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Bidding 'Aloha Oe' to an Enduring Love



INEXTRICABLE LOVE: Dick Miyagawa was a champion boxer when he met his wife Marion Smithback. After decades together and years apart, they are finally reunited, loved ones say.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JUDY MIYAGAWA

A Nisei boxer and a Norwegian homemaker's love story endured discrimination and two marriages — to each other.

By **LYNDA LIN**
Assistant Editor

In life, Dick Miyagawa always said he loved his wife Marion so much he married her twice. Eleven years after the young couple exchanged vows for the first time in a little Georgia Army chapel, they met at the altar again in 1956 — this time with their kids.

"They said they giggled through the whole thing," said their daughter Judy Miyagawa, 54, from her home in Madison, Wis.

Dick, who died in 2001 at 81, wedded Marion twice because as a Nisei his marriage to a Caucasian woman was not legally recognized. Their love story, told with a touch of humor, officially ended Oct. 18 when Marion passed away at 84, but their legacy of triumph over adversity lives on and continues

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Final Chapter for Mack Miya, Former 'World's Strongest Man' Pound for Pound

After a prestigious bodybuilding career and business, the Japanese Canadian is forced to close Mack's Gym, a Toronto institution.

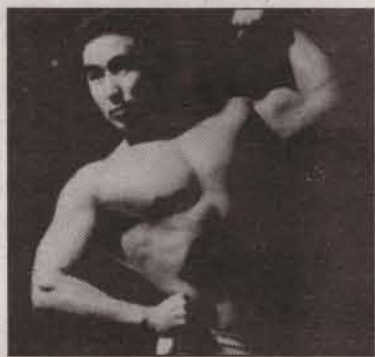
By **CAROLINE AOYAGI-STOM**
Executive Editor

When you think about the world of bodybuilding, images of rippling muscles flexed to show off for the judges or iron pumping men and women at Muscle Beach in Venice, California are first to come to mind. For most, bodybuilding is associated with Lou Ferrigno, aka "The Hulk," or Calif. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

You don't think of 5-feet-4 inches tall Masaki Miyashita, better known as Mack Miya. But you would be ill-informed.

Japanese Canadian Mack, now 83, is a bodybuilding institution in Toronto. During his peak he was once recognized as the strongest man in the world, pound for pound. At 176 pounds, he could pump a 310-pound barbell over his head while barely breaking a sweat. He could also bench press 500

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Longstanding Military Leadership Program Faces Uncertain Future

San Francisco's JROTC programs instill APA youth with life skills, but school board members contend the military has no place in their schools.

By **LYNDA LIN**
Assistant Editor

Crystal Zhou was a quiet student before she earned her uniform. A sturdy belt cinched around a dark green coat with badges of honor stitched to the sleeves empowered the 17-year-old from San Francisco's Lowell High School to march to a beat of her own drum, literally. Zhou is in the drum corps of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), a longstanding district program that may get eliminated this year.

San Francisco Board of Education commissioners will vote Nov. 8 — the same week as the Veterans Day holiday — on a resolution to ban the military style programs from its schools because of the U.S. military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ban on openly gay individuals in the Armed Services.

JROTC programs, which receive 50 percent federal funding from the Department of Defense, are designed to introduce teenagers to military style exercises that teach discipline, leadership and teamwork. Students can choose to enroll in JROTC to fulfill physical education requirements. But program opponents question the appropriate-



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PHOTO: CHEE YEE

CONTROVERSY: The JROTC at San Francisco schools is under fire. School officials want to ban the military-based program, but proponents like Nelson Lum (left) say it's important for APAs.

ness of having any type of military presence in schools.

On Lowell's grassy field, Zhou and about 100 of her JROTC peers practice the rhythmic steps of military formations and work up a sweat beating on drums. After the last bell releases students onto the streets, Zhou and

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Communities Work to Preserve Historic Castroville Japanese School

Although its history was lost for several decades, former students and the local Hispanic community are working on a redevelopment project to restore the school building and surrounding areas.

By **CAROLINE AOYAGI-STOM**
Executive Editor

The simple, single-story wooden building stands unassuming today surrounded by a field of patchy grass and clusters of leafy trees. With its boarded up windows and peeling white paint, it's hard to imagine that this was once a bustling Japanese language school where former students like Janice Higashi, now 78,



Former Castroville Japanese School students hold an historic photo showing students, teachers and donors in the 1930s, when the school opened.

used to run down its hallways and play in the surrounding fields during recess.

Janice was eight years old when she began attending the Castroville

Japanese Language School which officially opened in 1936 after local Issei raised funds for the building. She still recalls fond memories of

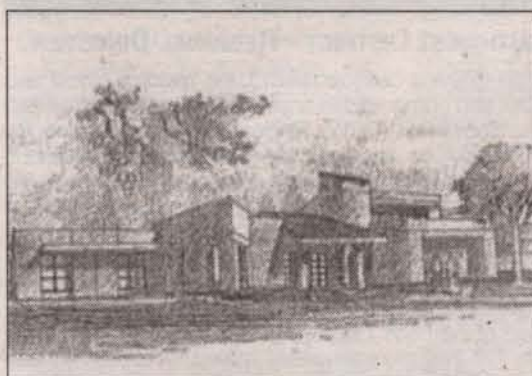
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A Luxurious Place for Senior JAs to Call Home

Nikkei Senior Village is a proposed large-scale assisted living facility outside of Los Angeles. The plans, seven years in the making, are about to take off but some worry about the business model.

By **LYNDA LIN**
Assistant Editor

When Toji Hashimoto, 62, needed to find a place to care for his elderly mother, he reluctantly settled for a nursing home not far from his home in Pacoima, Calif. But the austere, hospital-like setting and the level of



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care did not make him happy. His mother wanted to live in senior housing for Japanese Americans, but she was over qualified for the low income program. Where could local

JA seniors go, he wondered, once they lose their independence and need care?

Between Hashimoto and other board members of the San Fernando

A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE: The Nikkei Senior Garden is a proposed \$16 million assisted living facility in the San Fernando Valley just steps away from a JA community center.

Valley Japanese American Community Center (SFVJACC), the answer came in a vision of a building rising out of a 3.5-acre parcel of land that used to be the Hashimoto family's nursery, a mile west of the Community Center. SFVJACC board members are waiting for approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to build a \$16 1/2 million 79-unit assisted-living center called the Nikkei Senior Garden.

The results promise to be a state of the art facility with Alzheimer's units, private one-bedroom units and suites, all within steps from the

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Letters to the Editor

Iraq is a War of Choice

I support 1st Lt. Ehren Watada
because he is right. I do believe that
the issues surrounding Watada were
settled at the Nuremberg Trials. We
ought not forget that the war with
Iraq is a war of choice. It is President
Bush's war. Furthermore, the
PENAC doctrine bears closer scruti-
ny.

F.M. Takeda
San Jose, CA

Reader Admonishes P.C. for Watada Coverage

There are many of us that have
served and are currently serving our
country. I have served a total of eight
years with two years of active duty
as a U.S. Army officer. I have sever-
al relatives including a niece and
nephews who are currently serving
in the U.S. military. When we
accepted the call for active duty, we
did not specify where or under what
circumstance we would serve in the
military. Overseas assignments were
served to the best of our ability.

We also were not "stooges" as
some seem to imply in the *Pacific
Citizen*. The P.C. should be careful
on how it depicts the situation where
an officer refused deployment
because he did not want to go to Iraq,
using the excuse that he did not
believe in the Commander-in-Chief.
When 1st Lt. Ehren Watada became
a U.S. Army Officer, he took an oath
and is under obligation to serve in

the military and respect the
Commander-in-Chief. It is disingen-
uous to mix his personal beliefs with
his command responsibility. The
time for this was before he took the
oath of an officer.

It is also a serious breach of good
sense for individuals to use this
opportunity to "bash" Bush in the
P.C. The central issue is that an offi-
cer refused a lawful order. Politics is
a separate issue and is not a factor in
this situation. It is also an insult to
those who have served and are cur-
rently serving to continue this dis-
tasteful dialogue in a national non-
profit organization.

The continued use of the P.C., a
national non-profit organization
newspaper, devoting space and
many articles to serve as a messen-
ger of one individual is disgraceful.
P.C. should be careful in the han-
dling of this subject and the JACL
should also be careful not to overstep
its organizational responsibility to
ALL members, not just the vocal
ones.

Howard Okamoto
1000 Club Member
Marin Chapter

JACL Mid-Columbia Chapter to Disband

Our JACL chapter was organ-
ized in 1931. Hood River, a small
valley of fruit growers, had a pop-
ulation of over 50 Issei families.
Today there are none and the Nisei
are down considerably, many in

their 90s. Reluctantly, the few
members left decided to disband
our chapter. The chapter has been
in the hands of two Caucasian
gals, Nancy Tamura, married to a
Sansei Kenneth, and Kathy
Nishimoto, married to Sansei
Rick. The two held the chapter
together for the past 10-plus years.
It is 75 years since we formed our
chapter.

Cliff Nakamura
Hood River, OR

Watada Should Suck It Up

Yoshie Tanabe of Honolulu wrote,
"The U.S. Constitution states:
'Treaties: Article VI, Sec. 2: This
Constitution and the Laws of the
U.S. ... AND ALL Treaties made ...
under the Authority of the U.S. shall
be the Supreme Law of the Land
...' and then followed with, 'In
1946, our country signed on to the
United Nations Charter which states:
Article 25: 'The Members of the
U.N. agree to accept and carry out
the decisions of the Security Council
...' Her conclusions states, 'This
makes ALL decisions (Treaties) of
the Security Council part of our U.S.
Constitution.'"

She fails to mention that Article
VI continues on to explain that it
involves treaties *within* the U.S. such
as treaties with Native American
tribes and treaties between our 50
states. She also failed to mention that
"Judges in every State shall be
bound thereby" This applies to
state judges. There is no mention of
federal judges. Article VI does not
and cannot involve treaties with
other countries.

Ms. Tanabe is definitely not a stu-
dent of the U.S. Constitution and has
twisted the meaning within Article
VI. The U.N. Charter is *not* a treaty
and unequivocally does not become
a part of the U.S. Constitution. The
U.S. Constitution stands on its own
and does *not* comply with treaties or
any other documents. All treaties
must comply with its terms.

As for Ehren Watada (I refuse to
recognize his commission), there is
nothing patriotic about abandoning
his fellow soldiers. To be militarily
effective and efficient, there has to
be teamwork. Everyone has to
understand the mission objectives

and the strategies and tactics to carry
them out.

Our beloved Japanese American
veterans of previous wars fought as
proud and loyal Americans. The war
in Iraq is actually the most legal war
since World War II. There were 17
U.N. resolutions supporting the
engagement based on the same intel-
ligence given to Presidents Clinton
and Bush.

There is no doubt that Watada
made a serious error in even joining
the U.S. military. If he had any hesi-
tancy at all of engaging in any battle
or any war, he should not have
joined. I have serious doubt about
his true motive of saying Iraq is an
illegal war.

The Uniform Code of Military
Justice has provisions to charge
Watada with other violations that
could be much worse than the cur-
rent charges of contempt, conduct
unbecoming an officer and missing
his troop movement. Now to bring
his self inflicted plight to the emo-
tions of the public is just plain pitiful.
In my opinion, his actions support
the enemy and as such should be
charged with aiding and abetting the
enemy and treason.

No one wants to go to war. JAs
who went to the European and
Pacific theaters during WWII are
heroes who fought to prove their
patriotism despite the wrong headed
E.O 9066 by Democratic President
Franklin D. Roosevelt. It's time for
Watada to suck it up, accept the
shame, be a man and take his medi-
cine.

