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## Florida Family Living an Immigration Nightmare

**Keith Campbell's wife Akiko made a simple error in her immigration paperwork. Now Akiko and their two kids are in Japan, prevented from returning to the U.S. for a decade.**

By CAROLINE AOYAGI-STOM  
Executive Editor

At 8 p.m. every night for the past five months Keith Campbell, 47, has looked forward to spending time with his wife Akiko and their two young sons Leo and Micah, ages five and 21 months, respectively. But instead of sharing these moments in their home in Bradenton, Florida, Keith uses his Web-cam to talk with his loved ones who are currently living thousands of miles away in Nagano, Japan.

It's far from an ideal situation and is not of their choosing. But according to the U.S. government, Akiko, 41, is no longer welcome in the country where she has made

her home for the past nine years — all due to an innocent error in her fiancée visa paperwork.

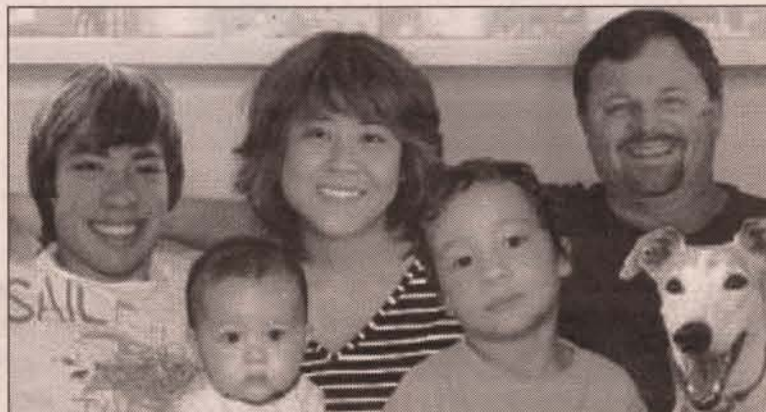
"I get emotional at the weirdest times. The weirdest things will set me off," said Keith, a successful small business owner, in an interview with the *Pacific Citizen*. "I stay really busy ... I have faith. But my place is with my family."

Akiko is accused of committing deception and fraud against the U.S. government because she got married before her fiancée visa had been processed. And after years of appeals and motions to try to rectify the situation — including two failed greencard interviews — Akiko is virtually in "exile" in her native country along with their two U.S.-born sons.

"It is devastating. We all miss Keith so bad," said Akiko, in an e-mail from Nagano. "We have never lived separately since we married. And it has been already five months since we left."

Now the only option for the Campbells is to get

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The Campbell family in happier times (above) at their home in Bradenton, Florida: (from l-r) Matthew, Micah, Akiko, Leo, and Keith.

Keith Campbell (right) shows the mountains of immigration paperwork in Akiko's ongoing case.



## Japanese Americans Converge at Tanforan Site for Anniversary



Judith Jue, 65, of Los Angeles, holds up a photo of herself at 2-years-old, during a June 2 reunion at The Shops at Tanforan in San Bruno, Calif.

AP PHOTO: PAUL SAKUMA

By MARCUS WOHLSEN  
Associated Press Writer

SAN BRUNO, Calif.—Tanforan is like any other suburban shopping mall. It has a Barnes & Noble, an Old Navy and a food court.

But the mall's current normalcy belies the site's troubling history. The one-time horse racetrack was used by U.S. authorities to hold 8,000 Japanese Americans before shipping them to World War II internment camps.

On June 2, in the mall's parking lot on a cold, foggy morning, hundreds gathered to remember a far different Tanforan.

Hawaii Rep. Barbara Marumoto,

R-Kalani Valley-Diamond Head, was among those from the islands who journeyed to California for the event.

As a 2-year-old, Marumoto and her family lived in a horse stall at Tanforan during the summer of 1942 until being moved to permanent facilities in the interior of the country.

Former internees recalled being forced from their homes 65 years ago to the site south of San Francisco for what officials said was their own protection.

