagata played football for the 442nd team while we were in Italy."

From scanning the obits of the *Opalouzas Daily World* on the Internet, Louisiana-born Joe Nagata died after a long illness at Eunice, La., on March 18, 2001; he was 77. "Football was a major part of his life" that began while he starred at Eunice High. After the war, he coached for 35 years at St. Edmund High in Eunice. His prep teams competed in two state finals and won a number of district-wide championships. He was on the school board for St. Landry Parish, a member of VFW and Louisiana High School Coaches Assn.

His parents, Josie (sic) and Edith, ran a produce market in Eunice, which was in the path of Hurricane Rita . . . So much for Louisiana. Now to Texas.

Mulling over the subject of other Hapa in the 442nd, one name is prominent — the two Fujita brothers. One fought in Europe, the other

in the Pacific theater. Oklahoma-born Herbert Lee (Fujita) Elliott, who assumed his mother's family name, wound up with the 442nd Cannon Co.

His older brother, Frank "Foo" Fujita Jr., joined the Texas National Guard after high school. By October 1941, his outfit, a detached field artillery battalion of the 36th Infantry Division, was headed for the Philippines to join MacArthur's army. While at mid-sea, Manila had fallen and the troopship proceeded to Java (Surabaya), with a stopover at Brisbane, to bolster Netherland East Indies defenses.

Then early March, Java fell to the expected onslaught. Dutch, Australian and American POWs endured the same bestial treatment with the men of Corregidor and at Bataan. Of the 900 captive Americans, some were to die in the "death camps" in Luzon and others on the prison "death" ship bound for Japan.

Issei Fujita, who came from Nagasaki in 1914 at age 22, was a cook for the Rock Island Railroad, traveled around the country, met and married Ida Pearl Elliott from Arkansas, in El Reno, Okla., in 1919. He quit the railroad, became an itinerant sign painter, won a restaurant playing poker against the

owner in Fort Worth, sold it and kept on the move sign-painting, then made neon signs, when the Fujita family finally settled in Abilene, Tex., in the 1930s.

Among the many books written by American POWs reflecting on their Japanese prison experiences, Frank Fujita's "Foo" A Japanese American Prisoner of the Rising Sun" (1993) is unique. He draws from his journal that he hid behind walls during captivity, of his exploits as a GI/POW, and of experiences as a deliberately inept propagandist at Radio Tokyo.

Fujita was once regarded as the only Nisei imprisoned by the Japanese Army during WWII, until the saga of Pvt. Frank Fujino O'Connor of La Cañada, Calif., who survived the Death March at Bataan, was revealed in a P.C. exclusive (March 20, 1947) by John Kitasaki. Then we heard the overpowering speech by Sgt. Richard Sakakida of Honolulu of his time in Manila as an American undercover agent and his harrowing escape from a Japanese prison in the Philippines, unfold for the first time at the MIS reunion in Monterey in October 1991. Wayne Kiyosaki writes about him in his book, "A Spy in Their Midst" (1995). ■

## COMMENTARY

### Honoring Our Veterans

By HEIDI TANAKATSUBO  
JACL Nat'l V.P. of Public Affairs

On Memorial Day this year, I had the privilege of addressing Nisei Post 9879 at the Golden Gate Cemetery, just south of San Francisco. I was asked to speak about my impressions of Nikkei veterans — their contributions, their sacrifices, and their legacy — and what they mean to the younger members of the Nikkei community. Since the Memorial Day service, I've thought more and more about what they mean to me, and as we approach Veterans' Day, I know that these individuals need to be remembered more than just twice a year.

Pacific Northwest Governor David Masuo, a veteran of the Vietnam War, said "I am not a hero. I am a spokesperson for all the heroes that died during the war." And while David may only see himself as a spokesperson, many see him and other veterans as heroes for defending our country and defending democracy and humanity around the world.

As I wrote my speech, I thought of what my life would have been like had it not been for the 442nd and MIS during World War II. And I thought of the incredible risks and sacrifices the Japanese American

combat units made for our country, to prove that they were Americans through and through. I am so proud to be JA and I am so proud of our incredibly unique JA history.

My grandfather is a member of Nisei Post 1183 in Chicago, and as I tried to write my speech, I wondered what he would want to hear. He doesn't really like to talk about his experience during WWII, but the one time he did, I saw my grandfather as a different person.

Sats Tanakatsubo is a gruff man with a warm smile and warmer heart. I've always felt very close to him and think of him often. He's originally from Sacramento and when the war broke out, was already in the Army. Fluent in Japanese, he was then a member of the first class that went to Camp Savage as a member of the MIS; my Uncle Shiz, who now lives in Hayward with my Auntie Nancy, followed later.