Curt Oda
Clearfield, UT

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National Newsbytes

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Affirmative Action Ballot Measure Stirs Debate

LANSING, Mich.— This month, Michigan voters will decide whether to bar the state government from using race and gender to determine who gets into college, who gets hired and who receives contracts.

The proposal to ban affirmative action has survived more than two years of legal challenges to get on the November ballot.

The measure is opposed by both the Democratic and Republican candidates for governor and a slew of business, labor, educational and religious groups. But recent polls indicate it has a chance.

The proposal would not ban affirmative action at businesses or private universities. But some worry that private employers would scrap their affirmative action programs if the government ended its own efforts.

Army Recycling World War II Buildings at Fort Lewis, Washington

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—Materials from hundreds of dilapidated World War II-era buildings, scattered like shrapnel across this sprawling post, are headed for the salvage yard instead of the landfill in a campaign to cut the military's massive output of solid waste and save some money.

With a goal of producing zero net waste by the year 2025, Fort Lewis partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a pilot project to salvage millions of board feet of old-growth lumber that at one time would have been discarded in landfills.

Fort Lewis has 200 to 300 decades-old structures slated for removal during the next 12 years, officials said. They contain salvageable materials like framing lumber, windows, doors, hardwood floors and wood siding. ■

APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Zia to Receive Justice in Action Awards at Lunar New Year Gala



The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) will honor **Helen Zia**, author and activist, with the 2007 Justice in Action Award at its Feb. 22 Lunar New Year Gala in New York City.

The award recognizes individuals for their achievements and contributions in advancing justice and equality.

First L.A. Unified School Named After Asian American

Charles H. Kim New Elementary School is the first Los Angeles Unified School to be named after an Asian American.

Kim was a Korean immigrant who started farms in California's Central Valley and was the first Korean American millionaire.

Kim also worked to help minorities earn higher wages and college scholarships and helped establish the Koreatown district of Los Angeles. ■

Nisei Cadet Nurse of World War II: Patriotism in Spite of Prejudice

By Thelma Robinson



From Japanese-American Internment Camps to the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps.

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'We refuse to be ignored and we will continue to expose the governments' attack on our civil and human rights ...' — **Rishi Singh**, an immigrant student



PHOTO: AALDEF

Thousands of Immigrant Rights Advocates Take to New York Streets Demanding Fair Immigration Reform

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Over 75 New York-area immigration rights groups marched into Times Square Oct. 21 demanding action from lawmakers who failed to pass what they call a fair and humane legalization bill.

More than 2,000 protesters shouted, "No Deal! No Half-Steps, No Half-Measures! Full Legalization Now!" and called for an end to detentions and deportations.

Signs reading "Border Wall of Remembrance and Resistance" dotted the New York streetscape along with a procession of funeral coffins signifying the death threat the anti-immigrant policies pose to human rights and democracy.

"Today we broke the silence around deportation," said Aarti Shahani, co-director of Families for Freedom. "Now, no excuses. Lawmakers must push immigration laws that protect and consider our American-born children."

"We are marching today to send a message to those in Congress and across the country that we need full immigrant rights, we deserve full immigrant rights, and that the immigrant rights movement is not over; it is just beginning," said Hannah Weinstock, community organizer with the Forest Hills Community House.

The coalition of groups formally presented its platform of demands, which includes a call to keep families together by putting a stop to

deportation and clearing immigration backlogs, a demand for equal rights for all workers and the defense of minority voters.

Immigrant rights proponents say the rally is "round two" of the APA communities' response to Congress' failure to propose and pass a fair legalization bill.

"We marched by the millions earlier this year to demand legalization for all but the governments' response was one of increased enforcement and militarization. We refuse to be ignored and we will continue to expose the governments' attack on our civil and human rights and not stop until our demands are met," said Rishi Singh, an immigrant student and member of Desis Rising Up and Moving (DRUM). ■

APA Groups Call for Investigation in Anti-Latino Voter Intimidation

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Asian Pacific American groups in Los Angeles and Orange Counties are denouncing an APA Congressional candidate's recent use of mailers to Latino voters as "intimidating and illegal."

The groups — the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALC), the Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA), and Asian American Justice Center (AAJC) — signed on to a letter in late October along with numerous Latino organizations requesting an investigation by the U.S. and California attorneys general.

The controversy started when Tan Nguyen — who is running against Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Garden Grove, in the 47th Congressional District — was accused of sending Spanish-language mailers to Spanish-surnamed naturalized U.S.



TAN NGUYEN

citizens registered to vote in Orange County. The mailer allegedly warned immigrants that they could be deported if they voted.

Immigrants who are naturalized U.S. citizens have the right to vote.

"The use of such a mailer as an attempt to intimidate registered voters of Hispanic decent is an attack on all minority voters, including Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who are merely exercising their rights to vote under a democratic system," said Stewart Kwok, execu-

tive director of APALC.

The California Secretary of State has mailed letters to counteract the intimidating flier by encouraging naturalized citizens to vote and to ignore the "false and misleading" information in the earlier flier.

State and federal investigators are looking into possible voting rights violations; Nguyen's campaign office was also raided.

Nguyen has denied approving or having any advance knowledge of the letter and has resisted calls by Republicans and Democrats to give up his underdog campaign.

Initially, Nguyen said that he fired an employee in his office that he believed might have used his campaign's voter database to send the letter without his knowledge. But he later said neither he nor any of his paid campaign staffers wrote or funded the mailing. His attorney said campaign volunteers did much of the work. ■

Limited English Voters Need Equal Access at Polls, Advocates Say

APA groups will enforce assisted language laws at San Francisco's polling places.

To ensure limited English voters can cast their ballots this Nov. 7, several Asian Pacific American groups will monitor over 100 polling places throughout San Francisco.

The coalition includes the Asian Law Caucus, the Bay Area Immigrant Rights Coalition, Lawyer's Committee for Civil

Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, Partnership for Immigrant Leadership and Action and Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA).

Currently the San Francisco Department of Elections translates all election materials into Chinese and Spanish. A bilingual poll worker is placed at a precinct if three percent of the voters assigned to that precinct requested translated election material.

Before Election Day, the Department has bilingual staff available to answer election-related

questions. On Nov. 7, limited English proficient voters may ask for language assistance at their polling place. Bilingual staff members are required to wear nametags.

If bilingual staff are not available, a telephone will be provided for the limited English proficient voter to call and receive language assistance.

"We want voters to know that they have a right to language assistance throughout the election process," said Christina Wong, CAA policy advocate. ■

J-SCHOOL

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her teachers telling stories in Japanese and carrying ink and brush supplies for her calligraphy lessons.

"The Japanese School was really close by to our regular school. Hearing stories told to us in Japanese and learning calligraphy, I have fond memories of that," she said. With a chuckle she adds, "I did enjoy the classes sometimes too ... but we always did what our parents told us."

For two hours each day after regular school and half-days on Saturdays the Japanese School located at 11199 Geil Street was home to several students. They may not have always enjoyed the extra homework, but an education in Japanese language and culture was something their Issei parents believed was of utmost importance.

"Our parents insisted on learning the Japanese language and culture, the main reason we went to the school," said Frank Oshita, 86, who was born in Castroville and began attending the school at 15. He admits he never enjoyed attending the school, but with a chuckle adds, "but I enjoyed it during recess."

Redevelopment of a Community

Although dozens of students passed through its doors, the history of the Castroville Japanese School was long forgotten until the 1990s when former student Kunio "Ace" Sumida, 85, worked to have the building placed on the National

Register of Historic Places. Shortly afterwards, the Monterey County purchased the building and surrounding property.

"It's a historic place and it should be preserved. It represents the life of the Japanese community," said Kunio, who is now working on getting the school designated a Historic Landmark like the Manzanar internment camp. "Today no one thinks of these things and we ought to save it."

Now a group of former Castroville Japanese School students and the local Hispanic community, along with the help of the county of Monterey, are working to raise funds for a redevelopment project of the historic building and the entire block surrounding the school. Once completed, the project will include a community center, baseball and soccer fields, a library and museum.

"Kodomo No Tame Ni" or "For the Sake of the Children" is the theme of the redevelopment project, a motto that was important to the pioneering Issei who built the original school and for the local Hispanic community who will use the facilities to educate their kids.

"The Japanese parents made the sacrifice to pool their resources to build the structure, so their kids could be educated. Today it's the same thing — an immigrant's vision — to make things better for the kids," said Jerry Hernandez, redevelopment analyst for Monterey County. "It's a strong theme that continues to go forward, especially for the youth that will use the facility today."

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— Jerry Hernandez, Monterey County



A History Uncovered

As an employee of the Monterey County's Redevelopment Agency, Sansei Gail Kitaji sees a lot of projects pass by her desk so when she was assigned to work on the Castroville Japanese School project she didn't think much of it, at least at first. But soon she began to realize her own family was a part of the school's history.

While researching the school project she discovered her uncle Hiroshi Kitaji had signed the original deed for the building and faded photos of schoolchildren standing in front of the school contained some of her family members. She also learned that her grandfather had helped raise funds for the building.

"I have a personal interest now," said Gail, whose family owned farming land in Castroville during the early 1900s until the 1950s. "I'm glad that some of the story has started to filter through. The school has a

lot of history."

The Kitajis were part of about 25 JA families who lived in Castroville, California during the mid-1920s and 1930s, families who were attracted to the area largely because of its farming possibilities. The area even boasted its own small Japantown. The JA population for the surrounding Salinas Valley at the time was about 250 families.

Prior to the Castroville school, local JA students attended Japanese classes at the Salinas Buddhist Temple. But in the early 1930s, community members decided to raise funds for their own school. Alien Land Laws of the time did not allow the Issei to purchase land and thus Nisei Hiroshi Kitaji is the signatory on the deed.

By 1935 the Castroville Japanese School was built and in 1936 the doors were officially opened.

Dozens of JA students attended the school until 1942, the year the school closed down and the misery of the World War II internment camps began. The majority of the Castroville JA families were sent to

Poston, Arizona and very few returned to the area after the War.

Coming Full Circle

Today the population of Castroville numbers at about 7,000 and more than 85 percent of the residents are Hispanic. The area is now known as the "Artichoke Capital of the World" and a popular festival is held each year.

Although JAs no longer live in the area, the local community has embraced the Japanese School project. Most of the funding has been secured but approximately \$150,000 is still needed for the landscape phase. Architects have drawn up the design for the project and renovations are set to begin next year.

For the former Castroville Japanese School students, the redevelopment project has brought their pioneering Issei parents' dream full circle — a dream that began with a desire to educate their children. Today, the Hispanic community will continue the Issei's vision by using the new facilities to educate their own kids.

"It's nice because a lot of the Hispanic people can use the room. The Hispanics are trying to teach their children about their Mexican heritage. It's going back to the original intent of the Issei to educate their children. It will be good," said Janice.

"We want to leave something for the future," said Oshita. ■

Donations for the Castroville Japanese Language School can be made to: Monterey County Historical Society, c/o Castroville Japanese Schoolhouse Project, P.O. Box 3576, Salinas, CA 93912.

MACK MIYA

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pounds.

Mack has been in the bodybuilding business for the past 60 years and has owned and run Mack's Gym, currently located on the Westside of Toronto since 1990. But with his recent health problems — he had congestive heart failure in May — and a landlord whose looking to increase his rent and move in a new tenant, the gym has been forced to close.

