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## N.Y. APA Community Decries News Report of 'Sickening Surprise' in Chinese Food

**Mouse or chicken meat?**  
The APA community says the CW11's reports are sensationalistic.

By **LYNDA LIN**  
Assistant Editor

It looked like it had little paws and a tail, but the identity of the piece of mystery food found among a New York patron's order of take-out Chinese food has ignited protests over what Asian Pacific American leaders are calling ethnic stereotyping by a local television news station.

New York's CW11 (WPIX-TV) first reported on the story, "Sickening Surprise," Jan. 29 during its 10 p.m. news broadcast with footage of reporter Chris Glorioso confronting an employee of the New Food King restaurant in Canarsie, a neighborhood in the Eastern portion of the Brooklyn borough. A patron had ordered chicken and broccoli, but was so convinced a piece of her "chicken" was a "mouse" that she checked herself



PHOTO: RICHARD LI

Protesters including Steven Wong (right) demanded an apology from the CW11 Feb. 4.

into the hospital and contacted the CW11 News where she appeared on-air to say she would "never eat Chinese food again."

"The news piece was conducted from a prejudiced, biased and unethical standpoint. I see it as an insult to American justice that says everyone is innocent until proven guilty," said Steven Wong, 52, a community activist and president of the Chinese Restaurant Alliance.

The APA community

was enraged over the story's depiction of Chinese restaurants and the news piece's use of "fried mice" as a word play on "white rice."

This isn't the first time the news station has gotten in trouble with the APA community. In November 2001, the CW11 accused a Korean restaurant in Flushing of selling dog, but the story was later unsubstantiated.

The APA restaurant community has continued to suffer racial discrimination because of that 2001 story and this more recent story has

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## A Note of Heartfelt Thanks

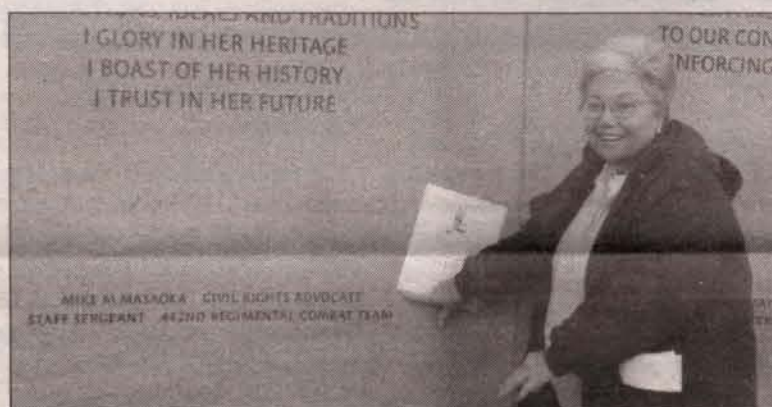


PHOTO COURTESY OF HARDWICK FAMILY

Susan Hardwick places the note of thanks to the 442nd written by her and her sister Janet on the JA National Monument in Wash., D.C.

**The Hardwick sisters always wanted to thank the men of the 442nd Regiment for saving their father, Sgt. Bill Hardwick, during WWII. They finally got their chance.**

By **CAROLINE AOYAGI-STOM**  
Executive Editor

The flapping single piece of white paper stuck onto one of the granite walls of the Japanese American National Monument immediately caught Dr. Raymond Murakami's attention one recent blistering January afternoon.

'Dammit,' he thought, 'Someone's defacing the monument

again,' and rushed over to take the piece of paper down before the Japanese embassy folks he was escorting on a docent tour of the D.C. monument could see it.

But with a quick glance down at the note, Murakami did not see any racist graffiti but a photo of a smiling man above a handwritten note. It read: "Thank you 442 RCT for rescuing our father, Oct. 30, 1944, 1600 hrs. Our father always said you were the only ones who could do it!"

The letter was signed by Janet Hardwick Brown and Susan Hardwick, daughters of the man in the photo: Sgt. Bill Hardwick, a member of the "Lost Battalion" who had been rescued by the Japanese American soldiers of the 442nd during World War II.

"It brought tears to my eyes," said Murakami, 79, president of the

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## JACL National Board Announces Budget Surplus, Nomination of New Nat'l Director

**The organization is in the black, but is not meeting revenue expectations. A new leader is nominated, but not yet announced.**

By **LYNDA LIN**  
Assistant Editor

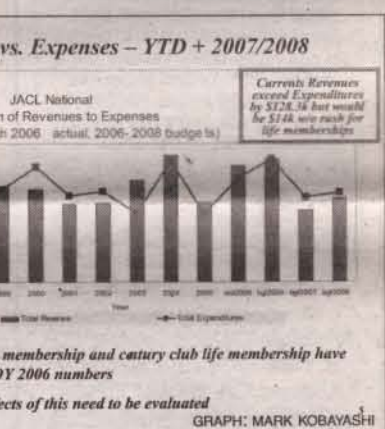
SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL kicks off 2007 with a continued surplus streak, but national board members are still cautiously optimistic about the organization's financial future.

This is the fourth year in which the JACL has a surplus of revenues over expenditures with a current surplus

of approximately \$128,000, reported JACL Secretary/Treasurer Mark Kobayashi at the Feb. 9-10 national board meeting. But the surplus would actually only be \$14,000 without the contributions of 1000 Club and

Century Club life memberships, which are restricted funds.

At the June national convention in Phoenix, the national council passed



a motion to increase the dues of some lifetime membership categories in 2007.

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## Fort Lewis Judge Declares Mistrial in 1st Lt. Ehren Watada's Court-Martial

By **MELANTHIA MITCHELL**  
Associated Press Writer

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—An Army lieutenant who refused to go to Iraq had hoped his court-martial would end in some sort of resolution. But the judge's decision to declare a mistrial means the entire case will likely be revisited.

On Feb. 7, 1st Lt. Ehren Watada had been set to testify in his own defense against charges of missing troop movement and conduct unbecoming an officer for his statements against the war. He faced four years

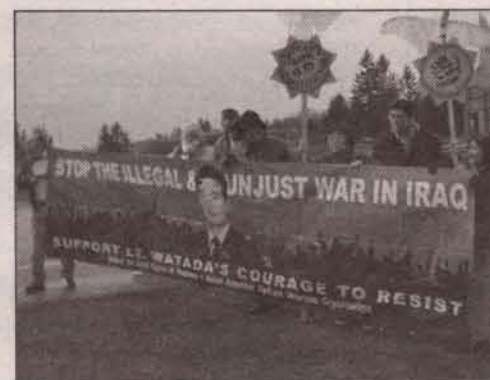


PHOTO: JEFF PATERSON/COURAGE TO RESIST

Protestors show their support outside of Fort Lewis during 1st Lt. Ehren Watada's court martial Feb. 6.

in prison if convicted.

However, after discussions with lawyers behind closed doors, the military judge, Lt. Col. John Head, said he did not believe Watada fully understood a document he signed admitting to elements of the charges.

Head announced his decision after the 28-year-old Watada, under questioning with the military jury absent, said he

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## Students Foster Love Through Mentorship of Adopted Chinese Children

By **LIANN ISHIZUKA**  
Special to the *Pacific Citizen*

WEST LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Long tables are cluttered with plain white t-shirts as the overwhelming fumes of bright permanent markers fill the air. Marker tops quickly pop off their caps from the nimble hands of elementary school children excited to begin creating imaginative illustrations on the shirt canvas.

But this is no ordinary playgroup



Adoptee Talya Pray-Weinstock, 9, colors her t-shirt at a recent UCLA China Care Bruins event.

in a typical classroom. Seated at these long tables are a handful of adopted children from China, with their China Care Bruins college buddies on the University of California, Los Angeles campus.

Each smiling young face has a different story and background. Each individual UCLA China

Care mentor has a personal commitment. And together, both the children and their older buddies share in these experiences.

UCLA's China Care Bruins is an umbrella organization of the national China Care Foundation, a group founded seven years ago by then 16-year-old Matt Dalio. Dalio lived in China for a year and wanted to found an organization dedicated to improving the lives of Chinese orphans. The

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## NATIONAL BOARD

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"This definitely raises some con-  
cern going forward as it shows that  
we seem to have had a shortfall in  
revenue," said Kobayashi. "The key  
areas of revenues would be in mem-  
bership, grants and fundraising. We  
will need to get membership excel  
spreadsheet reports to evaluate  
where we really came in with  
regards to membership. In terms of  
grants and fundraising we came in  
lower than our budget and will need  
to work harder to achieve our goals  
in these areas."

### Addressing Budget Concerns, Setting Goals

Not meeting revenue goals is a  
serious concern, said board mem-  
bers.

"I feel that we will be facing chal-  
lenges in 2007 because of the fact  
that we did not meet our budgeted  
revenues in 2006," said JACL  
National President Larry Oda. "We  
will need to be mindful with our  
spending until we get a realistic  
assessment of our 2007 situation."

Another concern includes the end  
of the Tru-Script prescription drug  
program, for which revenues were  
tied to the JACL staff's cost of living  
adjustments this biennium.

Even with these obstacles,  
Kobayashi outlined the keys to suc-  
cess for 2007:

- Strengthen program monitoring  
tools
- Stick to the budget plan
- Keep focus and work on projects  
in the budget
- Get revenue sources for items in  
the budget
- Report variations from the bud-  
get

"If we can do the keys to success  
then we should be able to manage  
our growth for the coming year and  
be able to predict bumps in the roads  
so that we can make corrective  
actions," he said. "Overall, I'm  
hopeful that with better program  
review packages and a rededication  
to focusing on what was approved as  
the budget for the national JACL for  
2007."

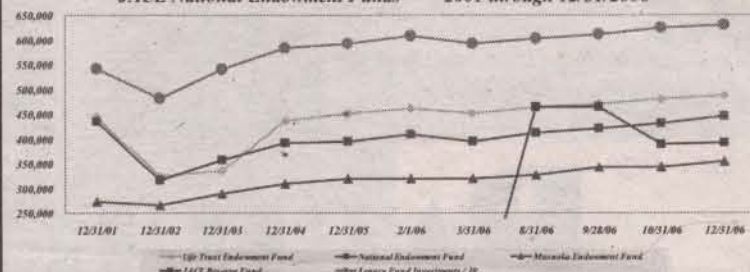
After much debate, the national  
board also voted to fund a measure  
to upgrade the membership manage-  
ment software and integrating it in  
an updated JACL Web site, which  
would include e-commerce. The  
unbudgeted projected cost of  
approximately \$45,000 will be fund-  
ed by outside fundraising.

As of Dec. 31, 2006, the Legacy  
Fund is at \$6.3 million, the National  
Endowment sits at \$445,444 the Life  
Trust is at \$387,163 and the Reserve



### Closeup 02-06 Endowment Funds

JACL National Endowment Funds 2001 through 12/31/2006



- ❖ Life trust increase is due to return of \$75k funds borrowed in 2003 returned in 2004
- ❖ Legacy will be distributing funds for the 2007-2008 biennium as well
- ❖ Borrow against National Endowment should be returned
- ❖ 2006 borrow of \$80k against Reserve needs to be tracked
- ❖ Recommend that major health insurance liability be either paid down or allocated from Reserves

GRAPH: MARK KOBAYASHI

Fund is at \$391,685 after \$80,000  
was withdrawn to deal with cash  
flow issues.

After their Jan. 27 meeting, the  
Investment Policy Committee (IPC)  
made a recommendation to send out  
a request for proposal (RFP) in  
search of one investment manager to  
oversee all the endowment funds,  
reported Ted Tsukahara, IPC chair.  
The national board unanimously  
adopted this motion and the IPC  
hopes to have a recommendation by  
the next board meeting.

### The Search for Staff Members

Board members are still planning

to hire more staff including a new  
national membership coordinator, a  
regional director for the Pacific  
Southwest District, and an adminis-  
trative assistant for the executive  
director.

The search for a new JACL exec-  
utive director has progressed. After a  
three-hour executive session, the  
national board approved a candidate  
for the position vacated by John  
Tateishi, who suffered a major coro-  
nary incident last November. Floyd  
Mori is the current interim executive  
director. ■

**For more info:**  
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## Letters to the Editor

### Reader Supports National JACL's Position on Watada

From time to time the JACL  
national board is called upon to ren-  
der decisions upon controversial  
subjects. With respect to the nation-  
al board's recent decision not to sup-  
port 1st Lt. Ehren Watada's position  
and its decision to remain neutral on  
the subject, the board should be  
applauded for taking this position.  
John Tateishi's initial statement of  
position reported in July 2006 is the  
proper appraisal and should be  
adhered to.

Had Watada been a civilian, he  
would have the right to express his  
opinion and promote his conscious  
upon the public. However, Lt.  
Watada voluntarily joined the Army  
and took the oath of allegiance to  
"support the Constitution of the  
United States and to protect it from  
all enemies within and without."

When Lt. Watada voluntarily  
joined the Army, he became subject  
to another discipline, and that is  
called "military discipline." Being  
an officer himself, he should have  
known that all men under his com-  
mand are subject to his orders and  
that he himself should be subject to  
the orders of his superiors.

Without this discipline, we would  
not have an Army. Instead, there  
would be "mob" rule, each member  
demanding his or her own right of  
action. It is this strict discipline that  
greatly contributed to the perform-  
ance rendered by the 100th/442nd  
Regimental Combat Team's per-  
formance and success in the  
European Theater of Operation dur-  
ing World War II.

