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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 never 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 precau­tion 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 felon."

But according to Stanley Calvin, 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 ad­justed any guidelines and the Japanese girl will continue to stay with her host family.

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

Orange 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 indica­tion 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 Hell's Canyon.

There along the shore at the mouth of Deep Creek in 1887 Oregon, the water run 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 massacre won't be lost on board officials and local residents, but many say its name is an important nod to local history.

Oregon government officials are asking the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to eliminate from the map the name "Chinese Massacre Cove." The name 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, 25, 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.

A Fresh display in New York.

The beauty collection, which in its press release is touted to be the "triumphant of "Asian traditions of beauty" with Director Rob Marshall's visual interpretation of the controversial novel by Arthur Golden, features products like liquid bath soup enriched with sake, flower petal face mask and a makeup face palette of rosy hues to celebrate the "sensorial allure of the geisha," with cherry blossom drawings and the kaise "for beauty," lovely petals of rosy hues to celebrate the "sensorial allure of the geisha," with cherry blossom drawings and the kaise "for beauty," lovely

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Planned Research

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 protest of 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 Pearl Harbor.

The $100 million 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 Historical 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 L.A.
Chaplain Yee launches his tell-all book and comes to Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

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CHRISTOPHER

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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 want to make changes she wants to legislate it. Christopher, who is Indian American, is hoping to become the Virginia House of Delegates first APA woman 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 is extremely important because "there is not one city or town in America that doesn't have people of Asian ethnic background," she added.

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"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 most tragic of all the massacres, " she said.
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. I would like to invite you to check out the new Web site, which will have a sampling of our print stories plus calendar, obituaries, and entertainment, but the entire Pacific Citizen will 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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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 this 'on-the-job' training, I am confident that the Director of Public Policy 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 rise to the occasion and doing a great job in tackling the Asian American issues facing the nation. Karen Narasaki is the ombudsman, statutory officer and the lead of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, while Paul Ignatius, recently a communications director for EEOC, is the leader of the Rights Working Group. Bob Sakaiwana is an effective legislative staff member for Congressman Mike Honda. Each plays an important role in assuring our community has representation in crucial legislation in Washington.

Kristine Kamiya, former JACL director of public policy, continues to be a resource 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, to 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 pressing in the civil rights arena at the moment are: 1. the form and substance of revisions to the U.S. 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 comprehensive immigration law, and 5. the form and substance of various Social Security reform measures that are under consideration.

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

The Camp Preservation bill that is being carried by Congressman Bill Turner (D-Calif.) will have a critical role on JACL's legislative agenda. A companion bill was introduced by Rep. Charles Canady (R-Fla.) to remove the name, a step that Vaughn calls "an utter absurdity." The next step is to pass the 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 function from which future generations can learn.

Another initiative we are seriously considering as a major JACL program is participating in the roll out of the new Medicare Prescription program. To make this program work, we will be asking our chapters to be a resource in educating and distributing information to other members and to other Asian 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 we believe that the rewards are large. We will require the participation of all of our chapters in helping to educate our Congressmen on how important these issues are to us. I look forward to working with the chapters in advancing the goals and objectives of JACL.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Muslim Chaplain Recalls Ordeal of Guantanamo in New Book

By BEN FOX

SANT JUAN, Puerto Rico—Army Capt. James Yee had just arrived at the U.S. prison for terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay when he got the news that Osama bin Laden had been killed out of the hint of trouble.

"This is not a friendly environment for Muslims, and I don't know what the muslims will do for the muslims," said Yee, seated in a black upholstered chair.

"I 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 Muslims at the base. Yee's biggest shock came later, when he was arrested on suspicion of espionage, and was held in solitary confinement for 76 days.

The case unraveled and authorities eventually dropped 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 how he was treated by 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 concerns about the conditions at the prison developed within weeks after he became acquainted with the detainees who confided in him about 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 show respect for their religion and used to bodily and psychological violence.

The military has made extensive changes to the detention center since Yee last saw it in September 2006, and has improved conditions for those prisoners held there, allowing some to live communally and prepare their own meals.