"It's been a bit of a strain on me right now. But I'm okay because I train," said Mack, speaking with the *Pacific Citizen* from his gym. Although only months since his hospitalization, his voice is clear and full of resolve.

Mack's Gym is scheduled to officially close Nov. 4 and he doesn't have the financial resources to relocate the business to another facility. In recent months he's been on a month-to-month lease and his clientele has dwindled dramatically.

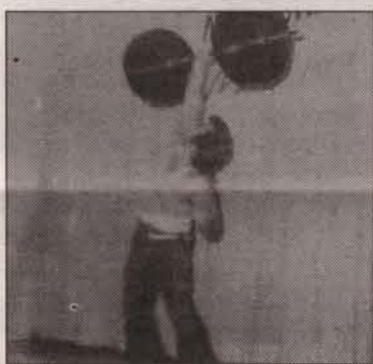
Lately, he has been using his old age pension funds to cover the costs of running the gym and isn't pulling in a profit.

Mack currently lives in one of the gym's small rooms and plans to move in with his daughter after his business closes. Although saying goodbye to his beloved gym has left him saddened, he plans to keep on training and hopes a book deal may be in the near future.

"It's been a mental strain but whatever comes up, I will do it," said Mack. He's received calls of support from across the country, even from clients he hasn't seen in 40 years. "Everybody wants me to keep [the gym] going."

Although Mack and his family are open to selling the business, no offers have come in and his lease is set to expire in less than a week. They plan to sell off Mack's inventory of gym equipment to help make ends meet.

"We all got caught off guard. The business went downhill very fast," said daughter Karen Miya Leone,



who has taken time off work to help her father out. "Mack just doesn't have the money to go on. It has been an extremely uncheerful time for us."

A Bodybuilding Star is Born

Mack was born in Stevenson, British Columbia in 1923 and worked as a logger during his early years. For a short time he was one of the tens of thousands of Japanese Canadians who were relocated to World War II internment camps. He ended up in Angler, Ontario.

Mack's career in bodybuilding grew out of his interest in boxing, an interest that began at the age of nine because he was sick of being bullied. He went on to win several amateur featherweight titles and at 17 was still undefeated. He moved to Toronto in 1942 to further his boxing career but then one day he began to lift weights while waiting for his trainer. The rest, as they say, is history.

"Because I was so strong, no one wanted to compete with me," said Mack with a knowing chuckle.

Eventually he got married to Chiyoko in 1946 and had two children: Karen and son Ritchie.

Over the years, Mack has made a name for himself, winning several weight lifting competitions and even becoming a master welder so he could build his own gym equipment. He has trained bodybuilders, boxers, and wrestlers and has advised clients on their health and workout regimens. At its peak, Mack's Gym boasted thousands of clients.

"I love bodybuilding, it makes me feel good. You have to train to really see how it feels. Of course everything is in conjunction with a good

diet," said Mack, who still takes his training and healthy diet very seriously. He explains at length the values of carbohydrates and proteins and the evils of drinking and smoking.

Although the recent months have put a strain on him, Mack's years of hardcore training still shows in his astounding physique and he looks years younger than his age of 83. He jokingly recalls a Toronto streetcar driver admonishing him for paying the senior citizen's rate and demanding he pay the regular fare. He was 76 at the time.

Moving On

Now just days before Mack's Gym comes to a close, Mack has many accomplishments he can be proud of. He especially cherishes the numerous stories and articles that have been written on him over the years.

"It's been really gratifying. Everybody comes over and thinks I'm superman. They always call me super-strong," said Mack, noting how the neighborhood kids would often come over to watch him work out.

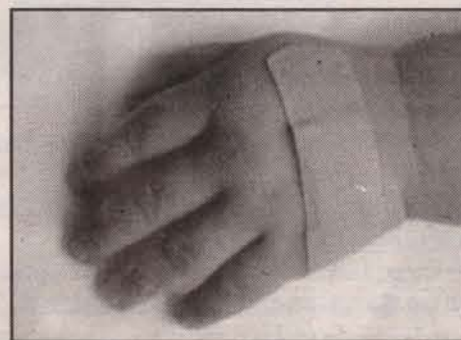
Karen and the rest of the family have been helping Mack keep up his spirits. Her son Joseph has even started a Web site (www.geocities.com/Macks_Gym) to help get the word out about Mack's Gym. Karen has also bought Mack a cell phone (647/892-4501) and set up an e-mail account (Macks_Gym@yahoo.ca) for those who wish to keep in touch.

"Mack has a very interesting life story," said Karen. "I think if someone has a passion, it helps build on your self-esteem but it's also good to have a balanced life."

Mack's love of bodybuilding hasn't dwindled over the years and his message has remained the same, something he will continue to pass on even after Mack's Gym comes to a close.

"Everybody wants to live long," he said. "You have to function like a young fella. You need to train and eat healthy. I want to pass that message on." ■

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Pinedale 'Remembrance Plaza' Moves a Step Closer to Reality

The Pinedale Assembly Center Memorial Project Committee recently announced that it has reached an understanding with the City of Fresno staff and developer NMSBPCSLDHB, a California limited partnership, for the development of a memorial in Pinedale.

The memorial, to be known as "Remembrance Plaza," will help preserve the history of the site, which was part of the Sugar Pine Lumber Company, Pinedale Assembly Center and Camp Pinedale.

On Oct. 25 the Fresno Planning Commission recommended that the Fresno City Council approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration and rezoning application and approved the conditional use permit for the developer's overall project, including Remembrance Plaza. The City Council will consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration and rezoning application as well as designation of Building 8 to the Local Register of Historical Resources on Nov. 14.

The understanding contemplates that the developer will dedicate to the city of Fresno approximately 7,500 square-feet of property located on the Alluvial frontage near Remington for Remembrance Plaza.



The dilapidated warehouse (above) sits on land that was once home to more than 4,800 Japanese Americans during World War II.

Remembrance Plaza will consist of a fountain, planter area around the fountain with California Registered Historical Landmark No. 934, concrete walkways, interpretive wall with storyboards and landscaping.

The fountain, planter wall, historic landmark and storyboards will be the responsibility of the Committee's sponsors: Central California Nikkei Foundation and the JACL Central California District Council. The developer will be responsible for maintenance and repair of Remembrance Plaza, except the historic landmark and storyboards.

The Committee contemplates a groundbreaking ceremony on Feb. 19, 2007, the 65th anniversary of

Executive Order No. 9066. Although actual construction will be some months away, the Committee hopes to dedicate California Registered Historical Landmark No. 934.

The current draft of the inscription of the landmark reads: "This memorial is dedicated to over 4,800 Americans of Japanese Ancestry who were confined at the Pinedale Assembly Center from May to July 1942. This was an early phase of the mass incarceration of over 110,000 Japanese Americans during World War pursuant to Executive Order 9066. They were detained without charges, trial or establishment of guilt. May such injustice and suffering never recur." ■

Vets Encouraged to Wear Medals for Veterans Day

To help spark a new kind of patriotism, veterans are being asked to wear their medals on Veterans Day.

The call for the Veterans Pride Initiative came from R. James Nicholson, secretary of Veterans Affairs and leaders of major veterans organizations. Several Japanese American veterans included Yeiichi Kelly Kuwayama and Grant Hirabayashi helped launch the initiative.

Kuwayama, a combat medic, wore his Silver Star, Purple Heart, and French Legion of Honor medals earned as a soldier in the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Hirabayashi, a Merrill's Marauder member wearing his Presidential Unit Citation ribbon, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star and Ranger Hall of Fame Induction

Medal was among some 12 Veterans Service Organizations' representatives who stood behind Nicholson.

"Once you get them, ... you don't want to parade around and show off. But now I have a reason to put them on," Kuwayama said to the *Stars and Stripes*.

"We are announcing a Veterans Pride Initiative to remind Americans of the pride and honor in the hearts of those who have served," Nicholson said. "We expect Americans will see our decorated heroes unite in spirit at ceremonies, in parades and elsewhere as a compelling symbol of courage and sacrifice on Veterans Day, the day we set aside to thank those who served and safeguarded our national security."

The campaign is modeled after a

tradition in Australia and New Zealand where veterans wear their military decorations on Australia and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) Day, April 25.

"Let America know who you are and what you did for freedom this Veterans Day," said Nicholson. "Wearing these medals and ribbons will demonstrate the deep pride our veterans have in their military service and bring Veterans Day home to all American citizens."

Under certain circumstances official replacements for lost or damaged medals may be obtained from the government by sending a request to the appropriate branch of service. ■

For more info: <http://www.va.gov/veteranspride/>

JACL Honolulu Event to Feature Panel on Watada Case

The JACL Honolulu chapter is sponsoring an event titled "Ehren Watada: Conscience and Constitutionality" on Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. at the University of Hawaii, Manoa Architecture Auditorium. The featured speaker will be Bob Watada,



Ehren's father. Also speaking will be Professor John Van Dyke of the University of Hawai'i Richardson School of Law and Watada's attorney, Eric Seitz.

Watada is an Army first lieutenant who has refused deployment to Iraq, citing the illegal nature of the war. He is the first commissioned officer to do so. He faces a general court martial and up to eight years in prison for his actions. The case has received national publicity and has sparked heated debate within the Japanese American community.

"We know Lieutenant Watada's actions have divided the community, and we hope this event will shed light on why he is doing what he is doing," said Yoshie Tanabe of the JACL's education committee. "There are serious constitutional and ethical issues at work here."

Bob Watada is in the midst of a

national tour in support of his son. He is the former executive director of the Hawaii State Campaign Spending Commission who brought to light several instances of wrong doing by powerful people during his tenure.

Professor John Van Dyke has taught Constitutional Law, International Law, International Ocean Law and International Human Rights at the University of Hawai'i since 1976. He has written or edited eight books and has authored many articles on Constitutional law and international law topics. In 1987, he received the University of Hawai'i Presidential Citation for Excellence in Teaching, and in 1984, 1993, 1996 and 2002, was selected "The Outstanding Professor" at the Law School.

Prof. Van Dyke will be speaking on the constitutionality of 1st Lt. Watada's actions.

The event is co-sponsored by American Friends Service Committee—Hawai'i, Interfaith Alliance Hawai'i, Not In Our Name—Hawai'i, UH Office of Multicultural Student Services, Veterans for Peace, and the World Can't Wait Hawai'i.

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. ■

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The Institute will pay for travel to the meeting, travel costs, lodging, meals and the BIO Convention registration.

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JROTC

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members of her Delta Company stay on campus to compete against each other in drills. About 90 percent of her fellow cadets are Asian Pacific American, she said.

"Before I joined, I saw a lot of people marching around and I thought that's all they did," said Zhou, a four-year JROTC member, who said she has learned much more than marching including lessons in basic first aid skills and map-reading "in case you get lost."

"If there were no ROTC I would have nowhere to go," said Kenneth Deng, 17, another Lowell JROTC cadet. In four years, he's learned life skills like how to become a better public speaker, financial planning and setting time management goals. In JROTC class, he teaches underclassmen how to drill.

JROTC supporters say these leadership exercises are imperative to students, especially young APAs. Participants also have a higher rate of graduation and higher grade point averages, they say.

"I think it's a beneficial program for Asian youth because Asian youth lack leadership. They lack role models," said Nelson Lum, a Vietnam veteran and a member of the American Legion's Cathay Post, who points out that APAs are usually taught to be strong academically, but are not usually schooled in leadership.

"Asian Americans have cultural differences. A lot of us always say that we used to be really quiet and sat in the back of the class, but after joining the JROTC we stand tall and sit at the front of the class," said Zhou. "ROTC helps bring out the

loud side of us."