Due to the service and publicity  
rendered by the 100th/442nd in  
WWII, the JACL has considerable  
influence in Washington and I'm  
certain with the Bush  
Administration. I suggest that the  
JACL members who agree that this  
war in Iraq is "illegal and unjusti-  
fied" should direct their influence to  
Washington, D.C. and the Bush

Administration.

*Leo H. Hosoda*  
WWII & Korean War Veteran  
Roseville, CA

### Vietnam War Vet Supports Watada

I am a retired Army officer. I  
served in Vietnam twice. If at that  
time I knew that that war was an ille-  
gal war I hope that I would have had  
enough guts to refuse to go as 1st Lt.  
Ehren Watada. We were young and  
full of testosterone — "war ... the  
ultimate game."

I recently returned from Vietnam  
after being gone for 38 years. I was  
extremely lucky to survive myself  
let alone the Army. What a crime we  
committed there. We are doing the  
same thing in Iraq.

The only criminal in this war is  
Bush. This has been an illegal war ...  
period! I commend Lt. Watada for  
his bravery and commitment. If  
there is anything I can do for him I  
would.

*Paul H. Davin*  
Major, Infantry, Retired  
via email

people rule!"

We, the people, put a new  
Congress in Washington. How many  
of us will write to Congress and  
remind them why we put them  
there?

*Yoshie Ishiguro Tanabe*  
Honolulu

### An Historic Obligation

The Japanese expression "*yoko  
meshi*" almost untranslatable, is a  
comment on the stress and difficul-  
ties many Japanese often have when  
speaking in a foreign language. The  
national JACL board's decision not  
to actively support 1st Lt. Ehren  
Watada with words and deeds have  
similar attributes.

JACL continues to tilt at wind-  
mills stacked with stupid or ignorant  
disc jockeys and street signs. At least  
Mr. John Tateishi, the former execu-  
tive director, recognized the historic  
obligation (necessity?) of JACL to  
support Lt. Watada.

*Eji Suyama*  
Ft. Meade, SD

*Babe Karasawa*  
Whittier, CA

### War is Hell

This is simply one person's  
expression. War is Hell. Wars are not  
the answer.

Everyone, including President  
George W. Bush, members of his  
Cabinet, Members of Congress and  
all elected government officials  
should be urged and encouraged to  
view Clint Eastwood and Steven  
Spielberg's moving, poignant and  
thought-provoking film, "Letters  
from Iwo Jima."

Thank you, Mr. Eastwood and Mr.  
Spielberg.

*Bill Fujita*  
Kensington, CA

### 'Here the People Rule'

It is written that after seeing Nixon  
off to exile and at his own swearing-  
in on Aug. 9, 1974, President Ford  
said: "My fellow Americans, our  
long national nightmare is over. Our  
Constitution works. Our great repub-  
lic is a government of laws and not  
of men. Here the people rule."

Ehren Watada, by his actions, is  
saying: "The powers that can stop  
the unconstitutional war in Iraq are  
not doing so. Therefore we, the peo-  
ple, must end 'our long national  
nightmare' in Iraq and make our  
Constitution work and prove that  
'our great republic is a government  
of laws and not of men. Here the

### DOR Recommended Reading

The recent signing of the Camp  
Preservation Bill and Emily  
Murase's Feb. 2 *Pacific Citizen* col-  
umn, "The Nisei Legacy," suggest to  
me that the Day of Remembrance  
events ought to include encouraging  
young people to read "Dear Miss  
Breed," a book written by Joanne  
Oppenheim and published by  
Scholastic.

The book describes the injustices  
Japanese Americans suffered during  
World War II. For young people it  
tells the whole story and this could  
accomplish the main purpose of the  
Day of Remembrance: Don't let it  
happen again!

JA communities and organizations  
want the consequences of E.O. 9066  
brought to the attention of all  
Americans. As a result efforts are  
being directed toward school stu-  
dents by working on school curricu-  
lum projects. All JACL chapters  
have been asked to promote "Dear  
Miss Breed."

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tions, letters are subject to abridgement.  
Although we are unable to print all the letters  
we receive, we appreciate the interest and  
views of those who take the time to send us  
their comments.



## House Approves Bainbridge Island Internment Memorial

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—The House has approved a long-delayed plan to designate a spot on Bainbridge Island, Wash. — where hundreds of Japanese Americans were once forced from their homes on the way to prison camps — as a national historic site.

In March 1942, 227 JAs were forced from their homes under order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and marched to the Eagledale Ferry Dock, on their way to internment camps in Idaho and California.

The men, women and children — two-thirds of them U.S. citizens — were the first of what eventually became more than 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry imprisoned on the West Coast during World War II.

On Feb. 6 the House unanimously approved a bill to make the former Eagledale dock and a memorial under construction there part of the national park system. The site would be a satellite of the Minidoka Internment National Monument Idaho, one of two U.S. internment camps that now have national-park designation.

Democratic Rep. Jay Inslee, who lives on Bainbridge Island, sponsored the bill, which he has pushed for nearly five years.

"Congress took a strong stand today by making the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial part of our national heritage — let it not happen again," said Inslee, citing the memorial's Japanese name and motto.

"This victory has been a long time coming," Inslee said. "My constituents — survivors, their families and friends — have been waiting for decades."

Inslee's bill was co-sponsored by Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho,



Japanese American residents of Bainbridge Island, Wash. make their way out on evacuation day in 1942.

whose district includes the existing monument in Jerome County in southern Idaho.

The measure builds on a measure Inslee sponsored last year, an effort that was boosted last fall when Fumiko Hayashida — described as the oldest living Bainbridge Island survivor — appeared before a House committee to urge Congress to include the Bainbridge site in the national park system.

Hayashida, now 96 and living in Seattle, testified last September about the day she and her infant daughter, Natalie, were taken from their home at gunpoint and imprisoned under presidential order.

Hayashida, a slight, soft-spoken woman who wore a bright yellow lei during her testimony, told the committee that the day she was taken into custody was the saddest of her life. A photo on display at the Smithsonian Institution shows a solemn Hayashida holding her sleeping daughter in her arms. Both are wearing tags identifying them as prisoners.

Hayashida's husband had been taken into custody earlier, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

"I don't want it to happen again for anyone," Hayashida told The Associated Press. "I'm just glad I got to come here, since I'm still living. No one else is old enough to know what happened."

Under Roosevelt's order, Bainbridge Island residents of Japanese ancestry were removed from their homes by the U.S. Army and marched to the Eagledale dock, where they boarded a ferry to Seattle.

From there, they were taken by train to Manzanar, a remote camp in California's Mojave Desert. Most were later transferred to the Minidoka Relocation Center. In all, nearly 13,000 Washington state residents were incarcerated without trial.

Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., is leading efforts for a similar bill in the Senate. ■

For more information:  
<http://www.bijac.org>

## House Passes Resolutions to Create Nat'l DOR, Remember Pinedale Assembly Center

By Pacific Citizen Staff

The U.S. House of Representatives voted to remember a somber part in American history Feb. 12 by unanimously passing two bills geared towards creating a national Day of Remembrance and recognizing the historical significance of the Pinedale Assembly Center in Fresno, Calif.

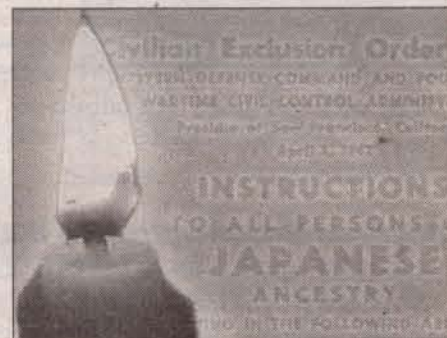
HR 122 recognizes the significance of the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. This Feb. 19 marks the 65th anniversary of the signing. The resolution also supports the goals of the Japanese American, German American, and Italian American communities in recognizing a National Day of Remembrance to increase public awareness of World War II atrocities.

"For those who have experienced the internment camps firsthand, as I did, the Day of Remembrance serves as a day to educate the public about the lessons learned from the internment and provides an opportunity for all people to reflect on the importance of justice and civil liberties during times of uncertainty," said Congressman Mike Honda, who introduced the resolution.

HR 109 recognizes the historical significance of the Pinedale Assembly Center, the reporting site for 4,823 JAs during WWII. The resolution was introduced by Congressman Jim Costa, who said

the late Congressman Bob Matsui went to Pinedale and "fought against the odds and rose to be a great leader in this nation."

"By remembering where Japanese Americans were detained, we ensure that this sad episode in our history will never be forgotten and never repeated," said Congressman David



Wu, who voted for both bills.

The Pinedale Assembly Center Memorial Project Committee will establish a memorial that educates the community about this tragedy in American history. The JACL Central California District Council co-sponsors this committee as well as the Central California Nikkei Foundation.

"By preserving the Pinedale Assembly Center story we hope to teach a lesson in history, that it takes people to ensure 'justice for all.' The Constitution alone does not guarantee perfection. Rather, it is the duty of each generation 'to strive to form a more perfect union' for ourselves and for the sake of our children," said Judge Dale Ikeda, a Fresno JACL member. ■

## Heart Mountain Officially Designated Nat'l Historic Landmark

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

POWELL, Wyo.—The Heart Mountain Relocation Center has officially been designated as a National Historic Landmark.

The center between Powell and Cody housed Japanese Americans during World War II.

The U.S. Department of the Interior named the site a National Historic Landmark.

Dave Reetz, president and co-founder of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation, said few sites listed on the National

Registry of Historic Places become National Historic Landmarks.

Foundation curator LaDonna Zall said the designation makes the site eligible for a number of grants and awards.

There are plans to build a \$5.5 million interpretive center at the site.

The site currently features a few abandoned camp structures, a walking tour and an honor wall with the names of more than 800 JA veterans of U.S. military service. ■

## JACL Opposes Attorney General's Challenge of Habeas Corpus

By Pacific Citizen Staff

The JACL is criticizing the recent comments by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales that challenged the right to habeas corpus, an inherent privilege of every American under the Constitution.

At a Jan. 17 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, Gonzales said that the right to challenge one's imprisonment in federal court is not protected by the Constitution.

"The Constitution doesn't say every individual in the United States or citizen is hereby granted or assured the right of habeas corpus. It doesn't say that. It simply says the right shall not be suspended except in cases of rebellion or invasion," said Gonzales at the hearing.

"Attorney General Gonzales is

incorrect in his logic and his opinion is counter to centuries of accepted law regarding habeas corpus. His logic would mean that the Constitution does not guarantee basic rights outlined therein but simply prevents Congress from passing laws that would remove these rights that are not explicitly enumerated as rights," said Floyd Mori, interim national JACL director.

The right to habeas corpus was at the core of the WWII incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans, mostly U.S. citizens. For JAs, the mass incarceration was executed without any due process and wrongly resulted in the detainment of American citizens without the opportunity to challenge the legality of their detainment. ■

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# National Newsbytes

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

## Robertson Says Too Much Plastic Surgery Results in 'Oriental' Eyes



VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.—Christian Broadcasting Network's Pat Robertson is drawing criticism for his anti-Asian remark on the Feb. 7 "The 700 Club" show.

Robertson said that people who have received too much plastic surgery "got the eyes like they're Oriental" while he put his fingers up to the side of his face.

This isn't Robertson's first offense. He has called Islam a "Christian heresy" and said that "Jewish people" are "very thrifty" and "extraordinarily good business people."

## U.S. Lawmakers Introduce House Resolution Urging Japan to Apologize to WWII 'Comfort Women'

WASHINGTON—U.S. lawmakers have introduced a nonbinding resolution demanding that Japan apologize to thousands of so-called comfort women the Japanese army used as sex slaves during World War II.

The resolution, sponsored by Democratic Rep. Mike Honda, Republican Rep. Christopher Smith and others, calls for Japan's prime minister to "formally acknowledge, apologize and accept historical responsibility in a clear and unequivocal manner" for the women's ordeal.

## Disputed JA Autobiography to Stay



HONOLULU—A South Korean consulate officer agrees it's okay for Hawaii schools to keep copies of an autobiography his government thinks distorts the history of the Japanese colonial occupation of Korea.

The Department of Education has decided not to remove "So Far from the Bamboo Grove" by JA author, Yoko Kawashima Watkins from schools. But teachers who use the book in class must warn students that opinions differ about the end of WWII in the region.

In the autobiography, Watkins describes events in 1945 as an 11-year-old Japanese girl fleeing a city in northern Korea. Accusations that the author ignores atrocities committed against Koreans by the Japanese led to removal of the book from schools in some states. ■

## APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff

## AALDEF to Honor Leaders of Justice

The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) will honor **Javade Chaudhri**, executive vice president and general counsel of Semptra Energy and author and activist **Helen Zia** with the 2007 Justice in Action Award at its annual Lunar New Year Gala Feb. 22 in New York City. ABC News Correspondent **Juju Chang** will host the evening's festivities.

## 'Secret Asian Man' Gets Syndicated



United Features Syndicate has picked up **Tak Toyoshima's** comic strip "Secret Asian Man" as its newest feature for daily syndication. This makes "Secret Asian Man" the first daily American comic strip featuring an Asian lead character.

"Secret Asian Man" is a comic strip about the minority experience and a celebration of diversity.

The official launch date is May 7 — just in time for Asian American heritage month.

## Lee Is Appointed to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

Sansei **Merijane Lee** of Portola Valley, Calif. was recently selected by the Treasury Department to serve on the nationwide Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP), whose mission is to help improve IRS customer service.