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## FOR THE RECORD The Abuse of NSLs

By JOHN TATEISHI

One of the most pernicious results of the USA PATRIOT Act has been the use — and abuse — of



national security letters. The authority given the FBI to issue national security letters, which are like administrative subpoenas, was established in the late 1970s, but their use changed dramatically after passage of the Patriot Act. Previously, NSLs were used by the FBI to gain access

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## 40 Years After Loving v. Virginia, How Far Have We Come?

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

The immediate former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta shares a little piece of history with television journalist Connie Chung and even figure skating's Kristi Yamaguchi. Besides being legends in their own fields, each is one-half of an interracial marriage.

Mineta is married to Deni. Chung has famously loved television personality Maury Povich since 1984 and Yamaguchi glided into marital bliss with hockey star Bret Hedican.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GLIDE

Janice Mirikitani's married Rev. Cecil Williams in 1982. Despite some initial hardship, their love endures.

Their love stories are enduring and somehow inextricably connected to a dark chapter in U.S. history when anti-miscegenation laws prohibited such unions.

June 12th was the ruby anniversary of the landmark *Loving v. Virginia* decision, which allowed love to bloom between persons of all colors. It was 40 years ago — on June 12, 1967 — that the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a

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## APA Students Launch Campaign to Dismantle 'Asian American' at UCs

**The Count Me In! campaign strives to shed light on the plight of smaller APA ethnic groups. A Calif. assembly bill seeks to do the same for state agencies.**

By LYNDALIN  
Assistant Editor

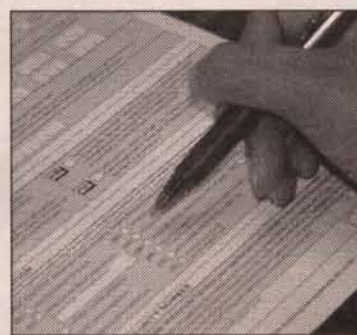
The title of Asian Pacific American can give and take. It can empower and at the same time engender the feeling of being a minority within a minority group.

APAs make up 34.6 percent of the University of California's new

freshman admits in 2005 — the second largest group next to Caucasian, according to university data. The same report defines APAs as: Chinese, East Indian/Pakistani,

Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese and Other Asians.

For Nefara Riesch, who is of Samoan descent, being "other" or just "Asian" doesn't encapsulate a Pacific Islander's struggle for access



**CHECK YOUR RACE:** Students at the University of Calif., Los Angeles want separate identities for smaller APA communities.

to higher education. The 19-year-old history major is one of about 40 Pacific Islanders on the University of California, Los Angeles campus of

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## Tucson Restaurant Pulls Racist Language from Menu

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUCSON, Ariz.—A Chinese takeout restaurant has removed racially insensitive language from its menu, Web site and advertising fliers after community groups denounced it as racist and the parent company of the firm that helped create the ads ordered them pulled.

Mike Reynolds, owner of Eggrolls, Etc., apologized in a telephone interview June 4 for using the

word "Chinamen" in his ads, saying he was initially unaware that it was widely considered a derogatory term.

Reynolds said he still doesn't think his menu, on the whole, could be construed as "intended to hurt or damage anyone," but apologized for any "misunderstanding" created by the jokes on his menu, which included a parody of the inability of immigrant Chinese to pronounce words containing the letter "r."

Reynolds said his menu and advertising fliers were "never intended to harm or insult the Asian American or Chinese American community."

Reynolds never responded to letters from local and national groups urging him to be more sensitive in his advertising. He said he doesn't plan to respond or issue a formal apology.

At a press conference last month,

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## SPRING CAMPAIGN

# Donate to the P.C. Spring Campaign and Help Change the World

By TED NAMBA

Want information on what's  
going on in our national Asian  
Pacific Islander American com-  
munity? One could simply join as



many APIA  
organizations  
as possible  
(e.g. AAJA,  
NAPABA,  
JANM, Go for  
Broke, OCA,  
etc.) just so  
you can read

all of their publications to keep

current on each organization's

noteworthy events. This strategy

will cost a lot of cash with mem-  
bership dues and requires one to  
filter through a lot of material on a  
regular basis.