The programs' proponents say that over 70 percent of the city's JROTC cadets are APAs and a cut would be detrimental to the already marginalized community.

"If these programs are to be abolished without after school activities, what happens to these kids?" said Lum.

The JROTC programs run deep in American history since its establishment in 1916 as a part of the National Defense Act. Under provisions of the act, high schools are allowed to use military equipment and military personnel as instructors. Currently, JROTC has about 1,600 students in seven San Francisco high schools.

Opponents like Dr. Dan Kelly, an incumbent in the San Francisco school board race, calls the JROTC a "branding tool" for the military that needs to be removed. They also accuse the JROTC of recruiting students for the military.

"It teaches students to draw their self-worth through identification with the organization. Its curriculum is thin and it does not meet state or district standards. Its teachers are not credentialed, but are compensated at much higher rates than our regular staff. It discriminates against [Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual and Transgender] adults and students in a variety of ways because of the military's ban on openly gay members," said Kelly, a 16 year San Francisco School Board veteran.

Opponents say the JROTC also targets low-income students and English language learners. A 2005 study by the University of California, Los Angeles Institute for Democracy, Education, and Access (IDEA) revealed that the higher the



PRACTICING DISCIPLINE: Lowell High School's JROTC program is almost 90 percent APA, participants say.

Cutting the program would be directly detrimental to the young adults who need it most. Critics say the military has no place in our schools.

number of minority, low-income and immigrant students in the school the more likely the school would have a JROTC program.

"Certainly, it is important for all young people to learn about the military. As adults, they will be called upon to vote for representatives who in turn will make decisions about whether or not to send this country to war and how much to spend on the U.S. Military. But such learning is best done in classes with trained teachers who can promote free and open dialogue about the military rather than military officials who are intent on acquiring new recruits," said John Rogers, UCLA professor and IDEA co-director.

This isn't the first time the JROTC programs have come under fire. In 1994, a hazing incident at another San Francisco school that resulted in

injury and a lawsuit spurred scrutiny of the programs and several other failed attempts at a ban.

Since then, the threat of being cut has been hanging over their heads, but now the threat is coming to a head, said Lt. Col. Douglas Bullard, Lowell's JROTC instructor.

Discriminatory policies like "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" do not exist in the ROTC and instructors are restricted from recruiting.

But Zhou admits there is a misconception out there about the JROTC being just about the Army.

"I tell my friends, 'You see me right? I have no interest in the Army whatsoever,'" said Zhou, who wants to become a surgeon.

"The district receives federal funding. The federal government discriminates a thousand ways, so why are they targeting the ROTC?" said

Bullard. He also questions the motives of the board's haste to vote.

Current board members Sarah Lipson and Eddie Chin are terming out and not running again. The move to vote before January, when new board members take office, is being heavily criticized.

"To vote on this as a lame duck board is really cowardly," said Bullard.

A crowd of about 1,100 rallied at city hall Oct. 25 in support of the JROTC.

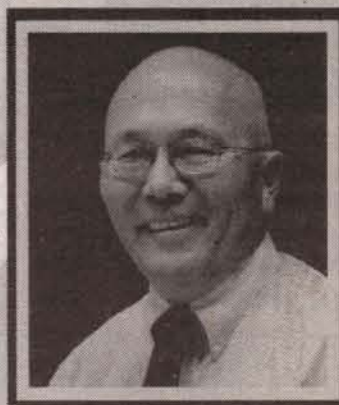
"I personally feel this is a different form of discrimination. If this program were 72 percent African American or gay and lesbian, they wouldn't try to ban it. It's because there is this perception that Asian Americans are silent. There's no fear of any retribution," said Lum. ■

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COMPETITIVE EATING

Japanese Champ Defends Hamburger-eating Title in U.S.

CHATTANOOGA, Tennessee—Japanese eating champion **Takeru Kobayashi** won his third straight Krystal hamburger-eating contest, setting a new world record in the process.

Kobayashi ate 97 of the small, square hamburgers in eight minutes Oct. 29.

That beat the previous record of 69 burgers, which he set at the first Krystal contest in 2004. Last year, Kobayashi swallowed 67 hamburgers to win the title and a check for \$10,000.

Joey Chestnut of San Jose, California, came in second place by eating 91 hamburgers, and Pat Bertoletti of Chicago ate 76.

Kobayashi, who is from Nagano,

also holds the title of hot dog-eating champion, after eating 49 hot dogs in 12 minutes at the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest at Coney Island, New York. Despite his capacity to eat, he weighs 172 pounds.

Krystal, the oldest fast-food chain in the South, holds two-minute qualifying rounds in eight Southern cities in the months leading up to the championship.

The Krystal finals are governed by the International Federation of Competitive Eating. Founded by brothers Richard and George Shea in 1997, it regulates events for safety and keeps records on everything from meatballs to green chiles. ■



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Kobayashi, above at a former contest in Coney Island, New York, is also the world record holder for eating 49 hot dogs in 12 minutes.

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Ando Surprising Winner Over Meissner and Asada

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

HARTFORD, Conn.—**Miki Ando** needed to forget about the Olympics. She found the perfect tonic at Skate America.

With her far more heralded countrywoman, **Mao Asada**, having one of the worst performances of her young career, Ando gave Japan a sweep of the individual gold medals at the first Grand Prix event of the season Oct. 28.

Eight months after she barely could stand up and finished 15th at the Turin Games, Ando is off to a sensational start to the new season.

"I couldn't concentrate that much even though it was a big season," she said through a translator. "It was not easy for me."

"I wanted to perform this way, that I did tonight, in the Olympics. Last year ... I didn't have the attitude of a member of the Japanese team. This year, the image and attitude is very strong and that's why I skated so well."

It appeared American world champion **Kimmie Meissner** might grab the gold after a sensational free skate. Then Ando went her one better.

Actually, quite a few better, landing 10 jumps in the first 2 1/2 minutes and posting a personal-best 125.85 points for the free skate and 192.59 overall. That outdistanced Meissner and the disappointing Asada in a three-way battle of teenagers.

For Japan, which owns the women's Olympic gold thanks to **Shizuka Arakawa**, it completed a dominant showing at the Hartford Civic Center — **Nobunari Oda** took the men's title on Oct. 27.

Ando fought through right foot injuries and some coaching issues a year ago.

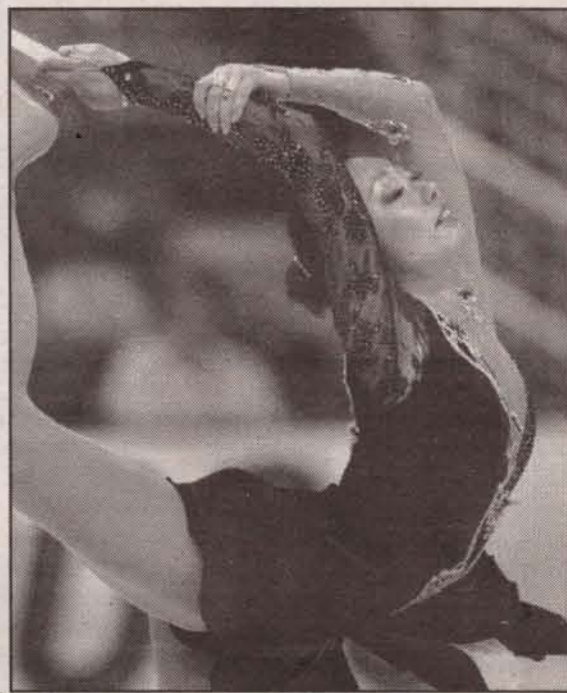
"This year is different than last year. I am able to concentrate better," she said. "Tonight is an example of that."

Her program, to a Mendelssohn concerto, sizzled from the outset. Skating directly after Meissner, Ando nailed seven triple jumps, four in combination. At the end, she struggled to catch her breath. So did the crowd.

The bubbly Meissner, 17, from Bel Air, Md., vowed after a mediocre short program that she always does better in the free skate. That, after all, was how she won worlds in March — and how she almost won here.

Her flamenco routine was punctuated by six triple jumps and some enchanting footwork, not a strength in her previous two years as a senior. She threw kisses to the crowd as she left the ice and while awaiting her marks, and she also tended to a cut finger she got during a catch spin.

"In the Grand Prix, it's good to know I am getting better," she said, noting her best previous GP finish was fifth. "The program felt great and the crowd liked it, I think."



(AP Photo/Fred Beckham)

Miki Ando, of Japan, performs her Ladies free skate program during the 2006 Skate America figure skating competition at the Hartford Civic Center in Hartford, Conn.

The crowd wanted to love Asada, the 2005 Grand Prix champion who was too young to compete at worlds and in Turin. She mesmerized the audience in the short program, but everything went wrong in the long.

Her opening triple axel, something few women even practice, turned into a single. She didn't complete a triple jump until 2:31 into the program. Her spins were very slow and other than her smooth, lengthy spirals, the 16-year-old Asada struggled in falling to third.

"I feel regrettable about today's result," she said through an interpreter. "I didn't feel any pressure today. I don't think the (botched) triple axel was the reason for the whole program." ■

GOLF

S. Korea's Hong Earns Maiden LPGA Victory at Kolon-Hana Bank

GYEONGJU, South Korea—South Korea's **Hong Jin-joo** shot a 2-under 70 Oct. 29 to claim the Kolon-Hana Bank Championship on her first attempt at a U.S. LPGA event.

Hong, one of 12 Korean LPGA players in the field, raced into the lead Oct. 28 and, despite posting her worst score Oct. 29 after double bogeying the 18th, maintained a three-stroke lead to finish with an 11-under 205.

"It wasn't that easy throughout the game but I am glad that I made it," said Hong, the fifth South Korean to claim the title in as many years.

"I really practiced hard," she said. "I think (last winter in Orlando) was the best practice I've ever had. The result of the practice didn't come out in the first half of this year, but I am happy that it came out in the second half."

Last year's British Open winner **Jeong Jang** shot a 68 to finish three strokes back, and 23-time LPGA winner **Pak Se-ri** (67) closed the gap to finish third at 210 at the Mauna Ocean Golf Club in Gyeongju.

Shin Ji-yai (68) was one stroke adrift and tied for fourth with Karine Icher of France (72). U.S. Solheim Cup star Paula Creamer had a share of sixth with **Hur Mi-jung**, another South Korean, after they shot a 72 and 73 to stand at 211.

Defending champion **Lee Jee-young**, who like Hong clinched her

maiden win here last year when the same tournament was held at the Nine Bridges Club on Jeju Island, had to settle for joint eighth after posting 73s in the last two rounds.

Hong, 23, also won her first Korea LPGA tournament in September at the SK EnClean Solux Invitational by carving a seven-stroke lead.

She faltered Oct. 29 on the par-4 9th for bogey, but five birdies either side of that on holes 2, 7, 8, 13 and 17 gave her a comfortable cushion that even her closing

double bogey couldn't puncture. Wegman's LPGA winner Jang earned her 12th top-10 finish of the year. She made a late challenge with five birdies to one bogey after dropping three shots in the final three holes Oct. 28.

"I was five strokes back from the leader and that's pretty tough. She was playing 4-under or 5-under and she had good conditions, I didn't think I was going to break her today," she said. "I started a little bit unstable in the beginning but I



(AP Photo/Yonhap, Lee Jung-hun)

South Korea's Hong Jin-joo tees off during the second round of the Kolon-Hana Bank Golf Championship at Mauna Ocean Golf Club in Gyeongju, South Korea.

played confidently. Especially iron shots and putting was great."