Lee is one of 95-plus volunteers selected as panel members. She was selected chair of TAP's ad-hoc committee, which focuses on improving IRS publications and forms, and supporting the IRS multilingual initiative.

## Member of Sen. Inouye's Staff to Represent Hawaii at the National Cherry Blossom Festival



A member of Sen. **Daniel K. Inouye's** Washington staff, **Erin Masui**, has been selected by the Hawaii State Society of Washington, D.C., to represent Hawaii during this year's National Cherry Blossom Festival.

Masui, 23, serves as Inouye's legislative correspondent and staff assistant. She is the daughter of **Stanford and Doretta Masui**, and was born and raised in Honolulu. ■

'The reporter here acted as the judge and jury.'

— Steven Wong, APA community activist



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Wong (left) confronted CW11 reporter Chris Gloriosso during the Feb. 4 protest. Another rally is planned Feb. 26.

PHOTO: RICHARD LI

## CHINESE FOOD

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fueled the fire, said Wong. The fallout has been felt nationwide. Since the piece aired, Wong said he's heard from restaurant owners from as far as Georgia complaining that people don't want to order chicken with rice anymore.

In the report, Gloriosso also asked several customers outside the restaurant what the morsel in question looked like and all responded that it was a deep-fried mouse. CW11 aired a follow-up report Jan. 31 with a biologist from Ameritech Laboratories confirming the piece in question was "likely a mouse or rat."

But relying on simple observation is faulty and renders a false indictment on the restaurant and other Chinese restaurants, said APA leaders, including Councilman John Liu who called the follow-up piece a "cover up."

"The reporter here acted as the judge and jury," said Wong.

Wong joined Liu and 500 other members of the New York APA community Feb. 4 to protest in front of the CW11's Manhattan station. They demanded an apology and called for Gloriosso to be fired.

The war of words continued Feb. 8 when Wong and John Yong, the attorney for the owners of the New Food King restaurant held a press conference to announce that a private investigator discovered the Ameritech biologist who conducted

the test of the specimen is not licensed — an allegation that the CW11 calls untrue.

In a statement, the CW11 said Ameritech is a reputable laboratory used by many other news stations and media organizations.

"CW11 stands behind the accuracy of this news report, and believes the story provides no basis for legitimate controversy," the news organization said in the statement. "CW11 met with Councilman John Liu and representatives from The Organization of Chinese Americans, who continued to question the intent of our story and the perceived effect on the Asian community. We reiterated that this was not an ethnic story, but rather the story of a single restaurant within our community that happened to serve a customer a questionable item that was verified as a rodent from a reputable lab. This was a story that addressed a matter of public health and falls within the context of many recent reports about tainted and adulterated food."

John Yong, the attorney for the owner of the New Food King restaurant, called the Ameritech report "bogus" and "not scientific" in a phone interview with the *Pacific Citizen*. Yong has asked for the piece of food in question to be surrendered to the community for further testing, but has not received a response from the CW11.

Video footage of the CW11 news reports were released online, but at press time YouTube.com had

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removed the videos citing a "copyright claim by WPIX, Inc.," but the protest video remains online.

Sara Markt, deputy press secretary with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, said that in a Feb. 2 inspection of the New Food King, the restaurant passed inspection.

"We found no evidence of vermin infestation," said Markt.

"The news report has destroyed their business," said Yong, who confirmed that legal action would be taken against the news station. "They can't make their mortgage and they can't make rent."

New Food King has thrived for three years, but the business hit rock bottom with the newscast. The restaurant receives 50 or more telephone calls a day from people ordering mice and telling owner You Yong to go back to China.

Still, the doors remain open.

"She's a strong woman. She knows the only way to fight and win is to stay open," said Wong.

The APA community is planning another protest in front of the CW11 station Feb. 26 — this time with thousands of participants expected. ■

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## JACL Leaders Meet with Director-General of Japanese Consular Affairs



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A top official from the Japanese Foreign Ministry met with National JACL President Larry Oda and Floyd Shimomura, chair of JACL's U.S.-Japan Education Committee, in San Francisco recently to discuss a proposed change in Japan's consular policy toward persons of Japanese ancestry living overseas, including Nikkei in the United States.

Yasuaki Tanizaki, director-general of the consular affairs bureau, said that he was proposing the expansion of his Bureau's programs beyond Japanese nationals to include programs for Nikkei.

Oda (left) presented Tanizaki (center) with the book, "Paving the Road to Opportunity," a photographic history of the JACL, and Shimomura (right) presented a copy of the *Pacific Citizen*. ■

## JACL, APIA Community Pay Tribute to Mineta

The JACL, together with other Asian Pacific Islander American organizations and the Smithsonian, paid tribute to former Sec. of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta Feb. 6 at the Smithsonian Castle in Washington, D.C.

Mineta and his wife, Deni, were greeted by former colleagues in Congress — including Sen. Daniel Inouye and Congressman Mike Honda — regents of the Smithsonian, and the hundreds of APIA community members whom he had affected during his years in public service.

Mineta was instrumental in forming several national organizations that work on behalf of the APIA community in Washington, D.C. Mineta was also the key Congressional driving force in the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which provided redress and an apology to surviving World War II internees.

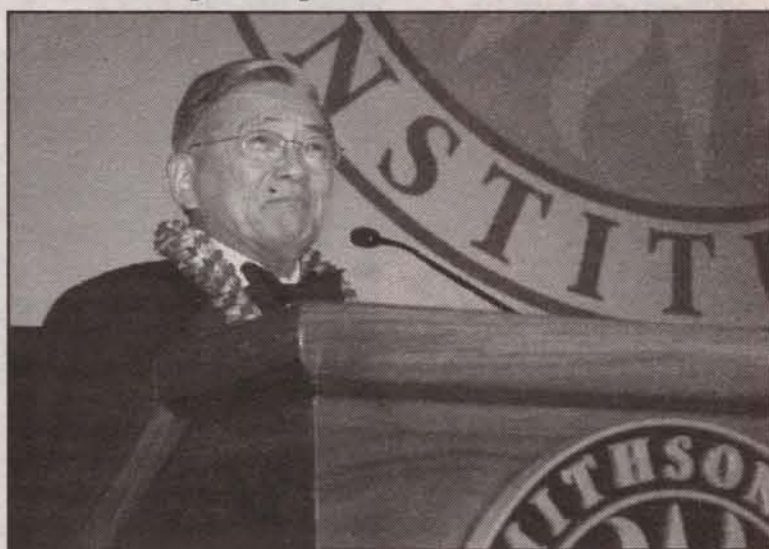


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Former Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta has an emotional moment during his speech at the Smithsonian tribute dinner.

"Norm has always inspired and motivated all of us to go beyond our own expectations," said JACL Interim Executive Director Floyd Mori at the event. "He has been the

mentor to many of us here and he always goes beyond the call of duty and service to develop a personal connection with all whom he touches." ■

## Tri-Valley JACL Installs New Leaders



The Tri-Valley JACL and San Benito County celebrated the installation of their 2007 officers and board members at a recent luncheon held at the San Juan Oaks Golf Course in Hollister, Calif.

Over 100 members and friends attended including retired Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Joseph F. Biafore, Jr., who administered the oath of office.

Pictured above: (l-r) National JACL President Larry Oda, Interim National JACL Director Floyd Mori, Judge Biafore, Wastonville-Santa Cruz JACL President Marcia Hashimoto, Mark Tamura of Gilroy and Kurt Kurasaki of San Benito County. ■

## Who's Who in Asian American Communities Committee Accepting Nominations for 2nd Annual Gala

The Who's Who in Asian American Communities (WWAAC) Committee is now accepting nominations of potential honorees for the July 21 second annual WWAAC Gala honoring 50 outstanding Asian Americans in 10 Southeastern states (Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, North and South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia).

The WWAAC Committee's mission is to champion the achievements of successful Asians in the community and publicize their achievements in the "Who's Who in Asian American Communities" publication. The second edition will be released at the WWAAC Gala in Atlanta, Georgia.

A portion of the proceeds from the gala will be donated to the Asian &

Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APISF), which distributes scholarships to qualified first-year undergraduate college, university, and vocational school students. ■

For more information about nomination requirements visit the WWAAC section at [www.sachiko-to.com](http://www.sachiko-to.com).

## Arizona Hosts Teacher Training Workshop



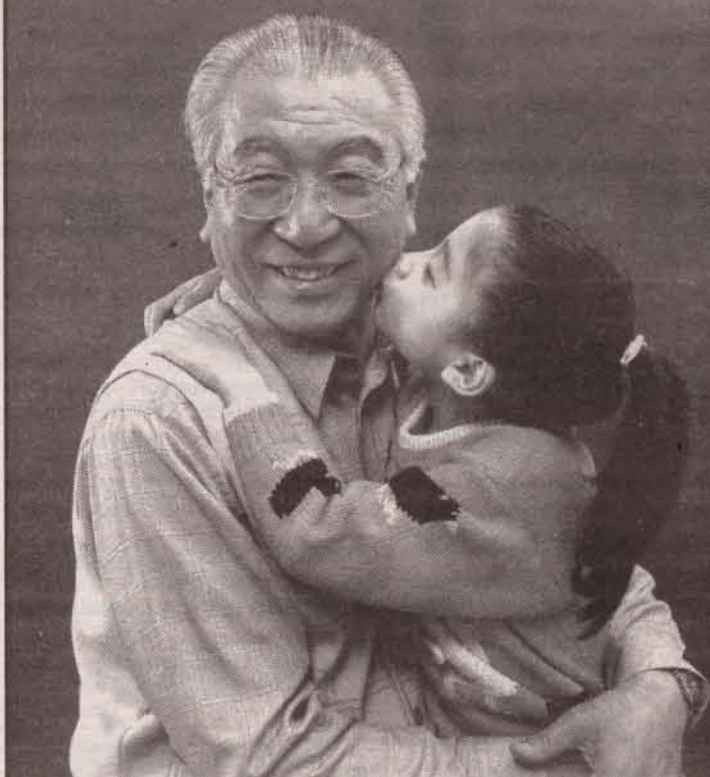
The Arizona JACL along with the Arizona Historical Society Museum and the National JACL Education Committee hosted the 10th Annual Teachers Workshop, "What it Means to be an American" Feb. 3 at the Arizona Historical Society Museum in Tempe.

Seventeen local high school teachers participated in the workshop, which included a panelist who related the Japanese American WWII experience to the post Sept. 11th experience of Arab Americans.

Picture above: (l-r) Kaye Sugiyama, Mas Inoshita and Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser. ■



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## CHINA CARE

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first China Care club was formed at Harvard University in 2003.

Program participants from 6-13 years old "see young people in leadership positions," and interact with college students on a big university campus to build "positive identity development," said Jeri Okamoto Floyd, an adoptive mother of two daughters.

China Care Clubs provide young students with the opportunity to involve themselves in multifaceted programs that support young adoptees and their families.

The mentorship programs are not only an important means of guidance for Chinese orphans, but they are also tools to help children in "recognizing role models" — in particular, Asian Pacific American role models.

There are currently 17 active college clubs across the nation, including one at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. China Care clubs have expanded to the elementary school level to provide mentorship programs for families of adopted children and financial support for medical surgeries in China's orphanages.

In the summer of 2004, Stephanie

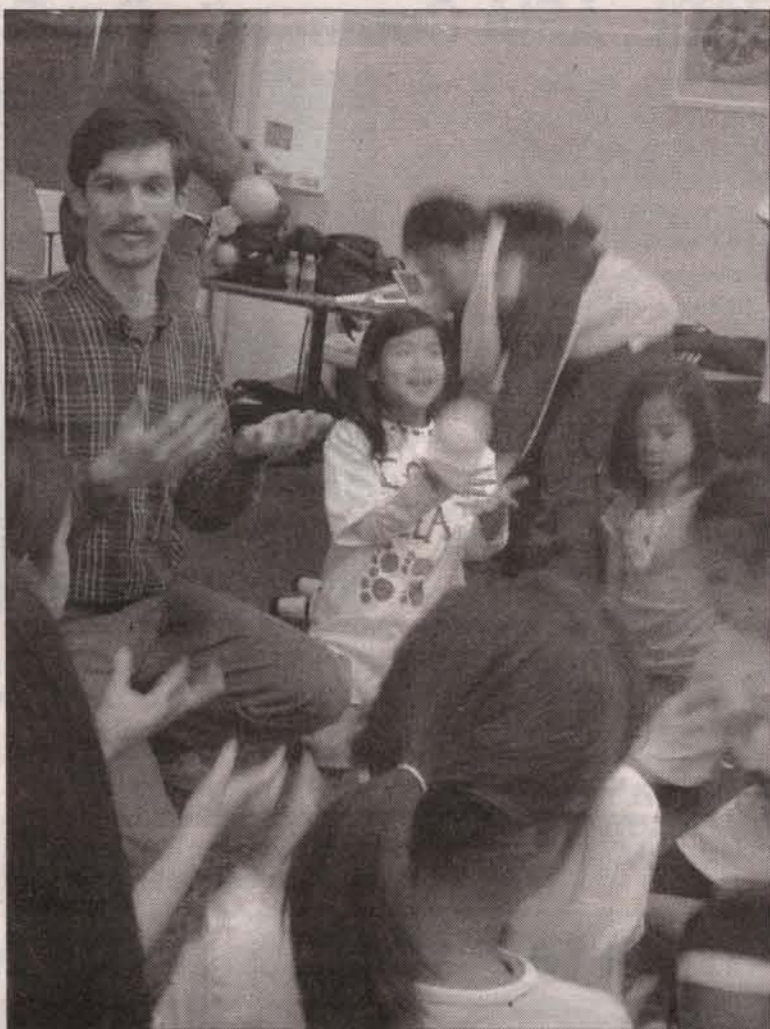


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Juggler Ryan Langton, 23, teaches Talya Pray-Weinstock (center), nine, and other adopted children from China how to juggle at a recent UCLA China Care Bruins event.