When my grandfather started telling me about a few of his memories towards the end of the war, he started transforming in my eyes. As I looked at him, I saw the young man he was and listened to some of the events that changed him into the man he is today. He spoke to me of being scared, of risking his life to save others. To me, he became larger than life that day. He wasn't just my grandfather anymore - he was a man who helped win a war, shape a country, and change the world.

And I know he is one of many. One of tens of thousands who put

their lives and futures at risk, not thinking of the consequences, not knowing how their strength, quiet honor, and dignity would one day serve as a beacon for generations to follow.

It speaks volumes that while the JA veterans' families, friends, and loved ones were behind barbed wire in the United States, they persevered. It is often said that the internment camps of WWII changed the face of our community and that JAs will always carry the weight of internment in our hearts. We were and are deeply affected by this injustice and slowly, those who were interned are speaking out more about their experience and younger generations are learning that it is our duty to ensure that our history is not forgotten.

And much of why Nikkei voices are louder is because of the JA vets. Without their sacrifices and courage, we would not be where we are today. We would not have the distinct honor of knowing that the 442nd emerged from WWII as the most highly decorated combat unit in the history of the U.S. Army. They served with distinction, with honor, and with valor. And for that, their legacies will live on.

The JAs who fought in WWII did more than just help win the original war on terror. They paved a road for generations to come and not just in the military. The decades since the end of WWII have seen a series of firsts for JAs: the first JA Senator, the first JA member of the presidential cabinet, and the first JA Chief of Staff of the

U.S. Army. Their experiences in WWII made it possible for Asian Americans to serve their country without the stigma of segregation.

When JAs today speak of the 442nd and the MIS, we speak with pride, reverence, and awe. The pride we feel is tangible in our voices and it is our duty to see that the JA vets' legacies live on. ■

## JAVA to Hold 5th Annual Veterans Day Program

To pay tribute to all veterans, particularly the Japanese Americans who were killed in action during World War II and those whose names are etched on the Memorial's Wall of Heroes, the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) will hold its 5th Annual Veterans Day Program Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. at the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism.

The placing of a memorial wreath at the wall, and the sounding of taps by a military bugler, will be a part of the observance.

This year's principal speaker, and a member of JAVA, will be Rear Admiral Kenneth Moritsugu, deputy surgeon general of the U.S.

Public Health Service.

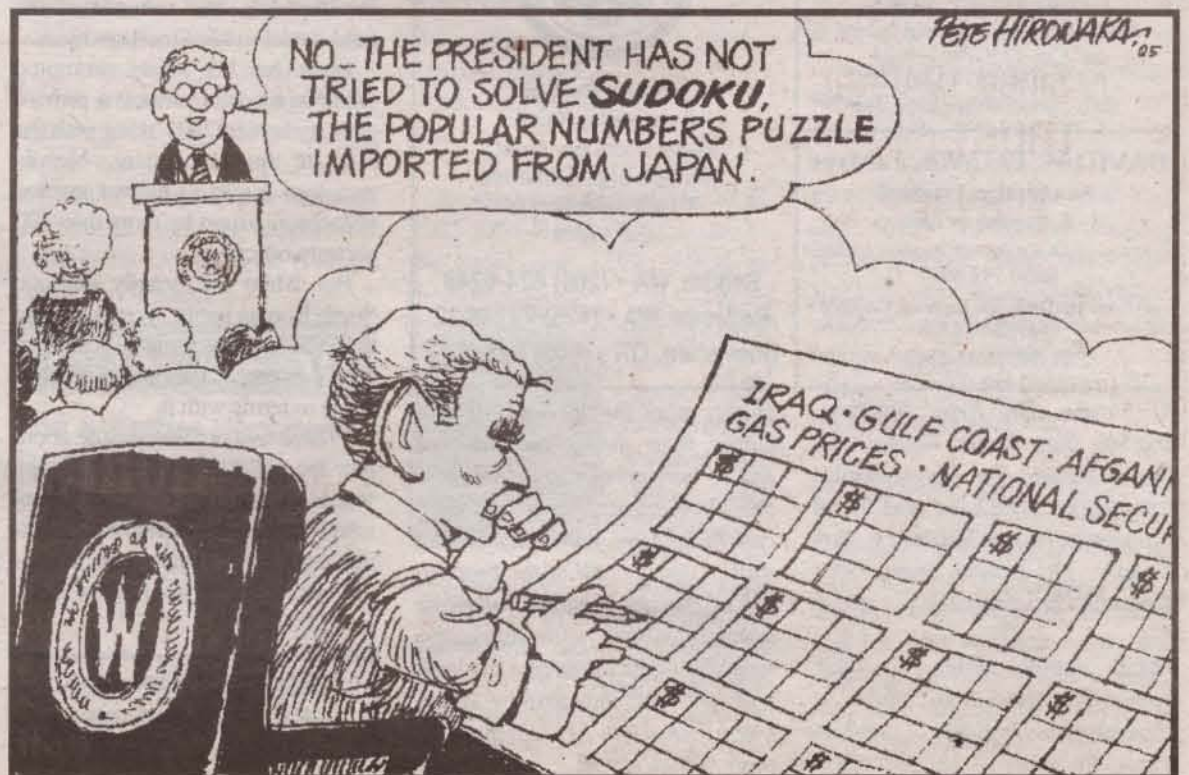
The first JAVA award for "Courage, Honor and Patriotism" will be presented to Sandra Tanamachi of Lake Jackson, Texas. Tanamachi, a schoolteacher, struggled for 12 years to have the word, "Jap," removed from a Texas street sign. Because of her efforts, she was subjected to abuse, threats and destruction of her property.