South Koreans have now seized 11 LPGA titles this season.

Pak, a legendary figure in South Korea who won the same event in 2002, made the biggest surge of the weekend after posting a first-round 74 to help cement her comeback. Pak won her third McDonalds LPGA Championship in June. ■

Stories by Associated Press and P.C. Staff

• YUMI SAKUGAWA •

MEMOIRS OF A NON-GEISHA

The Way I Walk



Here is a common scenario that I run into every time I visit an Asian country that is not Japan. I am walking down a busy street choked with souvenir kiosks and owners desperate to sell their overflowing stock of key chains, jewelry, handbags, T-shirts and other hokey tourist junk that are mass-duplicated every stone's throw away.

"Are you from Japan?"
"Konnichiwa!"

I ignore them and keep walking. They then go through their repertoire of other Asian greetings to try to get my attention. "Ni hao ma?" Maybe I'm just overanalyzing, but they always seem to start with the *konnichiwa* first. And it's never directed towards any of my other traveling companions who are of Asian descent.

Bangkok, Melaka, Phnom Penh — it's all the same in the end. No matter what Asian country I go to, the local people are quick to capitalize on the fact that I am not from here and I must hail from the land of the rising sun. I might as well be dressed in an anime schoolgirl outfit with a samurai sword strapped to my back.

This is a common icebreaker that is used among the Asian American folks back home. Put two AA strangers together in a social situation and inevitably one of them will try to guess the other person's ethnicity. Thousands of centuries from now when alien anthropologists piece together the lifestyle and habits of the AA race, the textbooks will say that AAs were very fond of drinking boba, updating their Xangas and guessing each other's ethnic background.

Supposedly, there is a preexisting science to all of this and all of us like to think that we are experts at it. The non-Asians who complain that all Asian people look the same are wrong, of course! There are subtle variations of eye shape, skin tone, and other seemingly minor details that are glaringly obvious if you are an individual of Asian descent.

As I've come to Singapore to study abroad for a semester, I realize that this phenomenon is far worse in Asia. Because if you're an Asian person living in Asia, your inner Spidey sense of ethnic taxon-

omy is hyper-amplified. And when there's an outsider in your midst, you can sense it a mile away. Unlike us AAs, Asian people must have special evolutionary adaptors that enable them to sense the different pheromones that different Asian ethnicities give off. Mine must smell like a combination of wasabi and raw salmon.

Maybe this is an innate power of observation honed over the centuries to make sure that our bloodlines remain pure. Either that, or to make us more careful that we don't accidentally marry a distant cousin.

Ironically, though, one of my most memorable ethnic guessing game incidents that occurred in Asia did not occur with an Asian person, but a fat, 30-year-old British man who stopped me and my friend when we were walking out of a night club in Singapore.

"Excuse me," he said. "But are you Japanese?" I told him that I was.

"I knew it!" he said triumphantly. "I could tell from the way you walk."

I should have walked away at this point, but I humored him and asked him to clarify.

"Japanese women have a very distinctive way of walking," he continued explaining. "When I saw you walking around the club, I just knew that I had to go up to you and ask."

He then went on to tell me how much he loves Japanese culture, how he goes there every year to participate in their seasonal festivals, and demanded why me — a Japanese person out of all people — would not make time to visit the beautiful motherland every year.

A sharp observation of a very ardent Japanophile or the pathetic pick-up line of some yellow fever creep? In any case, I was horribly amused. After about 30 seconds of listening to him ramble on about how much he loves Japan, I abruptly cut the conversation short and my friend and I took the taxicab back home, away from the throng of dancing Asian people, all with their different eyelid shapes and cheekbone structures. ■

Yumi Sakugawa is currently attending UCLA.

SENIOR HOME

(Continued from page 1)

Community Center. Its focus will be to care for non-ambulatory and special needs seniors. The cost starts at \$4,000 for a studio.

Currently, a low-income senior housing facility called Nikkei Village Housing sits adjacent to the Community Center. When it was established in 1983, JAs dominated 80 percent of the housing's population. Now the number has dwindled to 20 percent because many more Nisei and Sansei — who made good livings before retirement — find themselves over qualified, said Harold Muraoka, a SFVJACC board member.

The Nisei and Sansei want to be in culturally sensitive housing with Japanese food, said Muraoka. The closest facility of that kind is Keiro in Boyle Heights. There was a need in the San Fernando Valley, so Muraoka and Harry Nakada began forming their vision of a senior oasis.

In 1999, "a miracle stepped in." The SFVJACC bought the land from the Hashimoto family for \$650,000.

"I was also concerned that seniors wouldn't have a place to go at their age. I saw my mother go to a nursing home. I didn't like that. I saw this as a good opportunity," said Hashimoto.

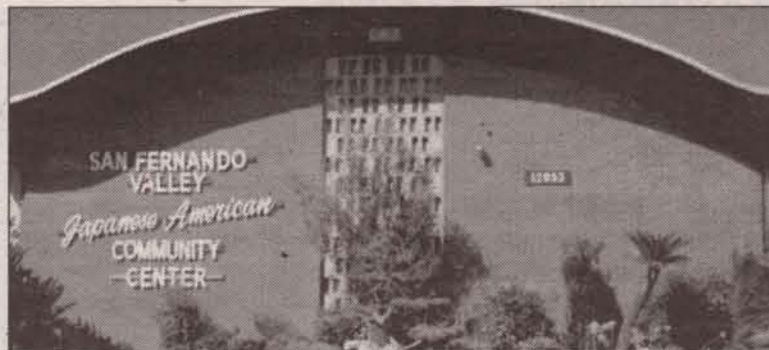
The Hashimoto nursery business, like the city, is steeped in JA history. After World War II, the rural land of Pacoima experienced a boom of JA residents who faced housing restrictions elsewhere. The small community pooled its money together to build the Community Center as their own place to gather and play sports.

Today, the building with its arching roof, brick façade and its own baseball diamond, mostly hosts senior activities like ukulele and ikebana classes. Its land value is estimated at \$8 million, according to SFVJACC officials.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," said Cynthia Mits Tomita about the Nikkei Senior Garden. The Nisei from Northridge has yet to decide where she will live in the future, but considers living with other JAs important.

But the project that started with so much promise seven years ago has become tangled in a long series of financial obstacles. Prudential Huntton Paige, the mortgage capital company funding their loan, required from the SFVJACC over \$2 million in cash liquidity during construction — money they did not have.

"At the Community Center we've always operated by the seat of our pants. Every time we needed money, we just asked our members for it,"



DANGER: Opponents of the Senior Nikkei Garden say taking out a hard money loan could put the community center in jeopardy.

said Muraoka.

The SFVJACC board, led by Muraoka, pounded the pavement for months shopping their project to banks that seemed delighted to help, but ultimately denied their loan applications. Finally, they used the Community Center as collateral to take a \$2.3 million hard money loan from Avatar Financial Group, a Seattle-based hard money lender that specializes in asset-based loans with high interest rates.

To help pay the hard money loan, which is a short-term loan of 34 months, the SFVJACC is relying on loans from Community Center members, financial assistance from Nikkei Village Housing, and revenues from renting out the Community Center baseball field to a local charter school, said Muraoka.

The decision to collateralize the Community Center has stirred controversy within the community.

"It seems the figures that they've projected seem overly optimistic," said Phil Shigekuni.

"Back when they first started thinking of it, it made sense. But now costs have gone up. Competition with other assisted living facilities in the Valley has also become more intense.

"It just seems that we're kind of being overstretched. I hate to do this because the people who've worked

on it are really sincere. They worked very hard and the goal of senior assisted living is important," he added. "The Community Center is being compromised for a \$2.3 million loan and that concerns me."

Shigekuni lives in the San Fernando Valley and teaches a guitar class at the Community Center. He also attends JACL meetings there.

Muraoka and the SFVJACC board members have held two town hall meetings with financial consultants explaining that the project is financially sound, but he said a small group has actively voice opposition to the project.

"I really think they're misinformed," said Muraoka, who pointed out that if they had backed out on the hard money loan, they would have incurred severe penalties. Even if the project fails, they could sell the land, pay back the donation and still net a profit, he added.

"When we did this project we knew we couldn't make everyone happy. But there's a need for assisted living and we're hoping to provide a place for those people to live [at the Nikkei Senior Village] for the rest of their lives," said Muraoka.

With approval from HUD, Community Center board members hope to break ground in December for 16 months of construction. ■

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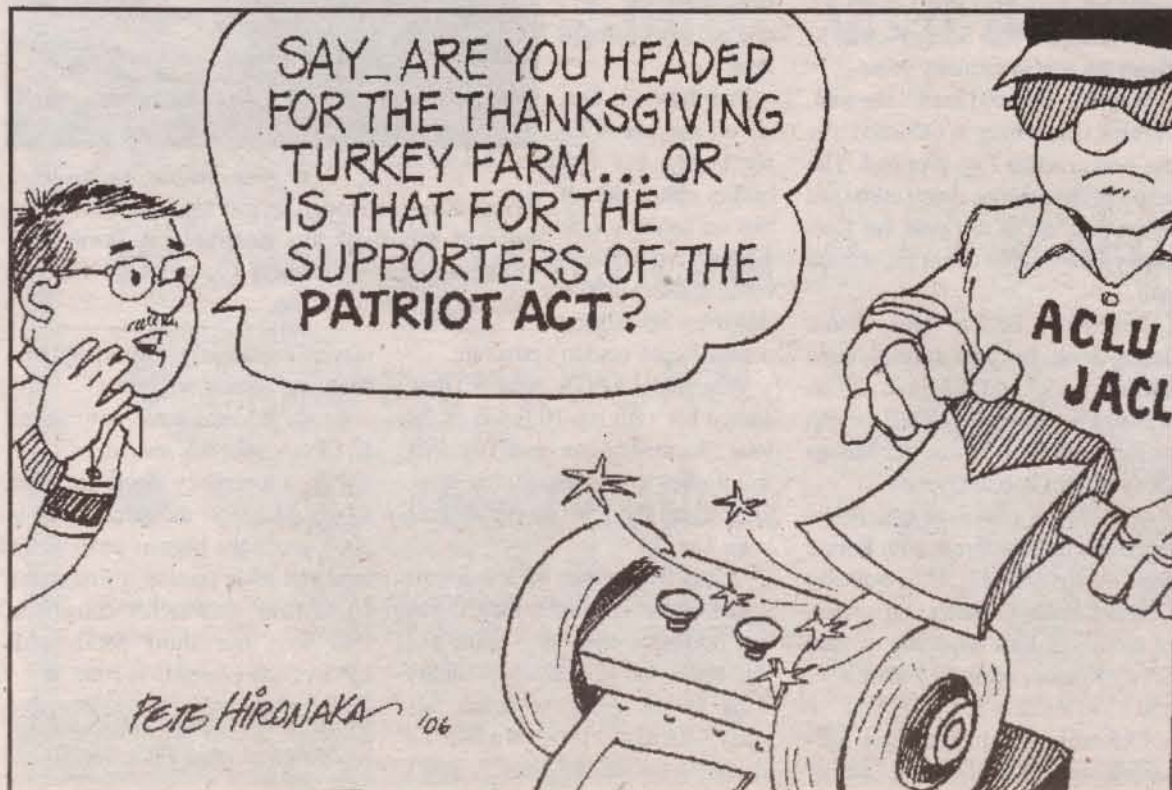
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Ishikawa the fisherman.

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Former internees donated their fishing artifacts.



John Gengl and filmmaker Cory Shiozaki (right) filming at George Creek near Manzanar.