## WATADA

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never intended to admit he had a duty to go to Iraq with his fellow soldiers — one element of the crime of missing movement.

Watada told the judge he understood what he had signed but was not admitting guilt since he believed he still had a defense — that the war was illegal.

"I'm not seeing we have a meeting of the minds here," the judge said. "And if there is not a meeting of the minds, there's not a contract."

Last month, Watada signed a 12-page stipulation of fact in which he acknowledged he did not go to Iraq with his unit, the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, last June. He also acknowledged making public statements criticizing the Iraq war, which he believes to be illegal.

In exchange, prosecutors dropped two charges of conduct unbecoming an officer, and agreed to proceed to trial on the remaining charges.

To prove a charge of missing movement, the prosecutors needed to show that Watada did not report when he had a duty to do so.

"I see there is an inconsistency in the stipulation of fact," the judge

said Feb. 7. "I don't know how I can accept (it) as we stand here now."

Because much of the Army's evidence was laid out in the document, rejecting it would hurt its case, Head acknowledged. He then granted the prosecutors' request for a mistrial, which Watada's lawyer opposed.

Head dismissed the jurors and set a March 19 date for a new trial. The prosecution had rested but the defense had not yet presented any witnesses.

Watada's defense lawyer, Eric Seitz, objected to the mistrial and said a second trial would amount to double jeopardy — more than one prosecution for the same alleged crime.

At a news conference later Feb. 7, Seitz contended that double jeopardy applies either when a jury is impaneled or when the first witness testifies — both of which occurred in this trial.

"My professional opinion is that Lt. Watada cannot be tried again because of the effect of double jeopardy," Seitz said. Should the Army proceed with a second trial, Seitz said his first motion would be to seek dismissal of the charges with prejudice, so they could not be refilled.

If that motion is not granted, he plans to appeal.

"Our hope is, at this point, that the Army will realize that this case is a hopeless mess," Seitz said.

An Army official disagreed with Seitz's interpretation.

Lt. Col. Robert Resnick of the Judge Advocate General's office at Fort Lewis said double jeopardy does not apply. Resnick also said the Army was not upset with the mistrial declaration, adding, "We would not want this case to go forward if there was a question of fairness."

Prosecutors have said Watada abandoned his soldiers and brought disgrace upon himself and the service by accusing the Army of war crimes and denouncing the Bush administration for conducting an illegal war founded on lies.

Seitz contends Watada acted in good conscience, based on his own convictions.

After concluding the Iraq war was illegal, Watada asked to take a combat post in Afghanistan or elsewhere. The Army refused those requests, along with Watada's request that he be allowed to resign.

Watada then made several public appearances to denounce the war. ■

## JACL Monterey Chapter Celebrates Diamond Anniversary



The Monterey Peninsula JACL celebrated its 75th anniversary Jan. 26 with over 100 attendees at the Rancho Canada Golf Club in Carmel, Calif.

Organized by 18 charter members, the chapter was formed on Jan. 25, 1932. Fusako Nakamura (right), a surviving charter member and the guest of honor, enjoyed the festivities along with Hiroko Nishiguchi (left) and Emma Sato (center).

During the event, the former Monterey Mayor Dan Albert was presented with the Chapter Citizenship Award and the 2007 chapter officers were installed. ■

Lo went on an emotional trip to one of China's poorest provinces where she cared for many physically handicapped children.

"I can still smell the need, I can still hear the need," said Lo, 22, who is a fourth-year international development studies and public policy major at UCLA.

Sitting on rusted "potty chairs," physically handicapped Chinese youngsters struggling with ailing conditions such as spina bifida and cerebral palsy can be found at orphanages in the Hunan Province of China.

Most of these children are discovered abandoned in marketplaces, left by parents who could not afford to care for them. One child, an eight-year-old girl, was mute and unable to walk, said Lo.

It was that summer experience that inspired Lo, who is a first generation Chinese American, to turn her concern for improving the lives of Chinese orphans into action, by founding the first China Care club on the West Coast in 2005 at UCLA.

For Kevin Xu, current president of China Care at Brown University, being involved in this club is a personal responsibility.

The children that participate in the program are "coming to a world that's strange to them and they have never been there before," he said.

In its second year as a club, China Care Brown has raised over \$90,000 from their annual benefit dinner in 2006. The money helped to sponsor needed medical surgeries for orphans and has helped place over 30 orphans with loving foster families in America. In 2005, four summer interns journeyed to the Weifang Orphanage and gave the facility a new dryer, diapers, and various materials that were in vital need, said Xu.

Whether it's organizing a

fundraising marathon in Boston, teaching calligraphy at bimonthly mentorship playgroups in North Carolina, or traveling to China to intern at an orphanage, college students in China Care clubs attest their experiences are truly inspiring.

First-year college student and Duke University China Care club participant Jun Hu, 19, draws a connection with her involvement to her professional goals.

"My career goal is to become a pediatrician and I know that orphans will be the target group," said Hu.

Especially affected are the families who actually participate in the mentorship programs. UCLA's China Care club partners with the Families with Children from China (FCC) — Southern California Chapter to invite children to share in activities that teach them to appreciate their heritage and identity.

"It's very exciting that there are programs like this that involve young people ... its mission has so many facets including mentorship programs," said Floyd, who is also president of the Southern California FCC.

Floyd's 11-year-old daughter regularly tags along to almost all FCC meetings and her oldest daughter tells her the China Care mentorship program is her favorite activity.

"I want children in third-world countries to know that there are people around the world that think about them," said Lac Tran, publicity coordinator for China Care Bruins.

Tran said it's all about spreading compassion for those children whose "future is so undecided." ■

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## FOOTBALL

### Bill Would Build New Sports Site, Tear Down Aloha Stadium

HONOLULU—Aloha Stadium may be torn down and replaced by a \$300 million complex alongside the H-1 freeway near Kapolei.

A bill in the Legislature proposes to sell the land under the stadium and spend the proceeds on a new one rather than spend the \$215 million it could cost to extend the life of the current one, which has been around for 32 years.

The 100-acre site of the stadium, which also hosts a massive swap meet at least three days a week, would be sold to help pay for a new stadium.

The 50,000-seat stadium has the largest capacity for events in the islands and hosts the annual Pro Bowl as well as University of Hawaii football, state high school championships and other sporting events and concerts.

Officials say the stadium is badly in need of repair, with structural problems, extensive rust damage and too few restrooms that can accommodate people with disabilities.

State Comptroller Russ Saito says

if it's not repaired in the next few years, it may have to be shut down anyway.

But Saito opposes the sale of the Aloha Stadium property, saying a federal provision attached to the state's deed for the land requires that it be used for public recreation and prohibits its sale.

The bill has been advanced for further discussion.

Gov. Linda Lingle has proposed spending \$38 million on repairs over two years, after her \$25 million proposal was rejected last year.

Lawmakers are mulling over several proposals for dealing with the deteriorating stadium, including retaining the land and partnering with private interests to develop affordable housing at the Aiea site. The idea would be to raise enough money for a new stadium while retaining ownership and control over how the land is used.

In addition to land along the H-1 in West Oahu that is already owned by the state, another possible site for a new stadium would be in nearby Kalaeloa. ■

## GOLF

### Tadd Fujikawa, 16, Wins Pearl Open

HONOLULU—A month after becoming the youngest player in 50 years to make a PGA Tour cut, 16-year-old **Tadd Fujikawa** shot a 4-under 68 on Feb. 11 to win the Hawaii Pearl Open at Oahu's Pearl Country Club.

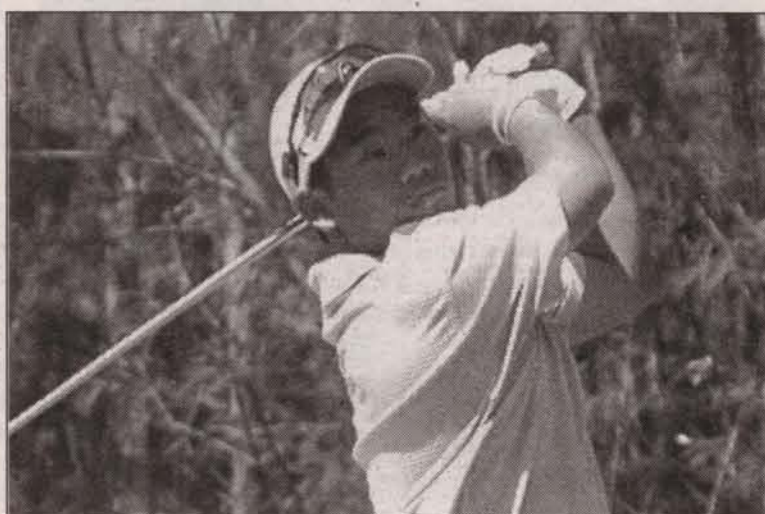
Fujikawa birdied two of the final three holes to finish the 54-hole tournament at 11-under 205. Hawaii professional Greg Meyer (67) was second.

Meyer, a four-time Pearl Open champion, collected the first-place check of \$12,000 because Fujikawa is an amateur. Japanese professionals **Azuma Yano** and **Yoshinobu Tsukada** tied for third at 8 under.

Fujikawa, a Moanalua High School sophomore, started the day in fourth place after rounds of 69 and 68.

Fujikawa became known in the golf world at the Sony Open last month. After he became the youngest player to make the cut, he shot a 66 in the third round to start the final day in a tie for eighth.

He finished the Sony Open with at 5-under 275 — two shots better than Vijay Singh, one behind defending champion David Toms.



High school sophomore Tadd Fujikawa, 16, earns a victory at the Pearl Open on Feb. 11.

The Golf Channel dedicated much of its Sony Open coverage to the teenager as he attracted the largest crowds in the tournament.

The cheers could be heard a half-mile away when he saved par with a 25-foot putt on the sixth, made back-to-back birdies around the turn, and finished with a birdie on the 18th for a 72.

His high school was inundated with cameras when he returned to class and Gov. Linda Lingle men-

tioned him in her State of the State speech before lawmakers.

The 5-foot-1 teenager earned his way into the Sony Open by shooting 67 at Waialae during an Aloha PGA qualifier.

Fujikawa qualified for the U.S. Open last summer, the youngest to do that since 1941. He missed the cut with rounds of 81 and 77 and didn't get much credit for being there because he only beat a field of 10 at the Hawaii sectional. ■

### Wie's Wrist in a Cast from Injury

HONOLULU—**Michelle Wie** injured her wrist in a fall and is wearing a hard cast that will keep her away from golf for at least a month, a family spokesman said Feb. 10.

Spokesman Jesse Derris said the 17-year-old injured her left wrist last week when she fell while running. Her doctors expect it will take four to six weeks to heal. Wie's right wrist was tightly taped from an injury last month at the men's Sony Open, where she missed the cut.

"Michelle's playing schedule will be altered as needed to allow the injury to fully heal," he said.

Wie wasn't planning to play in either the SBS Open or the Fields Open this week in Honolulu when the U.S. LPGA Tour season gets under way. But the injury raises questions whether she will recover in time for the Kraft Nabisco Championship, the first U.S. LPGA major of the year that starts on March 29.



AP PHOTO

Michelle Wie is expected to be out for a month with a wrist injury.

A year ago, Wie was one shot behind when she faced a 25-foot chip from just off the 18th green at Nabisco. She hit it 10 feet by, then missed the birdie putt that would have allowed her to join a playoff.

Wie had at least a share of the lead

on the back nine of two other U.S. LPGA majors last year, but faltered badly at the end of the season. She finished out of the top 10 in her final two tour starts and has missed the cut in her last four appearances against the men. ■

## BASEBALL

### Matsuzaka Heads Up Pitching Changes

BOSTON—Terry Francona has seen a lot in three years as Red Sox manager, from the team's first World Series title in 86 years to its worst finish in nine years.

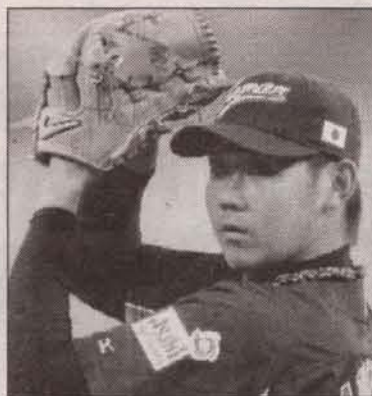
Now, with spring training a few days away, he faces something completely different — learning some Japanese words.

The signing of **Daisuke Matsuzaka** gives Boston a potential ace and some communication hurdles. Francona knows that but figures a bigger burden will fall on new pitching coach John Farrell, who must work with Matsuzaka between games, and catcher Jason Varitek, who must chat with him during games.

There's little need for discussion when Francona goes to the mound.

"When I go out there," Francona said, "he's coming out."

Francona said he's told Matsuzaka that he's aware of some cultural differences.



But as far as pitching differences, the Red Sox don't want Matsuzaka to change just because he's changing countries.

"The most important thing for Dice-K and for us will be for him to approach pitching as he did in Japan and for us not to make changes because he's in the United States," Farrell said.