JAVA's Veterans Day will feature a buffet lunch before the program at \$18 per person.

To attend the lunch, contact Calvin Ninomiya at 301/652-8135 or calvinnino@aol.com and Terry Shima 301/987-6746 or ttshima@worldnet.att.net. ■



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What happens when you throw three world-renowned directors into their favorite genre, the macabre? A hearty serving of horror.

# Repulsion, Guilt and Dismemberment in 'Three...Extremes'



By **LYNDA LIN**  
Assistant Editor

Leave it to three Asian directors to pump meaning into the word, "terror." We've all occasionally felt the screaming sensation in the chilly darkness of a movie theater, but by the end of "Three ... Extremes," the cold feeling seeps into your bones and lingers in the corners of your mouth.

The film, touted as "an anthology of short films from three of Asia's most compelling directors," discreetly latches onto all of your senses and follows you home. We've come to expect this from Hollywood, now obsessed with movies that make countries like Japan and Korea to be the scariest, most haunted locales in the world.

But "Three ... Extremes" doesn't rely on bloody apparitions to evoke fear.

For the directors — Hong Kong's Fruit Chan, South Korea's Park Chan-Wook and Japan's Takashi Miike — the terror comes from within. And in this film comprised of three short tales, the first serving is Chan's delicious "Dumplings" with a noxious center filling.

The short is just as much inspired by the pinched transparent skin of Chinese dim sum cuisine as it about a woman's "incontestable consuming power" with anti-aging drugs and treatment.

"In 'Dumplings,' both the husband and wife looked good at their age," said Chan in an e-mail to the *Pacific Citizen*. "It's just that the wife lost her confidence in her looks when she found out her husband has an affair with a young girl. It does not actually make the wife less desirable than the husband."

In a desperate attempt to recapture her youth, the wife (Miriam Yeung, one of Hong Kong's ubiquitous singers/actors) calls upon Mei (Bai Ling) to cook up some mysterious dumplings with a truly terrifying ingredient. The repulsion is delightfully amplified with visuals of consumption — half bitten pink, meaty center and the crunching sounds. Bones, anyone?

In "Three ... Extremes," Chan, 46, an independent filmmaker who exploded onto the Hong Kong blockbuster fixated film scene in 1997 with "Made in Hong Kong," joins a fraternity of cult film directors whom he expressed happiness to be able to work with.

Park's segment entitled, "Cut" unfolds like meta-horror with a seemingly perfect movie director forced to make a, well, extreme decision while himself making a horror film. In contrast to Chan's powerfully visceral style, Park employs some good old-fashion dismemberment to push his story

through.

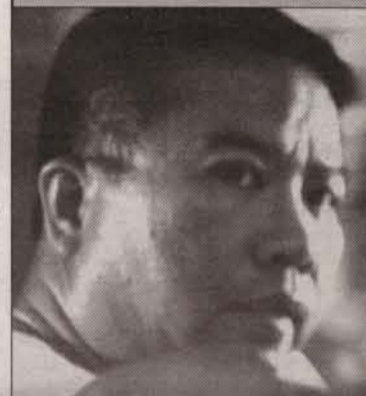
This from a director of "Old Boy" that inspired cranky movie critic Rex Reed in a *New York Observer* article to defame an entire country "weaned on kimchi, a mixture of raw garlic and cabbage buried underground until it rots..." "Cut" does not disappoint. The morbid sense of humor of cutting off a pianist's fingers (she wasn't that good anyway) segues into Miike's claustrophobic "Box," a self-proclaimed "bizarre" experimental film with overwhelming silence and scenes that could be framed and displayed in any reputable modern art museum.