At Guantanamo, the U.S. military holds about 50 men suspected of links to terrorism.

Yee said he believes many of the numbers who numbered 667 when he was there were foot soldiers with "minimal intelligence value" and no connection to the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Yee said that people down in Guantanamo probably know as much about Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda as he did, because "they knew what's going on inside the Pentagon." he said.

Yee will speak on Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo. The book signing party is sponsored by the Asian American Community Foundation.

The book will be released at Guantanamo.

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APAS in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Arangconilo Charged with Stealing Classified Documents

Leandro Arangconilo, 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.

Arangconilo, 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 the two countries.

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

APAs 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.

Ash 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 OVAion award Oct. 13.

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 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 know — was compiled using admission dates to the Utah State Bar. The list ranges over a 100-year period from 1909 to 1990.

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.

Heart Mountain Internment Camp for over three years during World War II. He served in the U.S. Army Military Intelligence, which helped him learn the legal cancer.

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

7. Robert Muki

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9. Henry Adams

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14. James G. Nelford

15. Larry J. EchoHawk

16. Stephen I. Oda

17. Eunice Chen
GEISHA
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images inspired by the film’s use of flowing kimono.

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 maiko creations in kimonos and dresses with kimono-style sash, ribbons, and tassels — fashion advertised as “East Meets West.”

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 would soon be available for purchase.

Neither Fresh nor Banana Republic responded to the PJC’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 “dealt with” by the filmmakers.

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JACLos 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 (I-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 (Danville); Milo Yoshino (Danville); 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, I-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.

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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 my involvement in the JA and AAPI communities. When I think of the Sacramento chapter of the JACL, the late Mr. Toku Fujii is the first thing that comes to mind, a man of vigor and spirit unyielding his age. Although I only knew him for a short time, he community through both models, and I aspire, like him, to continue my work in the JA and AAPI communities in the future. JACL, and other philanthropic organizations for many years to come.

Railroad & Mine Workers Memorial

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 through a course I attended 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, was the keynote speaker at the workshop, 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 Oka.

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 will continue to be, a significant part of my life. I grew up in the suburbs of Southern California, and I was exposed to both the APAs and the Japanese community, where there were few other APAs.

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 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 and Japanese communities while I am working on my Ph.D. I am a member of the AJLA and JACL. I have been involved in both the APA and JACL. I have been exposed to the JA culture 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 a deep feeling of satisfaction from the work, that affirms 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 2002-2004 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 substantive contributions to the Nikkei community by becoming a voice for the underrepresented in society.

Sho Sato Memorial

Miki Anne Kainijyo

Washington, D.C.

American University

Law

I have learned a great deal about human rights while in law school and believe the school offers a great amount of amazing talent and knowledge in the field of human rights and civil rights. I hope to continue my involvement in this field not only during my legal career but also into my professional career as a practitioner. I have an opportunity through one of my law school courses to interact with delegates from Japanese law schools. As a JAIL, 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 topics that face them in their local context.
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 in the bushes from the third hole of the third round of the Samsung World Championship. Talk about a rude welcome less than two weeks after turning pro.

First, Amika Sorrentiinum 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 than a rule official told her that LPGA Tour officials took her out to the seventh hole to discuss a drop she took the day before.

Nearby two years 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 chocking with emotion. "From now on, I'll call a rules official to make sure where it is, whether its 3 inches or 100 yards.

"We hit a 5-wood into a Gold Loma bush. We simply thought we would be able to find it. She told her playing partner, Grace Park, she was taking an unplayable lie, dropped a new ball from the bush, then chipped to 15 feet and made the par put. It was a critical par save, and Wie steadied herself to get within five shots of the leader.

"She took this drop with confidence, placing tees in the ground from where her ball was in the bush, and within two club lengths of that spot. Asked by Bamberger before 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'm honest out there. I did what I thought was right. I was pretty confident. If I did it again, I'd still do it. It looks 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 Sorrentiinum, who turned in her most dominating performance of the year making her this her eighth victory of the year.