Not Just Another Big Fish Story



Q&A: Filmmaker Cory Shiozaki's in progress documentary focuses on former Manzanar internees' fishing adventures.

Legend has it that a fisherman named Ishikawa used to slip through the Manzanar barbed wires in search of the golden trout thriving in the nearby creek. He caught fish so beautiful, the legendary photographer Toyo Miyatake immortalized the fisherman and his prized catch in a black and white photo.

That image along with his passion for the noble sport of fishing spurred Cory Shiozaki — a cameraman whose work includes credit in major Hollywood films like "Training Day" and "Dances with Wolves" — to make a documentary about the former internees who risked their lives for brief moments of freedom.

Cory, a Sansei from Gardena, Calif. who is producing the film in association with Talk Story Media, Inc., comes from a family of leaders — his father Ron Shiozaki was a former JACL Pacific Southwest District governor during the 1960s. — *Lynda Lin*

Pacific Citizen: Are you a filmmaker by trade and a fisherman at heart?

Cory Shiozaki: My involvement with Manzanar goes back to the pilgrimages of the early 70s. And today, I am currently an active docent with the Manzanar National Historic Site & Interpretive Center. I was also active in the campaign for Redress and the passing of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which was signed by President Ronald Reagan.

As a fisherman, I am a licensed and bonded trout-fishing guide for the Eastern Sierra. I have fished the area extensively for nearly 20 years. I prefer freshwater (and especially trout) fishing.

PC: What is it about the sport that makes you a fixture at Crowley Lake in California?

CS: I have worked at the tackle shop for the past three years and also at the same time became a licensed trout-fishing guide. I originally had no plans to become a guide but was coaxed into it by some other friends who were guides because of my experience and knowledge.

I am able to work during trout season at Crowley because I am on season hiatus from my television shooting schedule, which is usually from mid-April to August.

I love trout fishing because it makes me forget about my worries and makes me feel free of spirit plus is a lot of fun ... especially when I show kids how to catch fish.

PC: What sparked your interest in stories about former internees escaping camp to go fishing?

CS: In April 20, 2004, there was an article written in the *Los Angeles Times* by Darrell Kunitomi, which featured a story of an internee — Ishikawa Fisherman — who snuck out of Manzanar to catch 'golden trout.'

While working at Crowley, I noticed thousands of Japanese Americans coming annually to fish, Nisei, Sansei and Yonsei alike. On some days, up to half of the anglers were of Japanese descent.

On one of my trips from my home in L.A. to Crowley and the Eastern Sierra a few years ago, I was passing the Manzanar Relocation Camp just off Highway 395 when the thought suddenly popped into my head: "Was there some connection between the JAs who fish the Eastern Sierra today and the internment at Manzanar so many years ago?"

I went to Manzanar to find out. Ranger Richard Potashin confirmed that yes, indeed, there were internees who snuck out and went trout fishing.

PC: How is the documentary going?

CS: Audiotaped interviews were redone on video, and the pieces began to fall into place. All that was needed was to string the pieces together. Richard Imamura, a childhood friend of mine ... pored over the hours of interviews and brought together what I had intuitively known all along — that all of the fishermen's stories touched, in one way or another, a yearning to be free.

The work is not yet finished, but the goal is now clearly in sight.

PC: Everyone has a fish story, what's yours?

CS: I have caught very small golden trout but nothing even close to what Mr. Ishikawa caught. I have caught large trout up to 12 pounds but I would love to catch trophy size golden trout like one caught by Ishikawa.

PC: What kind of fishing artifacts have you been collecting?

CS: During my research and interviews, I had been

fortunate enough to receive actual fishing equipment from former Manzanar internees. Such items include: conventional reel, fly reel, several manufactured expanding rods, fishing creels, bait cans, hooks, sinkers, leaders, snake bite kit, drinking cups, sleeping bags, gloves, hat, hot plate to cook the fish on, etc.

I believe they kept these items as sentimental reminders of what gave them good feelings during a dark time of their life.

PC: How did you find and select your interview subjects?

CS: I first contacted Potashin to see if he could assemble any kind of list of survivors who had mentioned anything about their fishing experiences while incarcerated. I then asked him to get permission from these people to do an oral history. It was a slow process but as the months and years went by, Potashin kept an eye and ear out for visitors who came through the interpretive center and asked each person if they had any fishing stories or knew of anyone who had done such a thing while in Manzanar. The list of people gradually grew from just a few to about a dozen survivors.

Every story was different but was heartfelt. If I had to choose but one person, I would have to say the story of Ken Miyamoto. Here was a man in his early 20s who had faced many hardships even before he was incarcerated but found his freedom and passion sneaking out and going fishing. He told me he fished almost every day while he was at Manzanar.

PC: When you fish, do you think about the JAs who risked life and limb to fish along the same banks?

CS: While I fished the creeks that were fished over 60 years ago, I can only imagine what they felt. When I was fishing those very creeks, I felt a sense of freedom and peace, something I am sure is what they felt and sought after while they were there.

PC: What is the largest obstacle you have encountered in filming?

CS: I have been working on this project since Spring of 2004 and being a very time sensitive project, finding the survivors to film their stories is a major problem, but up to now I have been producing this project out of my own pocket.

Currently my biggest obstacle is finding resources to fund the completion of this documentary. My goal is to make an hour-long film aimed at distribution to schools, colleges and museums. ■

For more info. on the documentary:
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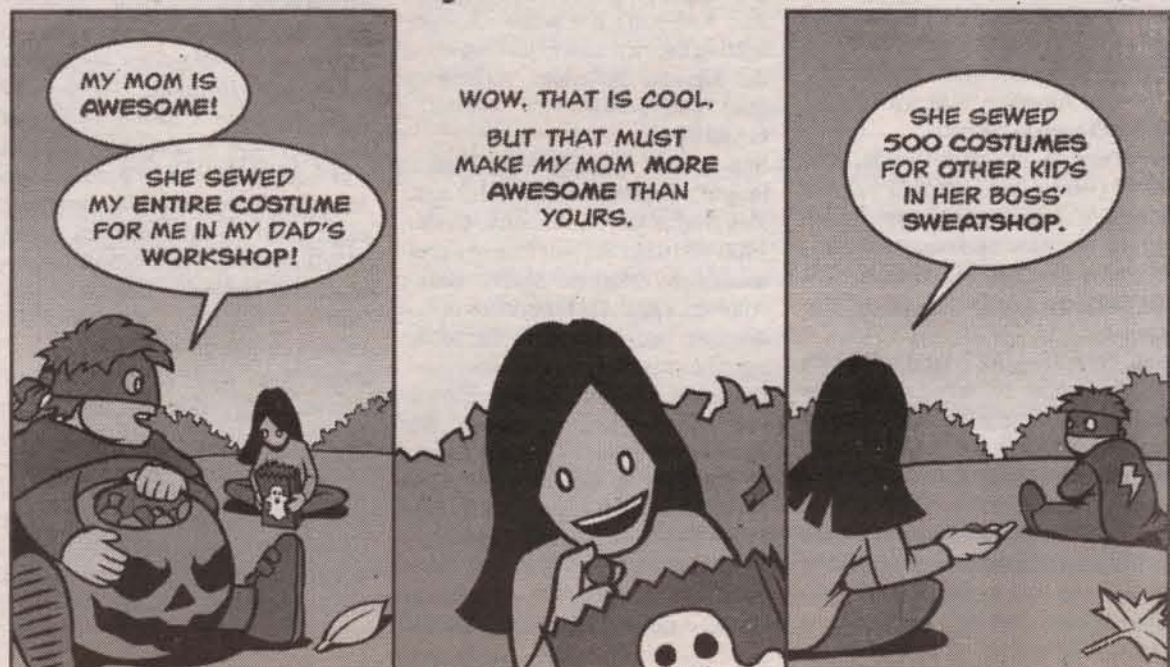
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EVANSTON, Ill.

Nov. 3-5—Second National Asian American Student Conference; Northwestern University, Evanston; NAASCon's 2006 theme is "Building Bridges, Connecting Movements" and seeks to explore the diverse issues that the APA community faces. Info: www.naascon.org.

Sat., Nov. 4—Workshop, "When Hate Hits You: Responding to Anti-Asian Sentiment"; 10-11:15 a.m.; Northwestern University, Norris Student Center, Illinois Room; workshop will focus on key elements of hate crimes through historical and contemporary lenses; workshop is in conjunction with the National Asian American Student Conference.

ST. PAUL, Minn.

Sun., Nov. 19—Twin Cities JACL Annual Chrysanthemum Banquet and Annual Meeting; Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd.; featuring the film, "Only the Brave" at 3 p.m., director, actor Lane Nishikawa and actor Yuji Okumoto will be on hand; honoring the community's "Greatest Generation"; \$50 for non-members, \$40 adult members, \$35 students and children. Info: Joanne Kumagai, 763/420-6639.

Northern California

BERKELEY

Wed., Nov. 29—4th Annual UC Berkeley Nikkei Student Union Culture Show, "Visions"; 7 p.m.; UC Berkeley, Zellerbach Playhouse; \$10 admission with lower rates for students and advanced group seating. Info: Colleen Oinuma, nsuculturenight@yahoo.com.

SACRAMENTO

Fri., Nov. 3—"HOSHIGAKI - The Art of Japanese Hand-Dried Persimmons"; 7 p.m.; Asian Community Center, 7375 Park City Dr. Tosh Kuratomi of Otow Orchard will speak about the ancient and slow process that produces a sweet and succulent dried persimmon; presented by the Jan Ken Po Cultural Association; \$5 donation per person. Info and reservations: 916/489-1291.

SAN FRANCISCO

Sat., Nov. 4—Discussion, "Japanese American Newspapers: Past, Present and Future"; 4:30 p.m.; Hospitality Room of Japantown's Union Bank, 1675 Post St (in the mall behind Union Bank); featured speakers will be the English Editors of *The Hokuhei Mainichi*, J.K. Yamamoto, *Nichi Bei Times*, Kenji Taguma and *NikkeiWest*, Jeffrey Kimoto; sponsored by the Japanese American National Library; free and open to the public.

Sat., Nov. 11—Book discussion, "The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Japanese Internment Camps" with author Delphine Hirasuna; 2-4 p.m.; Museum of Craft and Folk Art; 51 Yerba Buena Ln.; free; books will be available.

Sat., Nov. 18—JACL Health Benefits Trust's annual NCWNPDC Chapter Insurance Commissioner's lunch meeting at the Miyako Hotel. This year we are encouraging the attendance of regular JACL members to learn about the JACL HBA; how it operates and how it relates to the National JACL, as well as our role in the current health care system. Seating is limited, so please call the Trust office to reserve a

space for this free lunch meeting at 800/400-6633.

Thurs., Dec. 7—"Living History" Public Program; 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Museum of Craft and Folk Art; 51 Yerba Buena Ln.; Delphine Hirasuna moderates a panel of former internees who lived through the harrowing days that led to the forced removal of 120,000 Japanese Americans.

Through Dec. 31—Exhibit, "Heroes All! A Tribute to Nikkei Veterans of World War II and Korea"; NJAHS Peace Gallery, 1684 Post St.; gallery hours, Mon.-Fri. and 1st Sat. of the month 12-5 p.m.; exhibit features a collection of veterans' portraits and interviews from San Francisco photographer Tom Graves' book and traveling exhibit. Info: www.njahs.org.