My recommendation is to sim-  
ply maintain your JACL member-  
ship so one continues to receive  
their edition of the semi-monthly  
Pacific Citizen. Our P.C. is a per-  
fect 12-page long newspaper that  
provides us with a neat, concise  
update on what's going on in the  
Japanese American and APIA  
communities throughout the U.S.  
The award winning P.C. team  
works in a professional, symbiotic  
manner with most of the other  
APIA organizations so that we can

get an accurate reflection of what's  
going on.

Speaking of our P.C. team  
(Caroline, Lynda, Brian and Eva), I  
underestimated how hard this four-  
some works when I toured their  
office earlier this year. There was  
clear evidence (okay, so I watch too  
many CSI episodes) during this tour  
that monies donated for past P.C.  
Spring Campaigns are optimally  
used to improve both the printed and  
web versions of the most versatile  
APIA newspaper in the U.S.

If you haven't noticed, the updat-  
ed P.C. Web site (www.pacificcit-  
izen.org) looks very sharp, is easy  
to navigate and keeps getting bet-  
ter! Regardless of your opinion on  
the Lt. Watada issue, feel proud  
that the P.C. Web site was getting  
150,000 hits a month while the  
issue was in the limelight. This  
clearly shows that the P.C. Web  
site is gaining in stature and is,  
unquestionably, one of the top  
resources for current APIA news.

Summer is nearly here so it's  
time to start thinking about that  
much needed break to get away  
and relax. Many of us find an easy  
way to relax is to read the P.C.  
with a nice cup of coffee. Did you  
realize that if you give up one nice  
cup of joe a week, that will enable  
you to contribute \$150 to this

year's P.C. Spring Campaign so  
you can both relax and play a sig-  
nificant role in making the P.C.  
even better?

The P.C. team has several excel-  
lent ideas to further improving the  
P.C., but we all understand that  
funds are needed to make these pos-  
itive changes.

Nelson Mandela once said,  
"Education is the most powerful  
weapon in which you can use to  
change the world." One of the key  
objectives of the P.C. is to commu-  
nicate with and educate JACL mem-  
bers and the community at large on

issues of importance to the APIA  
community.

The P.C. is an important vehicle  
to inform and educate our com-  
munities, which in turn will slow-  
ly make a positive difference in  
these communities. Please consid-  
er making a donation to this year's  
P.C. Spring Campaign so that we  
can help change the world.  
Thanks! ■

*Ted Namba is the Pacific  
Southwest district representative  
on the Pacific Citizen editorial  
board.*

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## Letters to the Editor

### Re: 'Telling the Whole Story'

Thanks so much for your fine  
story "Telling the Whole Story of  
World War II Internment" (P.C.,  
June 1-14 issue). You catch all the  
nuances of a complicated, layered  
piece of WWII history that is often  
ignored in the press.

Those of us who have worked for  
years now to publicize the story of  
the WWII Alien Enemy Control  
Program (AECIP) have done so out  
of the conviction that the seeds for  
the tragic relocation of 110,000 peo-  
ple of Japanese ancestry were sown  
with the AECIP. Until we fully under-  
stand the fears, the ethnic prejudices,  
the racism, and the cold bureaucra-  
cies behind the AECIP, we won't  
understand how we ever got to the  
outrages of E.O. 9066. Your article is  
a step in the direction of helping us  
all to understand how it happened.

Recently the Wartime Treatment  
Study Act, calling for commissions  
to study the AECIP, received Senate  
approval as an amendment to the  
pending Immigration Act. We are  
encouraged to believe that our  
national legislators are beginning to  
also understand the historical impor-  
tance of the AECIP.

On behalf of the members of  
Enemy Alien Files Exhibit  
Consortium, who have been in col-  
laboration for some eight years now  
to publicize the full story of WWII  
internment, thanks again for your  
interest in the story.

*John Christgau*

"ENEMIES: World War II Alien  
Internment"  
Belmont, Calif.