SPEEDSKATING

Ohno Surprised by Warm Reception in Seoul

SEoul, South Korea—U.S. short track Ace Apolo Ohno could be happy the mood has changed in Seoul since his controversial Olympic gold in 2002 over a South Korean skater in 2002 earned him a barrage of hate mail.

"I wasn't sure that I 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 there at Salt Lake City came at the expense of South Korean Kim Dong-sung, who was disqualified for impeding and surrendering the gold medal to America's 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 heavy patriotic South Korean public were still upset that Ohno's gold medal was taken away at Kim's expense, they seem to have come to terms with it.

"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 admirers.

With Kim now off the ice — he was commenting 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's volleyball coach Dave Shoji was named to the NCAA's "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 Walnut Deirine 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.
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Harry Honda

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

Can anyone else remember other Nikkei gridders 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, Miki Kodama in Negas, he remembers: “Very well, because we came home together on the same ship. Here we were in New 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 on the train to the Los Angeles World’s Fair.”

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 (Eilliot), who assumed his mother’s family name, wound up with the 442nd Cannon Co.

His older brother, Frank “Two” Fujin Jr., joined the Texas National Guard after high school. By October 1941, his outfit, the detaile­field artillery battalion of the 36th Infantry Division, was headed for the Philippines to join MacArthur’s army. While at mid­sea, Manila had fallen and the troopship pro­ceeded to Java (Surabaja), with a stopover at Brisbane, to bolster Nether­land East Indies defenses.

Early March, Java fell to the expected onslaught. Dutch, Australian and American POWs ended the same brutal treatment with the men of Corregidor and at Batan. 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

**Commentary**

Honoring Our Veterans

By HEDDI TANAKATSUBO

In addressing Nisei Post 8979 at the Golden Gate Cemetery, just south of San Francisco, I was asked to speak about my impressions of Nikkei veterans — their contributions, their legacy and their — and what they mean to the younger members of the 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 honored and remembered more than just twice a year.

Pacific Northwest Governor David Massa, 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 defending our country and defending democracy and human rights.

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 country and our history.

My grandfather is a member of Nisei Post 1883 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 one time he did, I saw my grandfather in a different person. Sats Tanakatsu 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 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 Shig, who now lives in Hayward with my Auntie Nannie, 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 stories he changed him into the man he is today. He spoke to me of being scared, of risking his life to save others. He became larger than life that day. He wasn’t just my grandfather anymore — he was a man who helped win a war; he changed 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 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 the experience and the injustice that was inflicted on us.

For many Nikkei voices are louder because of the JAs. 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 a unit in the history of the U.S. Army. The JAs fought in WWII more than just help win the original war on terror. They proved 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

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.

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

By LYNDA LIN
Assistant Editor

L eave 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 but by the end of "Three...Extremes," the cold feel evoke fear.

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/actress) 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 fixed 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" unfurls like a meta-horror with a terrifyingly effective seal of beauty perfectly wrapped up. 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.

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 "wasted on kimchi, a mixture of raw garlic and cabbage buried underground until it rots..." "Cut" does not disappoint. The morbid sense of horror of cutting off a pianist's fingers (she wasn't that good anyway) seeps 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.

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Three... Extremes' What: An anthology of three short films by three masters of horror. When: Oct. 28 Who: Directors Fruit Chan (Hong Kong), Park Chan-Wook (South Korea) & Takashi Miike (Japan) Why: Just in time for Halloween. This film shows why Hollywood remakes can't hold a candle to the original.

SECRET ASIAN MAN By Tak

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SAN MARINO, Calif. — Henry Hwang, in retirement 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.

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APAS in the News

National Women's Hall of Fame Inducts LUCY CHONG

The National Women’s Hall of Fame inducted architectural designer 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 is the architectural designer for the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial and other commemorative installations.

Inductees are selected by a national panel of judges in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the arts, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, philanthropy and science.

Wong Becomes First Major General to Command Hawaii Air Guard

Brig. Gen. Darryl D.M. Wong is the first air force general to command the Hawaii Air National Guard. He is the first 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 over in eight new C-17 cargo planes in partnership with the 15th Air Force. The planes will begin arriving at Hickam Air Force Base in February.
"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. "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.

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