The story about a beautiful novelist's (Kyoko Hasegawa) internal struggle while accidentally trapping and killing her childhood twin sister creates a slow sense of terror hermetically sealed in the film's use of plastic wrap.

As a sum of its parts, "Three ... Extremes" roars with Chan's appetite-stealing overture to female vanity and ends with the uneasiness of beauty perfectly wrapped up. Three master directors with different styles create one awe-inspiring film. Just don't forget your safety blanket when you go to the theater for this one. ■

**Cut to horror:** (top, l-r) Scenes from 'Dumplings,' 'Cut' and 'Box' by (below, top-bottom) Hong Kong's Fruit Chan, South Korea's Park Chan-Wook and Japan's Takashi Miike.

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'The Triangle Project: Journey of the Dandelion' features (from left) Yoko Fujimoto, Nobuko Miyamoto and PJ Hirabayashi. The performance is a collaborative effort by Great Leap and San Jose Taiko.

**JACL-COMMUNITY  
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**East Coast**

**PHILADELPHIA**  
Through Dec. 2005—Exhibition, "Kacho-ga: Flowers and Birds in Japanese Art"; Philadelphia Museum of Art, galleries 241, 242 and 243, Benjamin Franklin Parkway at 26th St.; 75 works from the collection examines the wealth of such motifs found in Japanese art from the eighth century to the modern age. Info: 215/763-8100 or www.philamuseum.org.

**Midwest**

**CLEVELAND**  
Sat., Nov. 5—36th Annual Holiday Fair; 1-5 p.m.; St. Ignatius High School, 1911 W. 30th St.; door prizes, raffle, silent auction, food, booths, kendo and taiko demonstrations. Info: Karen Sodini, 440/238-3416 or Hazel Asamoto, 216/921-2976.

Sat.-Sun., Nov. 12-13—Rummage Sale; Sat. 9-4 p.m., Sun. 9-2 p.m.; Cleveland Buddhist Temple, 20400 Euclid Ave., Euclid, Ohio. Info: Naomi Doyle, 440/951-4232.

**MINNEAPOLIS**

Sat., Nov. 5—Twin Cities JACL's 59th Annual Chrysanthemum Banquet; 5:15 social hour/silent auction, 6:30 program; Marriott Minneapolis West (formerly Holiday Inn West) 9970 Wayzata Blvd., St. Louis Park 763/595-1918; Sen. Mee Moua, first Hmong American state legislator in the U.S. is the keynote speaker; \$37/JACL members, \$47/non-members, \$500/table of ten; RSVP by Nov. 1 to Les Suzukamo, 651/653-0377 or suzukamo@comcast.net.

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.

Sun. Dec. 4—Twin Cities JACL Holiday Party for Kids; 2-4 p.m.; Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina; enjoy a variety of Japanese cultural activities and a visit from Santa. Info: Lisa Hintermeister, 612/869-5070 or lisa@marketplacehome.com.

**Northwest**

**PORTLAND**  
Through 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**

Fri. Nov. 11—Veterans' Day Tribute to Japanese American World War II Veterans, hosted by Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project; 2 p.m.; Meany Hall, Univ. of Washington; Sen. Daniel K. Inouye and Gen. Richard Myers are the guest speakers; event is free, but admission requires a ticket; sponsored by the Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee and Boeing. Info and tickets: 206/320-0095.

**Northern California**

**BURLINGAME**  
Sat., Oct. 29—"Celebrating the Past, Envisioning the Future," Japan Society of

Northern California's Centennial Award of Honor Gala Dinner; 5 p.m. reception and silent auction, 7:30 p.m. dinner and program; Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport; honoring Tatsuro Toyoda, former President of Toyota Motor Corporation and Scott Cook, founder of Intuit; \$250/person, RSVP by Oct. 21. Info or to purchase tickets: 415/986-4383 or www.usajapan.org.

**MANZANAR**  
Oct. 28-30—Manzanar Activities; Manzanar National Historic Site Interpretive Center; "Manzanar Model Talk" (Oct. 28, 10:15 a.m., Oct. 29, 10:15 and 11:45 a.m.), Park Ranger Hachtmann describes the layout of camp; "A Day at Camp" (Oct. 29, 3:15 p.m.), Ranger Hachtmann explores camp life through the eyes of urban and rural internees; "School Days at Manzanar" (Oct. 30, 10:15 a.m.), Ranger Andresen journeys into the lives of school children at Manzanar. Info: 760/878-2194, ext. 10 or www.nps.gov/manz.

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
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, 415/931-9622.