### Immigration and the R-Word

I take issue with John Tateishi's  
remarks in his June 1st "For the  
Record" column. It is my humble  
opinion that one should use the R-

word only when there is clear, unde-  
niable evidence that it applies.  
Branding the 12 co-sponsoring sena-  
tors of the current immigration legis-  
lation as racist by association is very  
reckless.

The 12 Senators who are working  
so hard to finally get something done  
on the immigration issue are:  
**Republicans** — Saxby Chambliss  
(Ga.), Lindsey Graham (S.C.),  
Johnny Isakson (Ga.), Jon Kyl  
(Ariz.), Mel Martinez (Fla.), Arlen  
Specter (Pa.); **Democrats** —  
Richard J. Durbin (Ill.), Dianne  
Feinstein (Calif.), Edward M.  
Kennedy (Mass.), Patrick J. Leahy  
(Vt.), Ken Salazar (Colo.), Charles  
E. Schumer (N.Y.).

In my opinion, this is an impres-  
sive list of leaders who have gotten  
together to try to solve a longstand-  
ing problem. JACL and John  
Tateishi need to stop throwing rocks  
at this process. The fact that it's tak-  
ing six left wingers and six right  
wingers to craft a compromise that  
even has a chance of passage also  
means that NOBODY will be happy  
with the final bill. For us that are in  
the middle of the political spectrum,  
that means that it's probably close to  
the right answer.

*Chip Larouche*



### Calling All Interns!

Wanted: summer intern for the Pacific Citizen.  
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gaining experience in a workplace environment.

The Pacific Citizen newspaper, the national  
publication of the Japanese American Citizens  
League, is currently looking for someone to  
work at its Los Angeles office, including some  
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Various duties include reporting, researching, rewriting of press releas-  
es and production duties. Knowledge of the Asian American communi-  
ty and the JACL is a plus.

College or grad students currently majoring in English or Journalism  
preferred, but not required. Applicants should also have a California driv-  
er's license.

The application deadline is June 25.

If interested, please send a resume and a writing sample to the Pacific  
Citizen, 250 E. 1st Street, Suite 301, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or e-mail:  
editor@pacificcitizen.org, attention: Caroline Aoyagi-Stom. ■

PNW District Vice-Governor

### Thank You

I'd like to thank all who took the  
time to share an evening's tribute to  
me at the dinner on May 19th, spon-  
sored by the JACL. It was wonderful  
to see so many friends and col-  
leagues, some of whom I hadn't seen  
in years, some in decades. Thanks  
especially to those who traveled  
from distant places to share the  
evening with me.

Thanks to the national board for  
sponsoring the event, to the  
NCWNP district for hosting it, and  
to Milo Yoshino and Emily Teruya  
— a special thanks for co-chairing  
the event and for your long hours  
and hard work to make it the success  
it was.

It was great to see everyone who  
was there and very humbling to  
know so many cared. Each of you  
made the evening so very special for  
me.

*John Tateishi*

Former National JACL Director

### Corporate Partnerships

I fail to see how Floyd Mori's  
description of parental Web site con-  
trol, integrating phone and computer

service, or teenage driver training  
correlate with the JACL's mission or  
its Program For Action (Washington  
Window, "Developing Corporate  
Partnerships," P.C., Mar. 2-15).

There is no doubt in my mind that  
he is more knowledgeable than I am  
about the guidelines established by  
the national council, but he doesn't  
explain how these social services  
programs support the established  
civil rights goals of the JACL. Nor  
does he tell us what it is that JACL's  
staff and chapter members would  
have to do to earn these new corpo-  
rate funds.

Yes, I know that some of the  
staff's time, and other overhead, can  
be partially underwritten by AT&T  
or State Farm Insurance. And, yes, I  
know that national JACL has annual  
fiscal problems because of the dwin-  
dling membership base. But I also  
know that the Ford Motor Company  
continues to be a contributor to our  
successful Anti-Hate and Teacher  
Training Workshop Programs.

Question: is there no chance to  
find other corporate partners that  
also share common goals with  
JACL?