Central California

FRESNO

Sun., Nov. 5—JACL Health Benefits Trust's annual CCDC Chapter Insurance Commissioner's lunch meeting at the Radisson Hotel Fresno. This year we are encouraging the attendance of regular JACL members to learn about the JACL HBA; how it operates and how it relates to the National JACL, as well as our role in the current health care system. Seating is limited, so please call the Trust office to reserve a space for this free lunch meeting at 800/400-6633.

Southern California

ANAHEIM

Sat., Nov. 11—JACL Health Benefits Trust's annual PSW Chapter Insurance Commissioner's lunch meeting at the Radisson Hotel Maingate, Anaheim. This year we are encouraging the attendance of regular JACL members to learn about the JACL HBA; how it operates and how it relates to the National JACL, as well as our role in the current health care system. Seating is limited, so please call the Trust office to reserve a space for this free lunch meeting at 800/400-6633.

Sat., Nov. 11—Go For Broke "Evening of Aloha" Gala Dinner; Anaheim Hilton Hotel; Registration and silent auction at 4 p.m., dinner program at 6 p.m.; \$150 general, \$125 veterans and spouses; honoring the 100th/442nd/MIS WWII Nisei veterans, featuring Chef Roy Yamaguchi and Chef Hiro Sone. Info: 310/328-0907 or email eveningofaloha@goforbroke.org.

FULLERTON

Through Jan. 14—Exhibit, Sowing Dreams and Cultivating Lives: The Japanese American Farmer; Fullerton Arboretum at California State University, Fullerton, 1900 Associated Rd.; 10-2 p.m.; free admission; spotlighting the rich agricultural legacy of the Japanese American community. Info: 714/278-3407.

GARDENA

Sun., Nov. 12—Gardena Pioneer Project's Annual Law Day; 1-3 p.m.; Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1700 W. 162nd St.; will feature a presentation by Marjorie Shelly, Senior Attorney, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles; free and open to the public; refreshments will be provided; co-sponsored by the Gardena Pioneer Project, Japanese American Bar Association, Senior Citizen's Bureau of the City of Gardena and Asian Pacific American Legal Center. Info: Karen Uyekawa, 213/894-3235.

LOS ANGELES

Nov. 11-Feb. 18, 2007—Exhibition, "Ansel Adams at Manzanar"; JANM, 369 E. 1st St.; the exhibit contains over



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Delphine Hirasuna will talk about her book "The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps 1942-1946" Nov. 11 at the Museum of Craft and Folk Art in San Francisco.

50 original prints that Adams took in 1943 and 1944; the prints include individual portraits as well as images of life in Manzanar. Info: JANM, 213/625-0414 or www.janm.org.

Nov. 16-Dec. 3—Performance, "Farewell to Manzanar"; 7 p.m. Nov. 16-18 and Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2 p.m. Nov. 19 and Dec. 3; Democracy Forum in the National Center for the Preservation of Democracy, 111 N. Central Ave (adjacent to JANM and MOCA Contemporary); \$15 for adults, \$10 for JANM members, seniors and children 15 and under. Tickets, JANM, 213/625-0414. Info: www.CornestoneTheater.org or www.janm.org.

Sat.-Sun., Nov. 18-19—Japan Expo 2006; Los Angeles Convention Center, South Hall K; featuring Makoto, who is featured in the documentary film, "Geisha Modern"; event will have shopping, food and demonstrations; admission is \$12 and children under 12 are free. Info: www.JapanExpo.org. Feb. 16-18, 2007—All Vets Reunion; New Otani Hotel, Little Tokyo; open to all JA veterans from all wars and conflicts; Maj. Gen. Rodney Kobayashi will be a luncheon keynote speaker. Info: Sam Shimoguchi, 310/822-6688, samkuni@verizon.net; Victor Muraoka, 818/368-4113, v.muraoka@verizon.net or Bob Hayamizu, 323/292-3165.

WEST COVINA

Sat., Nov. 4—Fall Frolic Dance, San Gabriel Valley JACL Scholarship Fund Raiser; 7-11 p.m.; ESGV Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave; \$10 donation; music by Jim Ikehara.

Nevada

RENO

Sun., Nov. 12—Mochi Tsuki; 11:30 a.m.; Knights of Pythias Hall, 980 Nevada St.

Hawaii

HONOLULU

Sat., Nov. 4—From Manzanar to Honolulu: Reflections by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston; 10:30-12:30 p.m.; Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, 2454 S. Beretania St., 5th Floor; co-author of "Farewell to Manzanar," Houston will share her experiences on the internment during WWII; books will be available for purchase and signing; admission is free. Info: JCCH, 808/945-7633, info@jcch.com or www.jcch.com.

Sun., Nov. 12—"Shichi Go San" ("seven, five, three"); 10-3 p.m.; Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, 2454 S. Beretania St., 5th Floor; children can dress up in kimono and sandals and have a professional photo taken; \$70 non-member child, \$56 JCCH member child; cost for pictures is extra. Info: JCCH, 808/945-7633, info@jcch.com or www.jcch.com. ■

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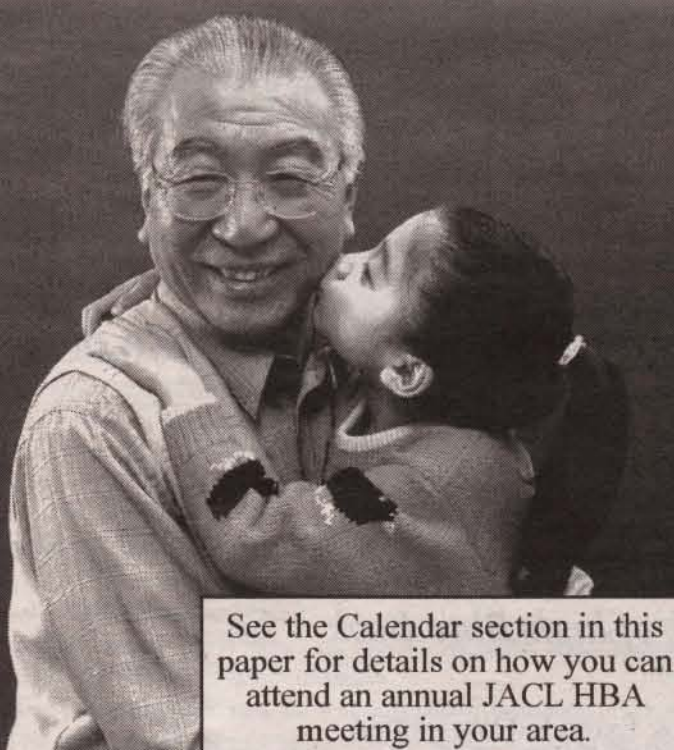
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All the towns are in California except as noted.

Aita, Nobuko, 88, Lake Mary, Fla., Sept. 21; survived by sons, Koichi (Chiyoko), Mike (Joanne) and Tom (Jane); daughters, Charlotte (Bryant) Kirk and Karen Hunter; 8 gc.; and 2 ggc.

Befu, Hatsuno, 83, Laguna Niguel, Oct. 2; survived by daughters, Nancy (Craig) Arihara and Irene (Wayne) Nakano; 5 gc.; and sister, Dorothy Aoki.

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Eshita, Miyoko, 82, Rosemead, Oct. 8; survived by son, Dr. Steven; daughter, Pauline (Ronald) Carrillo; 2 gc.; brothers, Ben (Emi) Takeuchi and Kenji (Setsuko) Takeuchi; and sisters, Keiko Eto, Toni Tomita and Itsu (Jim) Raymond.

Fujii, Rev. Yoshikazu Roy, 85, Seal Beach, Sept. 26; survived by wife, Miyoko; sons, Dan, Takashi (Nancy) and Rick (Imelda); daughters, Kathy (Michael) Harada and Donna Fujii; 8 gc.; 2 ggc.; and sisters, Kayoe Funaoka and Hisako Kawauchi.

Hanada, Fuji, 90, Alhambra, Oct. 6; survived by daughters, Emiko Abe, Alice (Glen) Ogawa, and Grace (Monty) Clark; son, Bobby (Linda); 9 gc.; 9 ggc.; 6 brothers; and 1 sister.

Hara, Toshimichi, 87, Buena Park, Sept. 28; survived by wife, Tomie; sons, Todd (Diane) and Bobby; and 2 gc.

Honbo, Tatsuo, 90, Carpinteria, Sept. 18; survived by wife, Ryoko; son, Koichi (Yukiko); daughters, Kimiko Ishida and Julie (Terry) Taira; 4 gc.; and 2 ggc.

Igei, Michi, 87, Fountain Valley, Sept. 30; survived by sons, Shinichi and Akira (Akemi); daughter, Junko (Pedro) Bernardy; and 6 gc.

Imizu, Masao, 88, San Diego, Sept. 24; survived by wife, Kazuko; daughter, Karen (Aaron) Nagayama; son-in-law, Doug Iwanaga; 4 gc.; sister, Chiyoko Kobayashi; and brothers, Satoshi (Eiko) and Mitoshi Imizu.

Ito, Arthur Tadashi, 88, Los Angeles, Sept. 22; survived by wife, Alice; son, James (partner Nick Coman); 2 gc.; 4 gc.; daughter-in-law, Midori Takahashi; and brother, Thomas (Kay).

Ito, Kiyoshi, 90, Harbor City, Oct. 2; survived by wife, Ayako; sons, David (Linda), Susumu and Kaoru; 4 gc.; 1 ggc.; sister-in-law, Louise Ito; and 2 sisters.

Kagawa, Hanayo, 98, Los Angeles, Oct. 9; survived by son, Hideo (Nancy); daughters, Masayo (Haruo) Nishikawa and Michiko (George) Yamamoto; 4 gc.; and 5 ggc.

Kakita, Albert Kenji, 66, Torrance, Oct. 1; survived by wife, Joyce; daughter, Laura; son, Bryan (Brenda); step-son, Todd (Blanca) Inouye; step-daughter, Lori (Daniel) Ringquist; 3 gc.; and brothers, Kenny (Carolyn), Howard (Irene) and Allan (Charlotte).

Kaneshiro, Jo Ann Sayo, 63, Lawndale, Oct. 5; survived by husband, Ronald.

Kirihara, Amy E., 83, Spokane, Wash., Sept. 24; survived by husband, Tosh; sons, Les and Don (Denise); daughter, Jean; 1 gc.; brother, Sam (Fumi) Kawakami; and sisters, Saeiko Shimose and Tomi Morimoto.

Komoto, Alyce Sachiko, 83, Marina Del Rey, Oct. 15; survived by sons, David, Hiram (Jacquelyn),

and Richard (Carolyn); 2 gc.; and brother-in-law, Frank Komoto.

Kono, Thomas Kiyoshi, 86, Los Angeles, Oct. 10; survived by wife, Thelma; daughters, Sandy (Tracy) Okida and Jennie (Michael) Tom; son, Edward (LuAnne); and 9 gc.

Kumashiro, Isao, 76, San Gabriel, Sept. 26; survived by wife, Hiroko; sons, Alan and Stanley (Joanna); 2 gc.; sister, Chizue Suzuki; brother-in-law, Yasao Nagura; and sisters-in-law, Miyo Kumashiro, Tsutako Osawa and Tsugiko Sakagami.

Masumiya, Aiko, 87, Los Angeles, Sept. 28; survived by husband, Asami; sons, Yuji (Meiko) and Asao (Kim); daughter, Amy (Ken Helmes) Masumiya; 5 gc.; 5 ggc.; and sister, Suzuko (Bob) Alves.

Matsushima, Dave Wataru, Monterey Park, Sept. 18; survived by wife, Ruth; sister, Irene Fujii; and brother, Bill (Nancy).