Farrell and Francona will see Matsuzaka in Fort Myers, Fla., where pitchers and catchers are

scheduled to report to spring training next Friday with the first workout two days later. Matsuzaka is expected at the training complex early this week to work out on his own.

Matsuzaka was the MVP of the World Baseball Classic last March and reached a six-year, \$52 million contract agreement with Boston after the team's \$51.11 million bid, paid to the Seibu Lions, trumped others for the right to negotiate with him.

"This is a very engaging person. He's a competitor. He's very talented," Farrell said. "Above and beyond his physical abilities, he draws to the stage and the attention. He functions very well in that environment. The calmness and the mound presence he shows is outstanding." ■

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• EMILY MITARAI •

## Learning About Family History Through Questions



I received a grant from a mentoring program at Brigham Young University to research how internment camps can be preserved from the perspective of the Japanese Americans who went to camp. In interviews, I usually ask, "Did you talk about your experiences with your family, children, or personal acquaintances?" A few said they have chosen to speak out about their experiences to educate the community on the internment of JAs during World War II, but most said they don't speak up because no one really asks them questions about their experiences.

I never asked my grandma about her experiences at Heart Mountain. Growing up with grandma in our home, I had the privilege to watch her mingle with her study group of neighborhood widows, write a thoughtful card for every occasion, read books and newspapers at the kitchen counter or water the rows of vegetables in the backyard.

Whether attending a sporting event or watching a television broadcast, grandma always sang the national anthem proudly, with conviction. By going quietly to Heart Mountain, she showed loyalty to her country. I knew going to Heart Mountain proved to be an integral part in my family's migration from California to Utah, but I never learned about the daily experiences of her time spent in Wyoming.

Why didn't I ask? Did she assume I would learn on my own? Did I hesitate to ask her questions because I thought the experiences were too painful to remember?

Grandma passed away last year at the age of 97.

Trying to make JA women talk about themselves is like attempting to eat a bowl of ramen with a spoon. You know there is a lot in the bowl, but you can only gather one or two strands of the good stuff at a time.

This past year I interviewed four of my aunts and one great auntie who were all interned at Heart Mountain. Had I not asked them questions, I would have never learned about the postmaster who kindly purchased goods outside of camp for a girl in her 20s who worked at the community enter-

prise, a general store within camp.

I would've never known about my auntie's memory as a little girl peaking out from the shutters of a transport train and watching a JA woman standing on the platform while handing out coats from a wicker basket to people traveling from sunny California to Wyoming's coldest winter.

I would've never heard about the funeral services of a WWI veteran, appointed by the governor of Wyoming to serve on the draft board, who died within the walls of camp just after he attended a meeting at the United Services Organization (USO). He received full honors at the funeral services held in Heart Mountain.

Generations of people who can remember their firsthand experiences in camp are dwindling. This year, six members of my family passed away, three of whom went to Heart Mountain. With a quick Google search we can tour museums like the Smithsonian's "A More Perfect Union." Through interviewing educators, nurses, a judge, a graphic designer, and other individuals, I feel an increasing responsibility to document their experiences.

In the *Fourth Genre*, essayist Brett Lott discusses "our responsibility as human beings to answer for and to our lives." Perhaps the government felt this responsibility when they hired photographer Dorothea Lange to document the evacuation of JAs in 1942.

Although the government impounded the photographs, in the last few years over 800 pictures have been released. Some of them include my grandparents, Henry and Helen Mitarai.

Like the wake of water trailing off of a boat, I continue to explore my family's adventures through photographs, personal accounts, and interviews to follow the migrations of my family to understand the responsibility to my family and the community around me. ■

Emily Mitarai is a member of the Mt. Olympus JACL. She is currently interning at the JACL in the Washington, D.C. office for a semester.

• HARRY HONDA •

VERY TRULY YOURS

## An Inspection Tour of JACL Chapter Websites



SEVERAL STORIES in the recent *Pacific Citizen* Holiday Issue and the banner "relaunching" P.C.'s Web site can be the next arena to learn what's happening inside JACL national and chapters. Chapter histories alone do much for these Web sites.

Last November, this survey checked the national JACL's web-page ([www.jacl.org](http://www.jacl.org)) to see how many chapters had Web sites. There are 25. It's been an "inspection tour" one sees on the Internet.

1. Arizona ([www.azjacl.org](http://www.azjacl.org)) has a bold home page when you sign on. The last sentence could state the next convention will be in Salt Lake City in 2008.

2. Berkeley ([www.berkeleyjacl.org](http://www.berkeleyjacl.org)) welcomes with a photo of Cal Taiko, recipients from chapter grant committee, plus eight more links of news, programs, events, gallery, about, resources, contact and join. Online editor: Valerie Yasukochi.

3. Chicago ([www.jaclchicago.org](http://www.jaclchicago.org)) expresses its "mission and vision" statement on its homepage. Chapter history comes in four parts: Inception, National Collaboration, Local, and Toward the Future. Fetchingly, "links" ends with a job finder and design your own t-shirts.

4. Cleveland ([www.lkwpl.org/jacl](http://www.lkwpl.org/jacl)) is a presentation of the Lakewood Public Library, glamorized by a front page filled with thumbnail pictures of chapter events. One can spend days here with "WRA Photo Collection" that other chapter links do not show.

5. Denver ([www.milehijacl.org](http://www.milehijacl.org)) is truly up-to-date with a welcome headlining upcoming events and a sidebar of past events. Students of Japanese art will appreciate the link to the Ruth & Sherman Lee Institute in Denver.

6. Diablo Valley ([www.dvjacl.org](http://www.dvjacl.org)), hosted by Our Friends at Silicon Connection, serves central and east Contra Costa County. You'll agree their colloquial name (where is Diablo Valley?) is demystified.

7. Florin ([www.florinjacl.com](http://www.florinjacl.com)) shows its railroad station (is it still

there?) on its welcome of five pages. For another slant on "Shikata ga Nai," it's here. Online editor: Kevin Nobuo Nakano.

8. Hoosier (Indiana understood) ([www.hoosierjacl.org](http://www.hoosierjacl.org)) is created and maintained by Nancy Nakano Conner.

9. Houston ([www.jacl-houston.org](http://www.jacl-houston.org)) provides a wealth of news and pictures. Mas Yamasaki, nicknamed "Taisho," asserts the birth of the chapter happened in Dayton, Ohio, replete with names of Nisei who relocated from the camps. Online editor: Hirasaki.

10. Idaho Falls ([www.ifjacl.org](http://www.ifjacl.org)) is "coming soon" (as of last Feb. 9).

11. Japan ([www.jacljapanchapter.org](http://www.jacljapanchapter.org)) highlights the invitation to its monthly "Hello Cocktails!"

12. Las Vegas ([www.lvjacl.org](http://www.lvjacl.org)), from its all-blue home page, has 13 sections for review. Unique is the section carrying a page for individual "sponsorship."

13. New York ([www.nyjacl.org](http://www.nyjacl.org)) keeps track of visitors and shows a number. This survey was clocked "4062" last Dec. 15 and "4224" Feb. 8. No other chapter Web site has this feature.

14. Philadelphia (home.earthlink.net/~phila\_jacl) leads first with its next chapter function (in this case, the New Year party last month). A five-page chapter history begins with a glimpse of Issei activities from 1900.

15. Portland ([www.pdxjacl.org](http://www.pdxjacl.org)) sports a new welcome page, asking: "Are your civil rights at risk?" A distinguished panel will explore the topic Feb. 17 at Portland State University.

16. San Jose ([www.sanjosejacl.org](http://www.sanjosejacl.org)) stressed, in a timely manner, the scholarships, local and national, on its home page. Web site sponsors are national JACL, NCWNPDC, *NikkeiWest* and design-market.

17. San Mateo ([www.sanmateojacl.org](http://www.sanmateojacl.org)) (unlisted on national JACL's Web site) introduces itself and its chapter history on the welcome

page.

18. Seattle ([www.jaclseattle.org](http://www.jaclseattle.org)), a pioneer chapter, features newsletters and past issues from their archive. Online editor: Ryan Minato.

19. Sonoma County ([www.sonomacojacl.org](http://www.sonomacojacl.org)) (I thought) had the most beautiful welcome page, peering across the landscape and cherry blossoms.

20. South Bay ([www.southbayjacl.org](http://www.southbayjacl.org)) describes its demographics and territory it covers in Los Angeles County. The Web site is supported by a grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program.

21. Southeast ([www.jaclseouteast.org](http://www.jaclseouteast.org)), erstwhile Georgia JACL, is indeed "unique and diverse," as it proclaims.

22. St. Louis ([www.stlouisjacl.org](http://www.stlouisjacl.org)) announced Barack Obama's book, "Dreams from My Father," on the next chapter agenda plus a sidebar with Chapter President Wendy Roll's message.

23. Ventura County ([www.vcjacl.org](http://www.vcjacl.org)) anchors its home page and its history written by onetime national JACL president Harry Kajihara.

24. Watsonville-Santa Cruz ([www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org](http://www.watsonvillesantacruzjacl.org)), starts with a "charter," not the legal document, but a clear mission statement of the chapter president. Their monthly newsletters are archived.

25. Wisconsin ([www.wijacl.googlepages.com](http://www.wijacl.googlepages.com)) posts "what's news" on its home page. Yet more tempting is their Gadget & Games section.

The Internet has a great stack of links about JACL and Japanese Americans. But outstanding is the CSU Sacramento template of 106 individuals videotaped for oral history and "summarized" for the Japanese American Archival Collection library.csus.edu/collections/jaac/oralhist. Incorporated are Caucasians who worked at the WRA camps. ■

## NCI Program Accepting Applications

Applications for the 2007 Nikkei Community Internship (NCI) are currently being accepted for prospective interns and organizations.

Applicants must be 18 years old by the start of the program, have a strong interest in community work and a desire to develop leadership skills. The deadline is March 16.

The 2007 NCI program will run from June 23-Aug. 17 with the goal of providing cultural exposure and development to the next generation of community leaders in Japanese American communities.

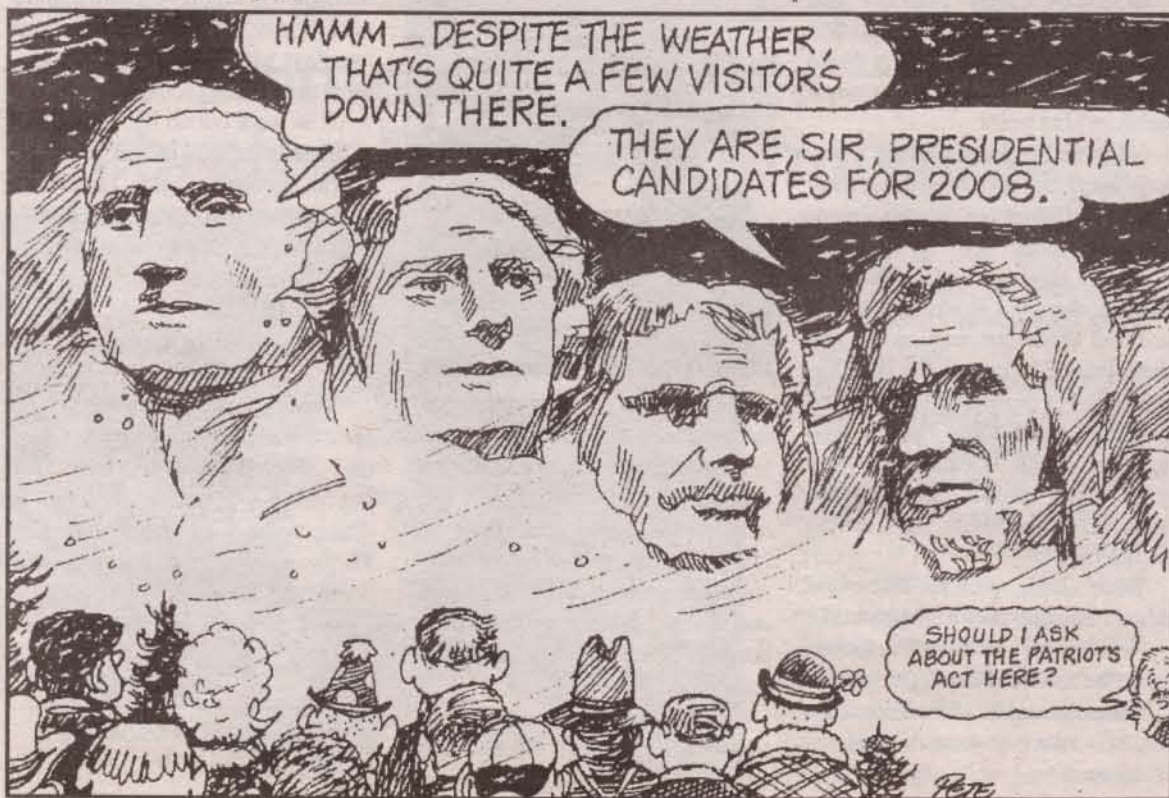
Interns will receive an educational stipend of up to \$2,000 to spend four days a week working on Nikkei community projects and one day in cultural training and leadership development activities.

The NCI program is in its sixth year, with 64 interns and 14 JA community groups in Los Angeles and the Bay Area as past participants. Funded through grants from the



Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Global Foundation, the Union Bank of California Foundation, and other sponsors, the NCI program is coordinated by the Little Tokyo Service Center in Los Angeles and the Japanese Community Youth Council in San Francisco. ■

For more information and an application, visit [www.nikkeiyouth.org](http://www.nikkeiyouth.org) or contact Geoffrey Tsudama at the Little Tokyo Service Center 213/473-1687 or [gtsudama@ltsc.org](mailto:gtsudama@ltsc.org).