Question: is JACL now at a point  
where it must now re-think its objec-  
tives and turn to social service pro-  
grams to assure solvency?

*Larry Scheetman*  
Chicago, Ill.

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usually one or two paragraphs, should  
include signature, address and daytime  
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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.



# National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff

## Okei Ito's Headstone Replaced with a Replica



COLOMA, Calif.—The headstone marking the final resting place of the first Japanese woman to have died on American soil has been retired for safe keeping. A replica will take its place.

The 136-year-old granite headstone is inscribed in English and Japanese: "In Memory of Okei; Died 1871. Aged 19 years. (A Japanese Girl)."

Okei Ito is buried at the site of the former Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Colony, the nation's first Japanese settlement, founded on June 7, 1869.

## Bill to Provide Oregon University Degrees to Former JA Internees is Signed into Law



PHOTO: CAROL SUZUKI

Alice Sumida (front, center) celebrates the bill's signing with (back, l-r) Lawson Inada, Reps. Tina Kotek and Brian Clem.

SALEM, Ore.—A bill that grants degrees to former internees who had their education interrupted during WWII was signed into law June 9.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski, Rep. Brian Clem and former internees celebrated the passage of HB 2823, which would also award honorary degrees posthumously to an internee's next-of-kin.

Many of those interned were students who never had the opportunity to return to college and receive their degrees.

Clem championed the bill because of his own father-in-law, Hideo Suzuki, was interned at 19.

## Senate Votes to Study Treatment of German Americans During World War II

WASHINGTON—Legislation to look into the WWII internment of German Americans has taken a step closer to being better recognized with the Senate's vote to look into the treatment of Germans and other Europeans in the U.S. during WWII.

The legislation's status is uncertain because it was passed as an amendment to the immigration bill, which has stalled in the Senate.

Roughly 3,000 Italians and 11,000 Germans were detained in the U.S., including some Germans from Latin America.

The Wartime Treatment Study Act would set up a commission to examine the treatment of Germans, Italians and other Europeans; and a second commission to look into how Jewish refugees fleeing persecution were treated.

## Board May Reconsider Naming Madison School after Hmong General



MADISON, Wis.—The school board may reconsider naming a new elementary school for a former Hmong military leader after federal prosecutors charged him with plotting a violent takeover of Laos' communist government.

General Vang Pao was among 10 Hmong leaders arrested June 4 and charged in federal court in California with conspiracy to topple the Laos government by killing communist officials and reducing government buildings to rubble.

The charges came just 12 days after Madison school officials broke ground for the school on the city's west side and controversy continued to rage over the school board's April vote to name it General Vang Pao Elementary. The school is expected to open in fall 2008.

## Virginia Tech to Reopen the Building Where Shootings Occurred



BLACKSBURG, Va.—The classroom building where a gunman killed 30 people and himself on the Virginia Tech campus will reopen for laboratories and offices later this month.

Norris Hall will never again be used for classrooms, as it was when student Seung-Hui Cho went on a shooting rampage in the building April 16.

The building will house facilities for the department of engineering science and mechanics and the department of civil and environmental engineering when it reopens on June 18.

## New Study Examines Racial Discrimination's Effect on APAs

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—Racial discrimination against APAs can cause stress and lead to chronic illness, according to new research from the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Researchers surveyed almost 2,100 APA adults as part of the 2002-03 National Latino and Asian American Study. Participants were asked about their experiences with discrimination and their health histories. Researchers found that everyday discrimination was associated with a variety of health conditions, such as chronic cardiovascular and pain-related health issues. Filipinos reported the highest level of discrimination. ■

# APA Groups Continue to Push for Family-Friendly Immigration Reform

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Asian Pacific American advocacy groups are continuing to champion family-friendly immigration reform even after a fragile deal was pulled from the Senate floor June 7.

Senate backers of the immigration bill fell 15 votes short of the 60 needed to limit debate and allow a vote on the measure. Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid then decided to end the Senate's consideration of the bill.

APA leaders are urging Congress to get back to work on the issue.