Sat., Nov. 5—San Francisco JACL's Annual Health Fair, "Kenko No Hi"; 9-1 p.m.; Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St.; flu shots, cholesterol, bone density and diabetes checks and more. Info: 415/273-1015 or sfjacl@yahoo.com.

Sat., Nov. 19—Screening, "Liberty Lost - Lessons in Loyalty"; 1 p.m.; Nihonmachi Terrace, 1615 Sutter St.; a re-enactment of the evacuation produced by the Watsonville-Santa Cruz JACL, presented by Mas Hashimoto; co-sponsored by SF JACL and Nikkei and Retirement. Info: 415/273-1015 or sfjacl@yahoo.com.

**SAN MATEO**  
Sun., Oct. 23—Movie Matinee, "A Story of Floating Weeds"; 1:30 p.m.; JA Community Center, 415 S. Claremont St. Info: 650/343-2793.

**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**

**GARDENA**  
Sun., Oct. 23—Legal Clinic hosted by the Japanese American Bar Association (JABA); 1-3 p.m.; Saniku Tozai Gakuen (East West Language School), 16110 La Salle Ave.; co-sponsored by Little Tokyo Service Center, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and the Consulate General of Japan, Los Angeles. Info: 323/801-7913.

Sat., Nov. 5—Inaugural Song Sparrow Writing Conference; 8:30-4 p.m.; Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd St.; Newbury Award winner, Cynthia Kadohata will be the keynote speaker; \$50/all day and morning workshop, \$25/afternoon panels only; lunch is not included and participants are asked to bring a sack lunch; presented and organized by Midori Books and the Japanese American Historical Society of Southern California. Info: Iku, 310/326-0608 or email Naomi Hirahara at bachi@naomihirahara.com. Registration form is also available at www.naomihirahara.com.

**LOS ANGELES**  
Sun., Oct. 23—Meet Chaplain James Yee; 2-4 p.m.; Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, basement Garden Room, 244 S. San Pedro St.; hear him share his story of how he became a victim of the U.S. government's post-9/11 paranoia, will also be signing his book, "For God and Country—Faith & Patriotism Under Fire"; sponsored by Nikkei for Civil Rights & Redress. Info: 213/680-3484 or nccrla@yahoo.com.

Sat., Nov. 5—"The Triangle Project: Journey of the Dandelion," featuring Yoko Fujimoto, PJ Hirabayashi and Nobuko Miyamoto; 8 p.m.; Aratani/Japan America Theater, 244 S. San Pedro St.; \$25/orchestra, \$22/balcony, \$20 and \$17 for JACCC members and groups; directed by Kevin Higa; invokes ritual through stories, taiko and dance, to bring light and harmony to our fractured world; Tickets: 213/680-3700. Info: www.jaccc.org.

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

**WEST COVINA**  
Sat., Nov. 5—Fall Frolic Scholarship Dance sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley JACL; ESGVJCC, 1203 W. Puente Ave.; benefits the scholarship program; donation \$10; music provided by Jim Ikehara; Herb Amano will hold a line dancing session from 7-7:30 p.m. Contact Toshi, 909/861-9676 for group reservations of 8 or more. ■

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**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Henry Hwang, Founder of First Chinese American Bank, Dies at 77**

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN MARINO, Calif.— Henry Hwang, an immigrant from Shanghai who founded the first federally chartered Chinese American bank, has died. He was 77.

Hwang died Oct. 8 at his San Marino home of colon cancer, according to his son, Tony award-winning playwright David Henry Hwang.

Hwang started the Far East National Bank in the Chinatown area of Los Angeles in 1974

with \$1.5 million. By the time he sold it to Taiwan-based SinoPac in 1997, it was one of the region's biggest Asian American banks with 10 branches and assets of more than \$500 million.

Hwang came to the U.S. in 1950, two years after fleeing Chinese communists. He operated a laundry and started an accounting business before founding the bank.

Hwang was a philanthropist, donating \$1.5 million to Claremont Graduate University

to establish the Henry Y. Hwang Deanship of the Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management. He and his wife, Dorothy, also contributed \$150,000 to build a new home in Little Tokyo for the East West Players, the leading AA theater troupe.

In addition to his wife of 50 years and his son, Hwang is survived by daughters Grace Elizabeth of West Hollywood and Margery Anne of Rochester, N.Y.; two brothers; two sisters; and four grandchildren. ■

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Fujima, Chiseye**, 89, Gardena, Sept. 28; survived by daughter, Colleen (Dr. Sam) Kita; 1 gc.; brother, Frank Kazusa; and sister, Francis (Richard) Uchida.