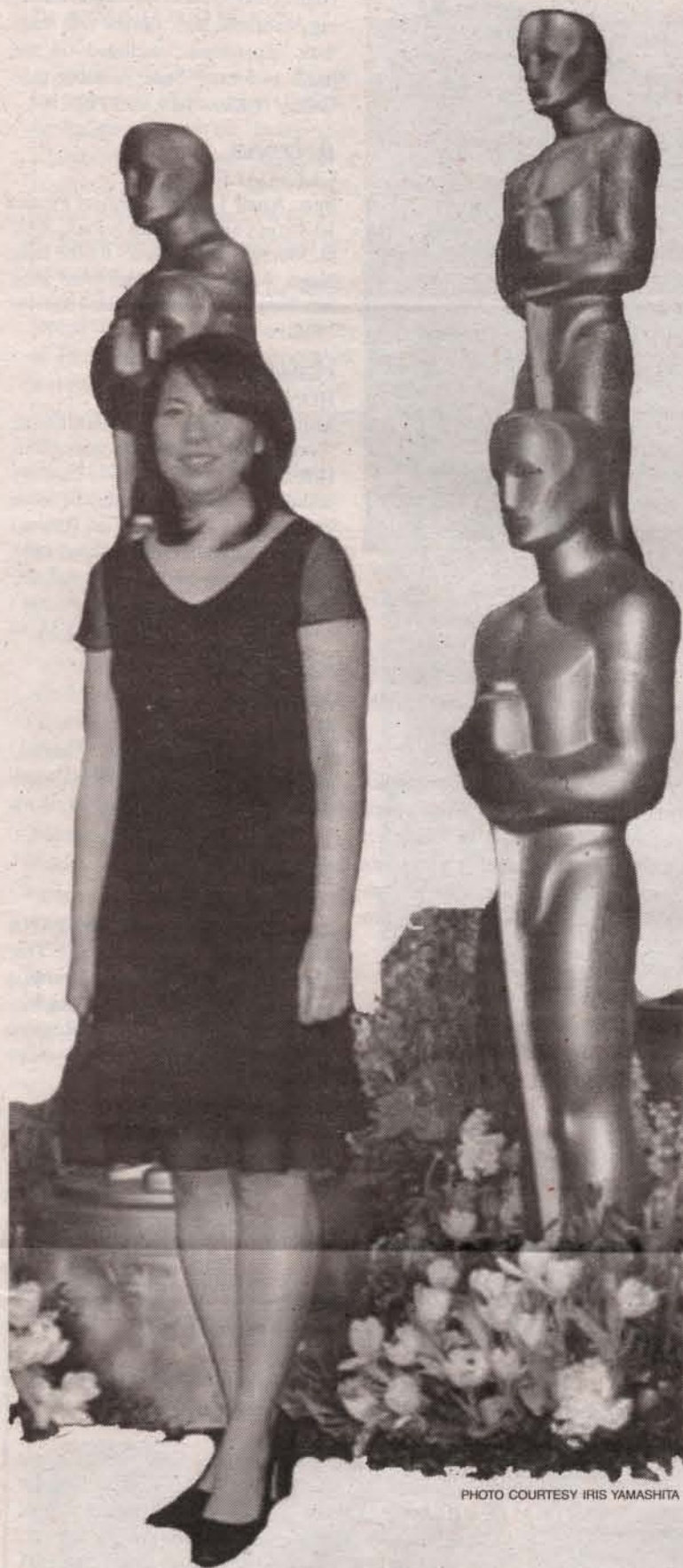


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# The Golden Scribe

Iris Yamashita went from web programmer to Oscar contender with 'Letters from Iwo Jima.'

By LYNDALIN  
Assistant Editor

**T**he story just keeps getting better — a web programmer originally from Missouri pens a screenplay about Japan on the eve of World War II, wins an award, and gets summoned to meet with one of Hollywood's most powerful screenwriters.

In a Warner Brothers office during their second meeting, Iris Yamashita listened in disbelief as Paul Haggis ("Crash" 2004) offered her the opportunity to work on a feature length project later titled "Letters from Iwo Jima," the Japanese language companion film to Clint Eastwood's "Flags of Our Father."

It was the first major project for Yamashita, a Shin Nisei, so she waited for a contract before quitting her day job.

In "Letters," Yamashita's story about Japanese troops on the black sand island gives a voice to characters usually relegated to stock-silent roles. In her world, the warriors of war are also loving fathers and sons.

Then early one morning in January, Yamashita received news that she was nominated for an Academy Award.

"It's been incredibly amazing. I'm feeling over the moon," she said in a telephone interview days before attending the Academy's luncheon, a tradition to honor all the nominees. Of course the seductive idea of holding a golden Oscar statuette isn't far from her mind, but she knows what's going to happen if her name is called.

"I'll probably cry."

## The Writer Within

Yamashita received her first diary at age eight. The blank pages tickled her mind and her first entry was in the first person, but from the point of view of someone from another time period. She minored in writing while earning a master's degree in engineering at the University of California, Berkeley and started writing novels that never had endings.

"I thought screenplays would be a

better medium because there are less pages and more white space so I could actually finish!" said Yamashita.

She took screenplay-writing classes and wrote short stories including "Professor Hosokawa's Books" and a screenplay called "Traveler in Tokyo," which was inspired by her mother Kayoko's experience fleeing from her burning house in prewar Japan. It is also the screenplay that paved the way to meeting Eastwood.

## Writing 'Letters'

The Battle of Iwo Jima devastated the Japanese forces — only 1,100 survived out of 22,000. To date, about 12,000 soldiers remain unaccounted. In Yamashita's family, she experienced both sides of war — she had one uncle who fought with the Japanese and another uncle who fought with the Americans in the Korean War — so the writer who speaks conversational Japanese began telling the other side of a WWII story.

"When we started [with 'Letters'], my agent and I didn't have a clear idea of what the project was. When we heard 'companion movie,' we thought it was something that was going to come out on the DVD, so when Paul Haggis said it was coming out in theater I said, 'Oh you mean in the U.S.?'"

At that time, the studio didn't have a director locked down and Yamashita was told they were looking for a Japanese director, but when she heard Eastwood was on board, she thought, "Oh good people might see the film!" The critical acclaim and the Oscar nod were icing on the cake, she said.

Yamashita spent months research-

ing, outlining and writing the stories of the courageous men who lost their lives trying to protect the small island south of Japan. Lt. Gen. Tadamichi Kuribayashi was legendary for strength and valor, but from research Yamashita discovered his softer side in letters he wrote to his family before the war when he spent time in the U.S.

"It was striking to realize the highest commander was a gentle loving father writing these cute letters to his son," she said.

In "Letters," a baker yearns to see his newborn daughter while a general straps mines to his body and hides among dead bodies to blow up an American tank, but as days go by without a tank, the general decides to live. It was a true story Yamashita came across in her research and "had to put in the film."

Working on the film has also left a personal resonance on Yamashita.

"It certainly made me think a lot about how ... we're trying to find better and more efficient ways to kill each other," she said.

## Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Future

When Yamashita began writing "Letters," she was nervous about dishonoring the fallen soldiers and their descendants, but Haggis, who shares writing credit, had advice.

"He said I should really be thinking about writing a good story."

"Letters" has won many fans including veterans and veteran families who approach Yamashita with touching stories.

Her father Tsuyoshi has seen the movie and seems to like it, but expresses it in a traditional Japanese manner.

"He's not very expressive, but he wanted to see it again," said Yamashita, who is close to inking a deal with work on another historical screenplay. ■

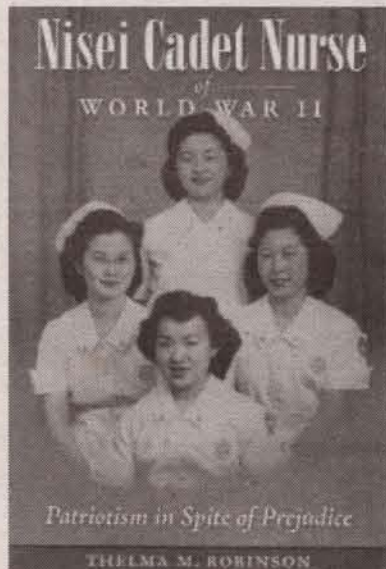
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By Thelma Robinson



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### WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Wed., Sept. 12**—Gala Dinner, "A Salute to Champions Gala Dinner"; J.W. Marriott Hotel; \$200/person, \$2,000/table of 10; honorees will be given awards for their work in championing the goals and efforts of the civil rights community. Info: 202/223-1240 or dc@jacl.org.

## East

### PHILADELPHIA

**Sat., Mar. 17**—60th Anniversary Graduate Recognition/Installation Luncheon; noon-3 p.m.; Maggiano's Italian Restaurant, 205 Mall Blvd., King of Prussia; guest speaker, Philip Tajitsu Nash, JD, professor of Asian American Studies, University of Maryland; \$35/members, \$40/non-members, \$20/students. Info: Scott Nakamura, 610/878-2237 or Toshi Abe, 609/683-9489.

## Midwest

### CHICAGO

**Sun., Feb. 25**—Inaugural JACL Celebration; noon; Colletti's Fine Dining, 5707 N. Central Ave.; \$50 per person. Info: Midwest JACL office, 773/728-7171.

### CLEVELAND

**Sat., Mar. 24**—One-Day Food and Rummage Sale; Cleveland Buddhist Temple, 1573 E. 214th St. Info: 216/692-1509.

### SPRINGDALE, Ohio

**Sun., Feb. 18**—Cincinnati/Dayton JACL Chapter Installation Dinner; 4 p.m. social hour, 5:30 p.m. dinner; Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, 11975 Northwest Blvd.; \$29 per person.

## Pacific Northwest

### PORTLAND

**Through Feb. 25**—Exhibit, "What Remains: Art Quilts and Poetry on Japanese Americans in Internment Camps"; Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 121 NW 2nd Ave.; featuring quilts by Cathy Erickson and poetry by Margaret Chula; exhibit hours: Tues.-Sat. 11-3 and Sun. 12-3; \$3 donation, free to ONLC members. Info: 503/224-1458.

## Northern California

### SAN FRANCISCO

**Sat., Mar. 3**—California Civil Liberties Public Education Program informational meetings; 10:30-1:30 p.m.; San Francisco Public Library, 100 Larkin St.; meeting will help answer questions regarding the grant application or the CCLPEP program. Info: www.library.ca.gov/cclpep.

**Sat., May 19**—JACL Honors John Tateishi dinner; 6-10 p.m.; South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd.; celebrate John Tateishi's 30 years of commitment to the Asian American community and as JACL's executive director and redress director; \$75/person, \$750/table of 10; black tie optional. Info: Milo Yoshino, miloyoshi@aol.com.

### SAN JOSE

**Sat., Feb. 24**—The Hometown Tribute Exclusively to Honor Norman Y. Mineta; 7 p.m.; San Jose Fairmont Hotel, 170 S. Market St.; "Special Moments: A Career Retrospective" will honor Norman Mineta for his exemplary citizenship by his hometown; \$225/person. Info: 408/417-4644 or minetattribution@yahoo.com.

## Central California

### FRESNO

**Mon., Feb. 19**—Pinedale Assembly Center Groundbreaking Ceremony; 10 a.m.; The Mehmet Noyan Company, 685 W. Alluvial Ave.; speakers include Hon. Dale Ikeda, Justice James Ardaiz, Ambassador Phillip V. Sanchez and Landscape Architect Paul Saito. Info: 559/434-1662.

**Sat., Feb. 24**—Fresno chapter bus trip to San Francisco's Japantown and Museum of Craft and Folk Art; depart 6:30 a.m. and return 11 p.m.; \$20/JACL members, \$25/non-mem-



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Bid farewell to the Ansel Adams exhibit at the Japanese American National Museum by catching a screening of 'Farewell to Manzanar' Feb. 18 in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo.

bers. Info: 559/222-2986.

**Fri., Mar. 16**—Film Screening, "From Silk Cocoon"; CSU Fresno Leon Peters Education Center Auditorium; discussion with writer/director Satsuki Ina follows screening. Info: 559/434-1662.

### HANFORD

**Through Mar. 17**—Exhibit, "The Beauty of Sharing: Twelve Collectors' Visions of Japanese Art"; 1-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat.; The Ruth and Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art, 15770 Tenth Ave. Info: 559/582-4915 or www.shermanleeinstitute.org.

### LIVINGSTON-MERCED

**Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 15-17**—Nisei Monologues, stories about Japanese American internment; 7 p.m.; Golden Valley High School Auditorium, 2121 E. Childs Ave.; created by the drama department of Golden Valley High School under the direction of Crystal Langley. Info: 209/385-8080.

## Southern California

### LOS ANGELES

**Thurs., Feb. 15**—Performance, "Swallow Touches the Water"; 3-5 p.m.; Gloria Kaufman Dance Theatre, UCLA; an inter-cultural performance exploration motivated by acknowledging the martial characteristics undercurrent in the Japanese Taiko and Chinese art form, Ba Gua Zhang. Info: 310/825-3951 or www.wac.ucla.edu.