Minamiji, Shigeko, 76, Hacienda Heights, Oct. 9; survived by son, Kenneth; daughter, June (Ken) Arima; 3 gc.; sisters, Tsuyako Tanaka and Isoko (Atsuo) Masutani; and sisters-in-law, Yomi (Hisaji) Okamura and Aiko Hayashida.

Mizushima, Jack Seiji, 59, Torrance, Oct. 2; survived by wife, Judy; son, Jeff; and mother, Toshiko.

Mukai, Itsuo, 98, West Los Angeles, Oct. 2; survived by sons, Hajime (Tomiko) and Tsukasa; daughters, Kazue (Miwa) Fujimoto and Yukiko (Tadashi) Ito; son-in-law, Heiji Okamoto; 15 gc.; and 18 ggc.

Murase, Shoko, 87, Monterey Park, Sept. 21; survived by brother, Takashi (Grace); sisters, Fujiko Tsunoda and Chiyeko (Shinobu) Iguchi; and sister-in-law, Keiko Mito.

Nagashima, Tom Tomoo, 90, Los Angeles, Sept. 17; WWII veteran, 442nd; survived by wife, Akiko; son, Ken; 2 gc.; and sisters-in-law, Mary Nagashima and Harriet Nagashima.

Nishimoto, Kenji, 65, Sept. 24; Vietnam War veteran; survived by wife, May; sons, Derek (Juana) and Kevin (Sally); 2 gc.; 1 step-gc.; sisters-in-law, Fumi Nagasugi, Betty (Fred) Nakawatase and Kazue Matsui; and brothers-in-law, Bill Asano, Tak, John (Lily), Kiyo and Eiji (Barbara) Nakamura.

Onodera, Joan Fusako, 88, Montebello, Sept. 24; survived by husband, Ken; daughters, Patricia (Chuck) Nicholson and Shirley; sons, Keith (Jill) and George (Liz); brother, George (Yuri) Fukuda; sisters, Clara (Hank) Sanematsu and June Yamada; and brothers-in-law, Tad Ochiai and Mac Kozawa.

Sato, Takeo George, 85, Torrance, Oct. 4; WWII veteran, MIS; survived by wife, Mary; son, Kenny (Yasuko); daughters, Arlene Behr and Donna (Frank) Reyes; 6 gc.; 1 ggc.; brothers-in-law, Edward Sanada and Sam Wozumi; and sister-in-law, Ruby Shimidzu.

Sugita, Mikio, 87, Arcadia, Sept. 26; survived by sons, Kenneth (Sharon), Richard (Beatriz) and Dennis (Janet); daughter, Carolyn (Henry) Kiyomura; 14 gc.; 6 ggc.; brother, George; and sister, Helen Takemoto.

Suzuki, Tohru, 76, Monterey Park, Oct. 10; survived by wife, Elizabeth; son, Howard (Betty); and brother, Mamoru.

Takano, Noboru, 58, Northridge, Sept. 19; survived by wife, Ikuko; daughter, Kaoru (Tadayoshi) Saito; step-daughters, Mayko (Alfred) Martinez and Kuniko (Thomas) Hess; and 5 step-gc.

Takenaka, Sally Aiko, 89, Camarillo, Oct. 2; survived by sons, Harry, Mike (Jo Anne) and George (Lily); daughters, Rosie (Sumio) Matsumoto, Judy (Art) Matoba, Suzie (Kalani) Kamae and Patsy

(Mitchell) Tanioka; 13 gc.; 30 ggc.; 7 step-gc.; and sister, Mary Uneda.

Takeuchi, Isamu Sam, 91, Oct. 17; survived by wife, Yoshiko; daughter, Sharon; brother, Henry; and brothers-in-law, Tetsuo (Marian) Murata and James (Emi) Murata.

Toriumi, Christine Ann, 59, Los Gatos, Sept. 22; survived by sisters, Irene (Craig) Yuhara and Laura (Roger) Stephens; and sons, Malcolm (Renee) and Jon.

Tsutakawa, Edward Masao, 85, survived by wife, Hide; daughters, Nancy and Margaret (Denny) Langston; son, Mark (Jackie); 4 gc.; and 3 step-gc.

Wada, Frank Fujio, 82, Los Angeles, Oct. 8; WWII veteran, 442nd RCT B Company; survived by wife, Mariko; daughters, Nancy (Brett) Wada-McKee and Patti (Roland) Hazama; son, Jon (Sharon); 8 gc.; and sister-in-law, Helen (Ben) Shiozaki.

Wakabayashi, Tokuo, 89, Spokane, Wash., Oct. 1; survived by daughter, Marlene.

Yabu, Ichiro Jimmy, 94, Los Angeles, Sept. 24; survived by daughters, Mary Watanabe and Betty (Ronald) Yabu-Hemingway; sons, Joseph (Sherrie) and Ray (Lois); 5 gc.; and 8 gc.

Yamaguchi, Edward Isao, 84, Palm Springs, Sept. 26; WWII veteran, 442nd I Company; survived by wife, Tomiko; and sons, Steven and Glen.

Yamamoto, Frank, 79, Oceanside, Sept. 22; survived by wife, Esther; daughters, Carolyn (Dennis) Murata, Suzanne (Roy) Hansen and Gail Gibson; son, Mark (Suzie); 7 gc.; brother, Jack; sister, Marie (Lon) Sugino; and sister-in-law, Lotus Yamamoto.

Yokoyama, Sakaye, 92, Covina, Sept. 16; survived by sons, Akio (Flora) and Hifumi (Hatsuyo); daughters, Shizuko Wagner, Tomooye Hayashi, Hisako (Mitsuo) Takagami and Hiroko (Susumu) Nakata; 11 gc.; 13 ggc.; sister, Fumiko (Nobu) Kaku; and daughter-in-law, Naomi Yokoyama.

Yoshikawa, Isao Owen, 94, Los Angeles, Sept. 20; survived by son, Dr. Thomas (Catherine); daughter, Alice McGhee; 3 gc.; 5 ggc.; sisters, Tsuta Yusa and Mary Sakai; and brothers, Haruo (Emiko), Dr. Toyo and Shiro (Mary).

Yoshimoto, Debbie Nobuko, 41, Gardena, Sept. 21; survived by husband, Derwin; parents, Teruo and Michiko Yamamoto; and sisters, Kathy Yamamoto and Alice (Didier) Koskas.

Yoshinaga, Tadao, 64, Los Angeles, Sept. 21; survived by wife, Kinue; son, Kenneth; daughter, Lisa; in-laws Roy and Taeko Higa; brothers, James (Marie) and Tetsuya (Bernadita); sister, Chizuko (Yoshihiko) Matsumae; and sister-in-law, Fujiko Yoshinaga. ■

DEATH NOTICE

RUTH RAE (KAWAZOYE) RAUSKIN
Ruth Rae (Kawazoye) Rauskin passed away on Oct. 9 at her home in Sun City, Ariz. at the age of 77. Ruth was predeceased in 1999 by her loving husband of 26 years, Adam T. After completing high school in Chicago, Ill., Ruth was an avid bowler and an occasional golfer when she moved to California. In retirement in Arizona, she continued her interest in sports. Ruth is survived by 5 brothers and 4 sisters, Robert Kawazoye, Don (Becky) Uchiyama, Ron Uchiyama, Walt Uchiyama, Lynn (Lynda) Kawazoe, and Elaine (Ed) Okayama, Joyce Nakanishi, Joan Moy and Carol Ann Kawazoe; and many nieces and nephews. She will be dearly missed by all. At Ruth's request, there were no services.

ENDURING LOVE

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to inspire.

"The couple would face opposition on both sides of the family for their decision to marry. Marion held her head high amidst discrimination and stood by her man as they moved to Hawaii and back to Madison again in search of a place they felt welcomed," read the obituary in a local newspaper.

"They really loved each other. They were best friends," said Judy. "They fought it out. They didn't give up."

The NCAA Champ

Dick was born in Spreckelsville, Maui to hardworking Issei plantation workers. Back then the only way off "the Rock" was to punch your way off, so Dick took up boxing and by the time he was in his 20s he was an All Island golden glove champion and a skilled singer. He won the All Island singing championship and later started a band called the Transplanted Pineapple Pickers.

In 1939, Dick applied to San Jose State and arranged an unorthodox passage to the mainland — he stowed away on a ship sitting on the deck and singing in the moonlight with his guitar. At San Jose State, he became the big man on campus and won a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship in 1942 as a 127-pound boxer.

"He would say the toughest opponent was the crowd," said Rick Miyagawa, 47, their youngest son. With Dick in the ring, the crowd

would launch into a vicious attack and scream, "kill the Jap!"

Dick also captured the Pacific Coast championship and had his heart set on competing for his country in the Olympics when xenophobia was at its peak and the War hit home. Along with other Japanese Americans, Dick was taken to Santa Anita and then to the deserts of Gila River where he spent a year writing letters to universities asking to be sponsored out of camp.

"Some of the letters he received from Southern universities were really nasty," said Judy.

But fate stepped in and the University of Wisconsin came calling for Dick to join their boxing team.

The Nisei and the Granddaughter of a Norwegian Viking

Dick met Marion Smithback, a striking waitress of Norwegian descent, at a Madison drug store where she worked. He was smitten but the feeling was not mutual at first. It wasn't until her coworker and Dick's boxing team member, Robert Hammel, urged Marion to go on a date with Dick that the couple embarked on a lifelong relationship dappled with adversity.

From his brother, Johnny — a decorated member of the 100th Battalion — Dick heard glorious stories of heroism that stirred his soul, so in 1945 he enlisted in the Army and headed south to Camp Wheeler in Macon, Georgia.

"Being interned really hurt my father's feelings because he really considered himself American,"

said Rick.

But the woman he fell in love with refused to be left behind. Soon Marion and her sister hopped on a train to visit Dick, and it was there on a Georgia base that Marion and Dick got married for the first time.

"He used to say that she was like a Japanese girl," said Judy about her parents. "She was always very supportive and did whatever he wanted. But she was also really strong-minded and feisty."

From the start, they faced discrimination from both sides of the family and from the community where they couldn't find housing.

During that time, antimiscegenation statutes were still on the books in 16 states, mostly in the South and the Midwest. In 1956, the couple read a newspaper article about states that banned interracial marriages including Georgia. They asked their pastor to send a letter to the Georgia attorney general, who responded that under state law, their marriage was unlawful. Their pastor, Andrew Clark, married them again and after 11 years of marriage the couple were newlyweds again.

Back Together Under the Hawaiian Sunset

Dick hung up his boxing gloves for a career in real estate while Marion raised the kids. They spent all their time together going to football games and bowling until Dick started showing signs of Alzheimer's. After his death, Marion spiraled downwards.

"They really loved each other. They were best friends."

—Judy Miyagawa



FAMILY: The Miyagawa family (above) in their first trip back to Hawaii in 1964. Pictured clockwise Jon, Dick, Marion, Rick and Judy.



Later in life, Dick and Marion (left) were still love birds.

"It was really, really hard for her," said Judy about Marion who also battled Alzheimer's. "She used to say she missed him and would sit at the window and talk to the moon and talk to the oak tree."

The family plans to scatter the couple's ashes together along the sun kissed shores of the Hawaiian coastline, so they can always be together.

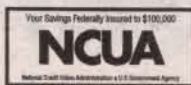
Her parents' enduring love story has also influenced Judy, who met her husband, Dan McCarthy, when they were 15. They have now been married for 34 years.

"My dad was a very motivated person. He would ask, 'What did you do today to justify your existence?'"

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