**Fujita, Minoru**, 89, San Bernardino, Oct. 10; survived by wife, Meriko; daughters, Dr. Eri (Phil) Yasuhara and Miki (Ron) Swick; 1 gc.; and sister, Sumi (Akira) Kubo.

**Fukai, Mason M.**, 85, Spokane, Wash., Sept. 18; served in U.S. Army, Tule Lake internee; survived by son, Rob (Pat); daughter, Pam (Sedrick) Fukai; brothers, Hank and Dick (Kay); sisters, Fumi Heyamoto and Nami Hijiya; daughter-in-law, Vicky; 4 gc.; and 4 ggc.

**Furukawa, Richard Isao**, 93, Los Angeles, Oct. 9; WWII veteran; survived by daughter, Arleen (Donald) Pavan; sons, David (Eugenia), Robert (Beverly) and Cedric (Christy); 7 gc.; 3 ggc.; and brother, John.

**Hattori, Hideko**, 85, Los Angeles, Sept. 25; survived by son, Richard (Teruko); 1 gc.; sister, Miyoko Kataoka; and brother, Hiroshi Oizumi.

**Inabu, Kimi**, 73, West Los Angeles, Oct. 1; survived by daughter, Carol (Bruce) Miyake; sons, Dick (Eri) and Bobby; 3 gc.; and brothers, Tomozo (Yoshiko), Shohei (Michiko) Matsushita.

**Kawahata Irene "Dukie"**, 77, Los Angeles, Oct. 3; survived by son, Glenn (Joyce); daughter, Kris (Rick) Oakley; 2 gc.; and sisters, Hana Ozaki, Yuri Tsuchiyama and Sally (Bill) Yoshimura.

**Kondo, Robert Kiyoshi**, 72, Whittier, Oct. 5; U.S. Marine Corps, veteran Korean Conflict; survived by wife, Amy; sons, Kenneth (Terry) and Douglas (Alexandra); 2 gc.; and sister, June Yokoyama.

**Kurimura, Mikiye**, 82, Los Angeles, Oct. 5; survived by son, Eric; brother, George (Mary) Teraoka; and

sister, Mary Teramoto.

**Masaoka, Tsuyako**, 83, Gardena, Oct. 3; survived by children, Ron, Joseph, Terry and Stanley (Esther); 1 gc.; sister, Miyoye Iwasaki; and sister-in-law, Mary Masaoka.

**Matsumoto, Mieko Emiko**, 78, Irving, Tex., Sept. 22; survived by husband, Toshio; sons, James Devore and Alan (Candace) Matsumoto; daughter, Alice Madden; and 2 gc.

**Matsuoka, Tom Toshimitsu**, 79, Culver City, Oct. 3; survived by sons, Warren and Norman; and brother, Frank (Akiko).

**Miyahira, Terry Teruo**, 54, Lomita, Sept. 26; survived by wife, Fujiko; son, Brian; mother, Sueko; and brother, Morikazu.

**Nakamura, Joy Yaeko**, 68, Los Angeles, Sept. 28; survived by husband, Tak; sons, Mark, Randy and Paul (Jenny); daughter, Laura (William) Wong; 5 gc.; sisters, Ann (Ken) Nishioka, Judy Naito and Patty (Leo) Pearson.

**Obatake, Mack Masayuki**, 93, Lawndale, Sept. 16; survived by daughter, Wendy (Vincent) Yen; 2 gc.; and sisters-in-law, Miyoko Ichino, Mineko Kaya, Setsuko Kuda and Jane Kuda.

**Ohishi, Ken**, Aug. 29; retired Army and Air Force Exchange Service; survived by sons, Ken Jr. (Lola) and Jimmy; daughter, Linda (Peter) Lee; 4 gc.; brother, D. Tan (Masako); and sister, Helen (Tsutomu) Ige.

**Okamoto, Yoshitake**, 77, Gardena, Oct. 1; survived by wife, Aiko; sons, Katsumi, Mikio (Linda) and Jeffrey (Linda); 2 gc.; brother, Masao (Sayoko); and sister-in-laws, Akiko and Youko Okamoto.

**Saisho, Kimie**, 73, Montebello, Sept. 22; survived by son, Richard (Lisa); daughter, Carolyn (Warren) Kakemoto; 1 gc.; brothers, Masami (Hiroko) and Hideo (Eiko) Takeuchi;

brother-in-law, Ted Saisho; and sisters-in-law, Mae (George) Ishikawa and Helen (Roy) Yamada.

**Sakaniwa, Yeishi**, 91, Los Angeles, Sept. 25; survived by wife, Hideyo; daughters, Akiko (Kazuo) Michiuye and Chieko (Stephen) Sugita; son, Calvin; 5 gc.; brothers, Mitsuo, Tanny (Margaret), Himeji (Kimiyo) and Kumpei; and sisters, Yaeko Oda and Hisako (Ichiro) Ouchi.