**Feb. 16-18, 2007**—All Vets Reunion; New Otani Hotel, Little Tokyo; open to all JA veterans from all wars and conflicts; events include tours, all-wars exhibit, video presentations, keynote speech by Maj. Gen. Rodney Kobayashi at the luncheon, entertainment Sat. night by Poncie Ponce, and a memorial service on Sun. Info: Sam Shimoguchi, 310/822-6688, samkuni@verizon.net; Victor Muraoka, 818/368-4113, v.muraoka@verizon.net or Bob Hayamizu, 323/292-3165.

**Sun., Feb. 18**—Film Screening, "Farewell to Manzanar" in conjunction with the conclusion of the Ansel Adams at Manzanar exhibition; 2 p.m.; Japanese American National Museum; authors Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, James Houston and director John Korty will be on hand. Info: www.janm.org or 213/625-0414.

**Mon., Feb. 19**—21st Annual UCLA Nikkei Student Union Cultural Night; 7 p.m.; UCLA Royce Hall; production will focus on the historical aspect of the Japanese American community; the audience will be taken back to the internment period during WWII and the issues that surround EO 9066.

**Tues., Feb. 20**—California Civil Liberties Public Education Program informational meetings; 2-4 p.m.; Japanese American Cultural Community Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., Suite 505; meeting will help answer questions regarding the grant application or the CCLPEP program. Info: www.library.ca.gov/cclpep.

### OXNARD

**Sun., Feb. 11**—Ventura County JACL Board Installation; 11:30 a.m.; Residence Inn by Marriott at River Ridge, 2101 W. Vineyard Ave.; \$27 per person; guest speaker, Wynne Benti, editor of Spotted Dog Press, Inc. edition of "Born Free and Equal". Info: Anne Chilcott, 805/492-0146 or vejac1@hotmail.com.

### RIVERSIDE

**Sat., Feb. 24**—Riverside JACL Annual Installation Luncheon; 12:30 p.m.; Riverside Golf Club, 1011 North Orange St.; \$20 per person; special musical performance by Haruo

Ishihara. Info: Irene Ogata, 951/485-7212 or iogata@yahoo.com or Dolly Ogata, 951/684-7962.

### TORRANCE

**Fri., Mar. 9**—Greater L.A. Singles meeting/program; 8 p.m.; Faith United Methodist Church, 2115 W. 182nd St.; Dr. Ray Imatani will present his "Rwanda Mission" about his experiences working in Rwanda for two weeks. Info: Louise, 310/327-3169.

### VENICE

**Sun., Mar. 18**—Film screening, "Music Man of Manzanar"; 1-3 p.m.; Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Dr.; the story of Lou

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### CHICAGO

**Sun., Feb. 18**—DeVry University, 3300 N. Campbell Ave.; 2 p.m.; featuring author, Dr. Greg Robinson who wrote, "By Order of the President"; book sales and signing will be available at the conclusion of the event; free parking. Info: Midwest JACL office, 773/728-7171.

### FRESNO

**Sun., Feb. 18**—Pardini's Restaurant, 2257 W. Shaw Ave.; 5:30 social, 6:30 p.m. dinner; keynote speaker, James Hirabayashi, Pinedale internee and professor emeritus in Anthropology and Asian American Studies. Info: Ken Yokota, 559/431-4662 or knethy@sbcglobal.net.

### HONOLULU

**Mon. Feb. 19**—University of Hawaii, Architecture Auditorium, 2410 Campus Rd., Room 205; 3:30-5:30 p.m.; program will screen Taylour Chang's documentary film, "Unrecht: An Untold Chapter of Hawaii's Past"; Doris Berg, Joe Pacific and representatives of the Muslim American community will make brief presentations.

### LOS ANGELES

**Sat., Feb. 17**—George and Sakaye Aratani Central Hall, JANM, 369 E. First St.; "From 'Military Necessity' to 'National Security' ... Challenging the Use of Power From WWII to Iraq"; panelists will discuss the role of other branches of the federal government and the importance of activism in safeguarding civil liberties for all. Reservations: 213/625-0414.

### MERCED

**Sat., Feb. 17**—Merced College; 2 p.m. film festival in Library Room 1 and 5:30 p.m. dinner at Merced College Cafeteria; film festival is free and open to the public; program will screen "Time of Fear"; dinner is \$15; guest speaker is Shizue Seigel author of "In Good Conscience." Info: 209/631-5645.

### OGDEN

**Fri.-Sun., Feb. 16-18**—Utah Day of Remembrance; Ogden Marriott Hotel, 247 24th St.; event will feature a welcome mixer, panel discussion on 25th St., tour of the historic 25th St. Japantown and a banquet; registration is \$50/person that includes the mixer, bento lunch and banquet; individual prices for each meal are available. Checks may be sent to: Day of Remembrance, National JACL Credit Union, P.O. Box 526178, Salt Lake City, UT 84152 or at www.dayofremembranceUtah.com.

### PHILADELPHIA

**Sat., Feb. 24**—Merion Meeting, 615 Montgomery Ave.; 2-5 p.m.; program includes the film screening, "Going for Broke," a new documentary about the JAs who served in

the 442nd RCT, 100th Battalion and the MIS; free; refreshments. Info: Chris Uga, cuga@princeton.edu.

### PORTLAND

**Sat., Feb. 17**—George C. Hoffman Hall, Portland State University, 1833 S.W. 11th Ave.; 1-4 p.m.; "Fighting for Civil Rights in an Era of Terror"; program features a panel discussion with Peggy Nagae, Prof. William Funk, Brandon Mayfield, Charles Hinkle and Helen Ying; "A Most Unlikely Hero" will also be shown with appearances by Capt. Bruce Yamashita and filmmaker Steve Okino. Info: 877/843-6914 or president@pdjajcl.org.

### SALINAS

**Sun., Feb. 25**—Salinas Community Center, Santa Lucia Room; 1:30-3:30 p.m.; 442nd veteran Lawson Sakai and Vietnam veteran Brian Shiroyama will speak about the 100th/442nd/MIS Exhibit aboard the U.S.S. Hornet in Alameda; light refreshments will be served.

### SAN FRANCISCO

**Sat., Feb. 17**—JCCCNC, 1840 Sutter St.; 2 p.m.; "Carrying the Light for Justice: Day of Remembrance 2007: Continuing to Build Communities"; program includes the films, "Pilgrimage" and "Meeting at Tule Lake," a reading from "After the War" by keynote speaker Philip Gotanda, and a candle lighting ceremony; admission is \$12 in advance and \$18 at the door. Info: 415/921-5007.

### SAN JOSE

**Sun., Feb. 18**—San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 N. 5th St.; 5:30-7:30 p.m.; program will feature a book signing with Shizue Seigel, author of "In Good Conscience," Mike Honda will be on hand, a short candlelight procession through Japantown to honor the internees and a performance by San Jose Taiko; free. Info: Will Kaku, 408/505-1186, info@sjnoc.org or www.sjnoc.org.

### STOCKTON

**Sat., Feb. 24**—Stockton Buddhist Church, 2820 Shimizu Dr.; 10-2 p.m.; featuring Shizue Seigel, author of "In Good Conscience" and workshops such as "How to do an Oral History of a Family Member"; lunch will follow; admission is free.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Mon., Feb. 19**—Meyer Auditorium, Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and Freer Gallery of Art, 12th St. and Independence Ave.; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; "Miné: A Name for Herself" is an original one-woman performance salon, written by Mary Curtin and Theresa Larkin featuring the art, opinions and perspective of artist Miné Okubo. Info: 202/633-2690. ■

Frizzell, a teacher who taught music and drama to students at Manzanar High School; a panel discussion featuring Manzanar high alumni will share their experiences; included on the panel is former State Assemblyman George Nakano. Info: 310/719-2364.

## Arizona

### GLENDALE

**Sun., April 1**—JACL Annual Picnic; 10-4 p.m.; Saguaro Ranch Park; 8900 N. 59th Ave.; food, games for the kids, bingo, volleyball and caricature artist Jeff West. Info: Kathy Ikeda, 480/649-1946.

## Hawaii

### HONOLULU

**Mar. 3-June 1**—Exhibition, "Navigating Cultural Connections: Hokule'a's Voyage to Japan"; gallery hours: Tues.-Sat., 10-4 p.m.; Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i Community Gallery, First Floor; exhibition explores the historical and cultural connections between Hawai'i and Japan. Info: 808/945-7633 or www.jcch.com.

## Nevada

### RENO

**Sun., Mar. 25**—Reno JACL Teriyaki Scholarship Dinner; Washoe County Senior Center. Info: Sheldon Ihara, 747-3886.

## Brazil

### SÃO PAULO

**July 18-21**—COPANI XIV, PANA Convention; Hotel Blue Tree Convention Ibirapuera; convention highlights include: welcome ceremony, workshops, day trip to Registro City, Japanese Festival and sayonara party. ■



## In Memoriam - 2006-2007

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Akahoshi, George "Tish," 85,** Dec. 15; survived by sons, Bruce, Randy and Greg; daughter, Tammy; and 10 gc.

**Arimura, Michio, 76,** Jan. 26; survived by wife, Toyoko; daughters, Marlene (Todd) Mortimer, Eileen (Glenn) Tanaka and Charleen (Douglas) Saint; 4 gc.; sisters, Ritsuko Furue and Reiko Kukizono; and brother, Yoichi.

**Carnes, Nancy,** Jan. 17; survived by daughters, Beverly Parra and Kathleen Jamison-Ross; sons, Thomas and Michael; 8 gc.; and 2 ggc.

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**Fukunaga, May, 93,** Cerritos, Jan. 28; survived by son, Bob Jr. (Jennifer); 2 gc.; and sisters, Emi Kumataka, Nobu (Mike) Torii and June Misono.

**Higa, Eleanor S., 74,** Torrance, Jan. 14; survived by her nieces and nephews.

**Hino, Alice H., 82,** Los Angeles, Jan. 18; survived by son, Mark; daughters, Alison and Georgia; and sister, Nancy Cowan.

**Hori, Kazue, 81,** Oxnard, Jan. 10; survived by brothers-in-law, Koichiro (Aiko) Hori and Yoshihiko (Toshiye) Sugii; and a brother and sister.

**Iizuka, Ruby Y., 83,** Torrance, Jan. 22; survived by son, Melvin (Pearl); daughter, Jane (Gregg) Blodgett; 4 gc.; brothers, James (Jean) and Frank Miyanaga; and sisters, Masako Oka and Mary (Roy) Miyata.

**Imahara, Kazuko, 70,** Jan. 16; survived by wife, Paul; daughters, Kathy (Jeff) Luckasavage and Anne (Steve) Alba; son, Roy (April Hanaoka); and 7 gc.

**Imori, Michi, 87,** Los Angeles, Jan. 6; survived by husband, Teruo; son, David (Lydia); daughter, Diane; 1 gc.; and sister, Kai Sekine.

**Inouye, Esther Kikuko, 93,** Jan. 27; survived by brother, Tadashi Ochiai; and sisters, Mary and Alice.

**Kaizawa, Stanley Yoshinori, 85,** Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 14; WWII veteran, MIS; survived by wife, Mae; daughters, Marjorie Mio and Nadine Nakano; 2 gc.; and sisters, Matsuko Igawa and Tomi Knaefler.

**Kawauchi, Toshie, 86,** Oxnard, Jan. 17; survived by daughter, Linda Ferguson; and 2 gc.

**Kikawa, Hiroshi, 80,** Torrance, Jan. 20; survived by wife, Mitsuko; son, Tracy; brother, Gary (Ruth); and sister, Mitsue (Ben) Shimizu.

**Kinoshita, Seiichiro Bob, 70,** Gardena, Jan. 12; Korean Conflict veteran; survived by wife, Terumi;

sons, Erik (Grace) and Harold (Tina); 3 gc.; mother, Kiyoko; sisters, Nancy Marone, Joyce Mano, June Mano and Kimi (Gary Nakamura); brother, Shige (Rose); and sister-in-law, Mihoko Yoshihara.

**Kishi, Kazu, 80,** survived by wife, Kazuko; daughters, Karie (Gary) Itano, Kimi and Kris (Jim) Frederisy; 4 gc.; and sister, Lillian Morizono.

**Kitahara, Mary Sadako, 84,** Capitola, Jan. 6; survived by son, Larry; daughter, Janet Thelen; 3 gc.; brothers, John, Roy and Tom Okumura; and sisters, Dorothy Yamamura and Sadie Kamada.

**Komatsubara, Jimmy K.,** survived by son, Gary (Anita); 2 gc.; 2 ggc.; brothers, Ted and Nobe; and sisters, Betty and Martha.

**Koyama, Ayako May, 82,** San Gabriel, Jan. 29; survived by sons, Leonard and Glenn (Koyoshi); 4 gc.; and brother, Robert (Branche) Kawahara.

**Kozawa, Shigeru "Shig," 86,** Los Angeles, Jan. 26; survived by son, Glenn (Sofia); 3 gc.; 2 step-gc.; and 4 step-ggc.

**Kurakazu, Natsuko, 89,** Monterey Park, Jan. 13; survived by son, Leslie (Carol); daughters, Nancy (Albert) Okuhara and Martha (James) Igawa; 6 gc.; and many ggc.

**Kuramoto, Minnie, 90,** Monterey Park, Jan. 25; survived by husband, Jack; sons, Ford (Frances), Dan and John; 5 gc.; 2 ggc.; brother-in-law, Frank Hayashida; and sister-in-law, Michi Kubo.