**Tamura, Katsumi**, 86, Sept. 28; survived by brother, Bob Asaka.

**Tomita, Haruto**, 96, Monterey Park, Sept. 26; survived by brother, Goro; and sister, Masako Watanabe.

**Toyota, Ida M.**, 84, Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 1; survived by husband, Yoshio; sisters, Lillian Takahashi and Grace Andow; brother, Roy; daughters, Linda and Jan; 2 gc.; sister-in-law, Teri Kanai; and brother-in-law, Kam Toyota.

**Tsutsumi, Harry Masao**, 86, Oxnard, Oct. 4; survived by wife, Akiko; son, Frank; brother, Ben; and sisters, Helen Inouye, Hide Ikeda and May (Toru) Kawakami.

**Wadamoto, Henry Sadao**, 92, Northridge, Oct. 9; survived by wife, Fusako; son, Wayne; daughter, Janice (Garry) Hankawa; 3 gc.; sister, Irene Johnson; brother-in-law, Hisao Ashida; and sisters-in-law, Yoneko Ashida and Ayako Kodama. ■

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**KIYOSHI MINA**  
 Inez Mendoza is looking for his childhood friend from Oxnard, Calif. Both attended Woodrow Wilson School during the 1940s. They were in the 7th and 8th grade together and enjoyed competing in arithmetic games. Mr. Mendoza never saw Kiyoshi after he and his family were moved to an internment camp. With information on Kiyoshi Mina, please call Inez Mendoza at 805/644-3938.

**FORT MISSOULA**  
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Although UM is eager to work with concerned groups and meet historic preservation guidelines and, the current process to get something approved is painfully cumbersome, said Kevin Krebsbach, associate director of UM's Facility Services.

"I just don't want this to happen on future projects we have," Krebsbach said. "At some point, this commission will have to say yes or no; at some point they need to make a decision."

UM will look at alternatives, but the project will most likely be built at Fort Missoula, he said.

"We think there are areas of opportunity on the periphery," Krebsbach said, "and won't impact the historic internment camp area." ■

**National Women's Hall of Fame Inducts Lin**



The National Women's Hall of Fame inducted architect **Maya Y. Lin** as one of its ten outstanding American women Oct. 7-8 in Seneca Falls, NY — birthplace of the women's rights movement.

Lin was the architectural designer for the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial and other commemorative installations.

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**Wong Becomes First Major General to Command Hawaii Air Guard**



Brig. Gen **Darryll D.M. Wong** is the first air guard major general to command the Hawaii Air National Guard. Wong, 55, was an ROTC graduate at the University of Hawaii in 1972, and flew C-141 Starlifter cargo aircraft at the end of the Vietnam War.

The Hawaii Air Guard is preparing to take in eight new C-17 cargo planes in partnership with the Air Force. The planes will begin arriving at Hickam Air Force Base in February. ■

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## STUDENTS

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"The student is still there at the request of the student's family, whom are fully apprised of all the facts," he said.

The issue of safety for foreign exchange students in the U.S. is at the forefront since the U.S. State Department recently came out with new proposed guidelines to enforce sex offense background checks for potential hosts. But CSFES and host parents like Sally Smith say the guidelines don't go far enough and are demanding full criminal background checks for potential hosts.

"Kids should not be used to rehabilitate adults who've made poor judgments," said Smith, an attorney from San Diego, Calif. who has hosted eight foreign exchange students over the years. "Criminal background checks are crucial for the protection of all children."

The proposed guidelines are currently being reviewed after a 60-day discussion period but even if approved, still would not have prevented the 16-year-old Japanese girl, whose identity has not been released, from being placed in the home of her host father. That's because the guidelines call for a background check for sex offenses only and the host father was convicted of burglary in 1994. He was eventually sentenced to 144 months, three years of which he spent in a Georgia prison. The man is currently on parole until July 2006.

The host father, 36, who resides with his wife and children, has also been charged and convicted with grand theft, possessing a short bar-

rel gun, retail theft, eluding a police officer and reckless driving.

Even with his criminal record, this is not the first time the host father has opened his home to foreign exchange students. F.A.C.E. has acknowledged in various media reports that they have placed other foreign exchange students in the St. Augustine man's home and that Moss knew of the man's criminal record prior to the placements.

"The case has been dropped," said Richard Moss, when contacted by the *Pacific Citizen*. "My side of the story seems to be changed every time I give it so I have no more comments," he said.