**Matsuda, Myrtle Akiko, 79,** Long Beach, Nov. 21; survived by husband, Takashi; daughters, Shirley (Jay) Hoban, Theresa (Michael) Blair and Pamela (Ross) Pignaz; son, Robert (Kazuko); 9 gc.; sisters, Mae Tomasello and Alice (Frank) Kajiya; and son, Howard (Jean) Kumashiro.

**Matsudaira, John, 84,** Seattle, Wash., Jan. 30; WWII veteran, 442nd RCT; survived by wife, Lillian; sons, Paul (Maureen), Peter (Nancy) and Gary; daughter, Ann; 7 gc.; brothers, Tebo (Midge), Jim (Hisa), Sappo (Joyce), Mitch, Joe (Brenda), Vincent (Charlotte) and Steven (Linda); sisters, Pauline (Mako) Yaguchi, Ida Matsudaira and Theresa (Wes) Kokame; and

sister-in-law, Barbara.

**Matsutsuyu, George, 89,** Houston, Tex., Jan. 11; survived by wife, Emiko; son, Bruce (Kerry); daughter, Vivian (Rafiki McDougald); 1 gc.; and brothers, Toshiro (Sachiko) and Yuzo (Yaeko).

**Mitamura, Roy, 93,** Gardena, Nov. 14; survived by wife, Yoshiko; 4 children; 7 gc.; and 1 ggc.

**Mori, Alva,** Jan. 20; survived by son, Dr. Frank.

**Murata, Mary Y., 87,** Anaheim, Jan. 29; survived by brothers, Paul (Sachiko), George (Nancy) and Robert.

**Nagayama, Masako, 81,** Fullerton, Jan. 28; survived by sons, Aaron (Karen), Mark (Nancy) and Stanley (Jo Lynne); 6 gc.; sister, Sachiko (George) Azuma; brothers, Yoshiharu (Natsumi), George (Yoshiko), Mitsuru (Mae) Higa; brothers-in-law, Richard Berck and Mikio (Sue) Nagayama; sisters-in-law, Sadaye (Hiroshi) Kasuga and Yayeko Nagayama.

**Nakano, Yayeno, 90,** Santa Monica, Jan. 19; survived by sons, Ken (Joanne) and George; daughter, Suzanne Hand; 4 gc.; 9 ggc.; brother, Kay (Kimi) Obana; sister, Yoshiko Hisatomi; sister-in-law, Genie Obana; and brother-in-law, Tom Nakano.

**Nakayama, Isamu, 92,** Jan. 14; survived by brother, Noboru (Tomiko); and sisters, Katsue (Tajiri), Sachiko Nakayama and Kieko Tabe.

**Omatsu, Toshihide, 53,** Torrance, Jan. 24; survived by son, Kazuhiro; and daughter, Kayoko.

**Onitsuka, Satoyo, 79,** Fresno, Dec. 25; survived by husband, Hiroshi; son, Randolph (Jeanie); and daughters, Stacy and Janice (Tim) Williams.

**Sato, Mary Mariko, 90,** Jan. 22; survived by sons, Randy and Dennis; daughter, Susan Asai; 10 gc.; and sister, Sachi Tokirio.

**Taguchi, Setsuko, 78,** Torrance, Jan. 25; survived by husband, Atsushi; son, Wayne (Angel); daughter, Donna (Glen) Nakahara; 2 gc.; sister, Ritsuko (Susumu) Saito; sisters-in-law, Hideko Takahashi, Misako Kurosaki; brother-in-law, Seiichi (Helen)

### IN MEMORIAM

## USBC Hall of Famer Rokuro 'Fuzzy' Shimada Passes

U.S. Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Rokuro "Fuzzy" Shimada passed away on Feb. 8 in Greenville, N.C., of heart failure. He was 85.

Shimada was a leader in promoting the sport of bowling to Japanese Americans. The Santa Clara, Calif., native shared his knowledge as an instructor and promoter throughout California and helped organize the National Japanese American Championships where he won 13 titles in 43 years of participation. Elected into the former ABC Hall of Fame in 1997 in the Pioneer category, Shimada was an accomplished bowler who was barred from American



Bowling Congress membership because of the organization's Caucasian-only membership rule that was in effect prior to 1950.

He was the first Asian American to roll a 300 game in organized play, but it was not recognized because of the Caucasian-only rule.

As an accomplished bowler, Shimada had 10 top-10 ABC Tournament finishes to his credit. He joined the Professional Bowlers Association in 1959 and competed in occasional PBA events until his mid-70s. He also competed for the Fresno Bombers in the short-lived National Bowling League (1961).

A memorial service will be held Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 N. 5th St., San Jose, CA 95112. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, and son Steve. ■

Taguchi; and half-brother, Makoto Monma.

**Takahashi, Frank Hideo, 87,** Long Beach, Jan. 17; survived by wife, Mary; daughters, Kachi and Janet (Gregory) Minuskin; 1 gc.; and sister, Shigeko Tsunawaki.

**Takano, Yoneko, 88,** Alhambra, Jan. 10; survived by daughter, Jeanne; son, Robert (Marta); sisters, Yoshiko Meguro, Masako (Mae) Ozeki and Misako Hirata; brother, Leo Meguro; and brothers-in-law, Hideo and Kiyoshi Takano.

**Tamanaha, Yoshiko, 88,** Los Angeles, Jan. 21; survived by step-son, Henry (Miyoko); step-daughter, Alice (James) Araki; step-son-in-law, Matsumitsu Oyakawa; 13 gc.; 10 ggc.; and brother, Kosei.

**Tsuyuki, Lawrence Ryohei, 90,** Dec. 15; survived by wife, Mary; daughters, Laura (Bill) Cass, Jennifer and Deborah (Paul) Banta; and 1 gc.

**Urayama, Fujie, 88,** Los Angeles, Jan. 15; survived by son, John (Kazuko); daughter, Fay; 4 gc.; 1 ggc.; brother, Saburo (Enko) Imahori; sisters, Lucille Fujita and Haru (Shigeru) Ota; and sister-in-law, Marie Imahori.

**Wada, Tom Toru, 90,** Sacramento, Jan. 29; survived by sons, Alan (Marta) and Glen (Kay); and 1 gc.

**Watanabe, Neal D., 58,** Whittier, Jan. 17; survived by wife, Marsha; sons, Jared and Brent; brother, Dean (Kathleen); and mother-in-law, Michiko Imai.

**Yamada, Red Teiji, Jan. 7;** survived by wife, Mary; sons, Ted (Leng) and Dave; and 1 gc. ■

### Whereabouts

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### YUTAKA TOMOIKE

Wilma Williams is looking for her former classmate. His family was sent to a Quansit Hut at Ft. Lewis, Wash. in 1941. The So. Bay School Reunion would like to know what happened to him. Please write to Wilma Williams, 301 Lee St. SW, Apt. 15, Tumwater, WA 98501.

### TED YENARI

Christina Kalen-Teschendorf is looking for Ted Yenari or any member of his family. He was Kay and Jack Speer's gardener in Wyvernwood, Calif. Yenari's family was sent to Arkansas, but letters sent by Yenari were from Santa Anita. With information please contact Ms. Teschendorf at 425/204-8710.

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## NOTE OF THANKS

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National Japanese American Memorial Foundation and a former member of the U.S. Army's Occupation Forces. "It was a very emotional thing for me."

He immediately photocopied the letter and passed it around to his fellow vets at a Japanese American Veterans Association meeting later that same week. The note's warm message soon had many of the Nisei men tearing up.

"I was very touched that children of Lost Battalion men would visit the Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, D.C. ... to leave a warm and caring note of thanks for saving their father," said Terry Shima, a 442nd veteran and JAVA executive director. "I am in touch with the children of at least six Lost Battalion men and they all have said, 'if it weren't for the courageous Japanese Americans we would not be here today.'"

## A Journey of Two Sisters

Since the Hardwick sisters had left no phone numbers or e-mails on their note of thanks, the JA vets were at first hard pressed to locate them. But soon they realized these were the same two sisters who had recently contacted some of the 442nd vets via e-mail.

"We have been on a quest to find the veterans of the 442nd," said Janet, 64, who spoke to the *Pacific Citizen* from her home in North Carolina.

Since this past summer both Janet and Susan have used the power of the Internet to locate members of the 442nd Regiment and send messages of thanks. But they wanted to do more than send e-mails and that's when they learned about the JA National Monument in D.C.

"We've always had a strong feeling of gratitude, a sentimental journey for what those fellows did for our dad. We wanted to make a special effort to find and visit the memorial," said Susan, 61, a real estate broker living in Indiana. "It was our number one goal."

This past Christmas while visiting Janet's son in Northern Virginia, the Hardwick sisters set out Dec. 27 to visit the Monument in downtown D.C. They toured the site, read the panels, and took photos.

"At the time there was no way to make a statement. We wanted to let someone know we were there. That we cared and we wanted to thank them," said Susan. That's when she came up with the idea to leave their note.

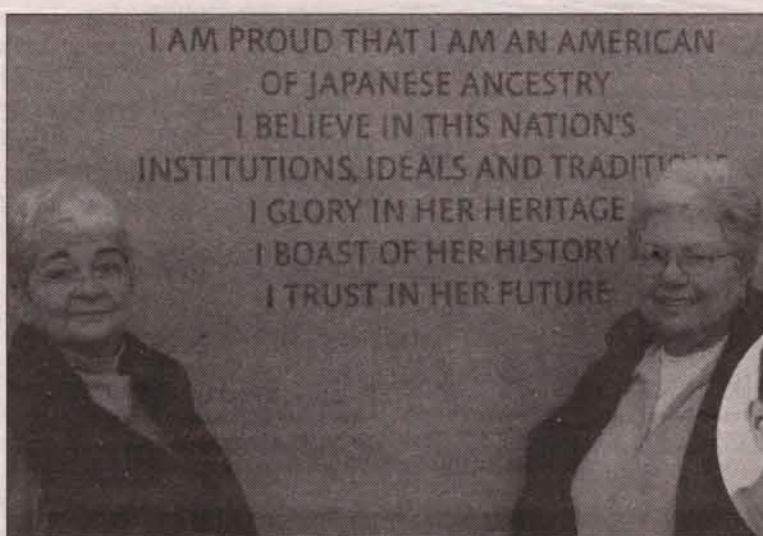
The trip to the D.C. monument also fulfilled a longstanding wish of their father's who had always wanted to locate the men of the 442nd. Unfortunately, Bill passed away of cancer in 1973 at the young age of 51 before he could pass on his message of thanks. Now his daughters are speaking for him.

"We were fulfilling a wish of our dad's. It was always his dream to find them," said Janet. "And we were fulfilling a wish of mine. To thank them for what they did so our father could come home."

## The Rescue of Sgt. Bill Hardwick

Janet was just two years old when her father set off to fight in the Vosges Mountains during WWII. And like many military men, her father Bill spoke little of his wartime experiences upon his return, except for one particular story.

"My father spoke sparingly of the war but one story he told often was about the 442nd," said Janet. "He always believed the 442nd ... were handpicked. That they were the only



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE HARDWICK FAMILY

Janet (left) and Susan Hardwick thanked the 442nd RCT on behalf of their late father Bill, pictured below with wife Pat.



ones who could save them."

Bill often told his family about being stranded in the Vosges Mountains for a week after several failed rescue attempts; of seeing the men of the 442nd battle their way up the hill to fight off the Germans; and of finally being rescued by the heroic JA soldiers. He also told them about sharing a cigarette with one of those JA soldiers on that desolate mountain, a man whose name he regretted never finding out.

"Our father would tell us how [the 442nd] kept fighting until they reached him ... of how grateful he was to them," said Janet. "He said there was no success until the 442nd came."

Although injured during the battles of WWII, Sgt. Bill Hardwick did come home to his sweetheart Pat with whom he would enjoy a 30-plus year marriage. He would also go on to have a long career in public service, ultimately serving as a state legislator in his hometown of Indiana.

"If it wasn't for the 442nd we would never have known [our dad]," said Janet, who continues to

tell her father's stories to her children and grandchildren. "It would have been a travesty if he hadn't come home."

## Coming Full Circle

In January 2006 Janet and Susan lost their mother Pat. Shortly after the funeral Janet and Susan were going through their mother's old things when they found some photo albums and their dad's wartime journal. Memories of the 442nd seemed to jump off the pages and it was at that moment the sisters began their journey to locate the JA vets.

"Our mom always talked sentimentally about those guys (the 442nd)," said Susan.

The first 442nd veteran the sisters were able to find was John Hayashi. His name had appeared in a local newspaper article and after some digging, Janet found a John Hayashi in a local directory and decided to give him a call. It turned out to be the person they were looking for and Hayashi soon put the sisters in touch with other 442nd vets.

The Hardwick sisters' efforts to thank the JA soldiers have not only

touched the veterans but their children too.

"I am so very touched and heartened by the Hardwick Sisters' sincere efforts to locate 442nd RCT Japanese American soldiers, who participated in rescuing 'The Lost Battalion,' especially since my dad suffered near mortal wounds during that campaign," said Carol Akiyama, daughter of 442nd vet Mickey Makio Akiyama. "On behalf of their remarkable father and families, the Hardwick sisters have lovingly expressed words of heartfelt appreciation, for which my dad and I are grateful."

In the summer of 2008 the sisters are planning to attend the final reunion of the 442nd veterans in Honolulu. They hope to be able to finally convey their thank-yous in person.

"It has been a really wonderful experience for both of us," said Susan, adding with a smile, "I think [our dad] probably knows what's going on." ■

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