A main reason why the 16-year-old Japanese girl continues to stay with her host family is that both F.A.C.E. and the State Department say they have spoken with the girl and her parents since the complaints and they have no problems with the host father's prior criminal record.

"They are a bit worried but not that much," said Toshikazu Shimada, a spokesperson for the Consulate General of Japan's office in Miami, who has spoken to the student and her parents about the host father's criminal record. "The parents respect their daughter's decision," he said, noting that the daughter seems very happy to continue her stay.

"There's a lot of misinformation that's been thrown around [regarding the Japanese girl and F.A.C.E.]," said John Hishmeh, executive director for CSJET (Council on Standards for International Educational Travel), a national non-profit that oversees more than 80 foreign exchange student program

organizations. "Those that are directly involved all know and no one is still complaining except for the outsiders."

But for Grijalva, an at-home mom who has now officially filed a complaint with CSJET against F.A.C.E., that's not good enough. She questions why Moss did not inform the student and her parents of the host father's criminal conviction prior to the girl's arrival in the United States. She also wonders whether the girl is able to fully understand the situation since she speaks limited English.

"Can we please place her in another home? Exchange organizations have fabulous tactics and the language barrier is a tactic," said Grijalva, noting that many of the agencies require the students to hand over passports, visas, and their return flight tickets. "They take advantage of the students. They are intimidated to keep their mouths shut."

Smith also questions why F.A.C.E. did not originally tell the 16-year-old Japanese student and her parents she would be staying with a host father with a criminal record. "Would they have approved of a convicted felon before she was placed?" she wondered. "I also question what the company said to the parents. These kids are worried they are going to be sent home."

This year alone, more than 4,700 Japanese high school exchange students will visit the U.S. In total about 28,000 high school exchange students visit the U.S. each year. According to the U.S. State Department, the number of reported cases of abuse is very low, only five cases of alleged abuse in the past 10

years.

But proponents pushing for change believe the numbers are low because the students are afraid to report the abuse and lack the support of the various agencies, several of which are million dollar businesses. In fact, since Grijalva formed CSFES earlier this year, about ten cases of abuse have been forwarded to her and she receives regular correspondences from students thanking her for her efforts.

Smith has also had her share of concerns. In 2003 then 16-year-old Thai student Mary Vattanasiriporn had been attending the same high school as Smith's daughter Jessica. It was when Jessica informed Smith of Mary's horrible living conditions that Smith decided to take action and take Mary into her own home.

"She was living in a garage, sleeping on a sofa and it was freezing. The windows were covered with newspapers. Mary comes from a culture where you don't complain," said Smith. "This kid was really mistreated by AISE (American Intercultural Student Exchange)."

Eventually, Mary filed an official complaint with the U.S. State Department against AISE, the agency responsible for her placement, but have never had any action taken on her alleged complaints. Mary is currently back in her homeland attending college in Bangkok, Thailand.

Hishmeh and those in the foreign student exchange community believe the current concern of alleged abuse cases has been blown out of proportion although he believes foreign exchange students need to feel safe.

Some are "misrepresenting them as widespread occurrences," said Hishmeh of the alleged abuse cases. "But they are still significant and important."

"The problems are isolated," said Megan Allen, EF Foundation for Foreign Study's director of government and school relations. She would not comment on the Florida case saying she was not aware of all the facts but added, "We take student safety seriously."

CSJET and organizations like EF Foundation believe they are taking active steps in promoting safety for foreign exchange students by supporting the State Department's proposed guidelines. The CSJET board recently endorsed the proposals and plan to bring the issue before the 80 international youth exchange organizations they represent at their national convention this week.

But for Grijalva and Smith, they question why the State Department, CSJET, and the various foreign student exchange organizations are not joining them in their efforts to demand a full criminal background check for potential hosts.

"The State Department is crumbling under the pressure from the exchange community," said Smith. "They don't want to make the extra effort or to incur the minimum of expenses. It's too much trouble."

The industry "should be fine tuned for the safety of the students. We need to clean up our act to ensure the safety of our students," said Grijalva.

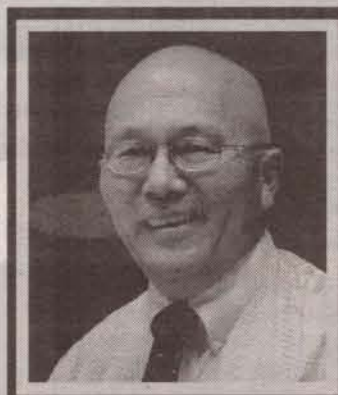
"Everyone wants to come to the U.S. It's a lifelong dream for many," she said. "I want them to leave with a positive experience."

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