"What is truly hanging in the balance over immigration reform is not just the future of immigrants, but the future of our nation," said Eun Sook Lee, executive director of the National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC). "As such, instead of engaging in political finger-pointing, the Senate leadership should clearly recognize its historic tasks and regroup its members in order to earnestly work on real immigration reform."

Senate members returned from recess June 4 to begin debate on SB 1348, an immigration reform bill that critics say would decimate the family-based immigration system and create more separation of families. If passed as is, the bill would make it harder for immigrants to bring over family members. Instead, the government would rely on a point system that rewards job skills and education when deciding who should be allowed to enter.

"While we welcome the move to provide undocumented immigrants a path to legalization, we are deeply troubled by drastic changes to this proposed legislation that would do away with family-based visa preferences," said Alma Kern, chair of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations.

Senate members on June 7 rejected a proposal by Robert



Korean Americans led a protest for family reunification June 6 in front of Calif. Sen. Dianne Feinstein's office.

APA groups plan more protests after Congress failed to vote on the measure.

PHOTO: YONGHO KIM

Menendez, D-N.J., that would have allowed more than 800,000 people who had applied for permanent legal status by the beginning of 2007 to obtain green cards based purely on their family connections — a preference the bill ends for most relatives who got in line after May 2005.

"As it stands, the Senate immigration bill veers away drastically from our nation's longstanding tradition of family-based immigration," said Rep. Mike Honda in a statement.

In 2005 alone, more than 200,000 Asian immigrants became U.S. citizens, 36 percent of those who became lawful permanent residents in 2005 were from Asia, and another 2 million Asian immigrants are eligible to naturalize, but have not yet applied for citizenship, according to the Asian American Justice Center (AAJC).

The debate has made one other thing clear: Immigrants not united. As heated as the debate over the immigration overhaul is on Capitol Hill, the divisions may run even deeper among immigrants themselves. The measure is pitting computer-science PhDs against strawberry pickers, legal immigrants against illegal ones, and those who want it all against those who are grateful for whatever the bill offers.

The nation's 35 million foreign-born residents hail from more than 100 countries. Some are illiterate, and some hold advanced degrees.

They live amid the bustle of New York City, and in sleepy rural backwaters. Some sneaked across the border, others followed all the rules to get here.

And with recent news of a massive fee increase to become a U.S. citizen, the price of becoming an American is well out of reach for many.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced late last month that starting July 30, citizenship fees would increase from \$400 to \$675 — a 69 percent increase.

"The dream of citizenship will be deferred for many Asian Americans by this fee increase," said George C. Wu of the AAJC. "Immigrants will now find an additional barrier to becoming U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents. They will make it harder for many to reunite with their families, become citizens with the right to vote and be fully eligible for government-related jobs."

While White House officials continue to lobby for the legislation, APA leader remain optimistic.

"The road has been long and hard, and the bill was far from perfect. But at the end of the day, a bill would have been a starting point to address this critical issue for our nation," said Honda.

Good immigration legislation would secure our borders, protect against discrimination and promote family reunification, he added. ■

## Bill to Establish JLA Commission Needs Support

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Civil rights groups, including the JACL, are urging constituents to contact their Congress members to co-sponsor a bill that would establish a commission to study the plight of Japanese Latin Americans during World War II.

The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Latin Americans of Japanese Descent Act seeks to follow up on a previous investigative body's findings that the U.S. government forcibly interned Japanese Latin Americans from 13 countries.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye reintroduced the bill, SB 381, in the Senate in January. Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif., introduced the companion legislation, HR 662, in the House.

If passed, this legislation would establish a nine-member commission to investigate and determine the facts surrounding the relocation, internment and deportation of Latin Americans of Japanese descent by the U.S. government and recommend any appropriate remedies based on the commission's findings.

During WWII, Japanese Latin Americans were uprooted from their



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Japanese Peruvians en route to U.S. internment camps in 1942.

homes and taken to the United States to be held in internment camps. Some were used for hostage exchanges. They were classified as "illegal aliens" and were subject to deportation during and after the War.

A 1981 commission study on the WWII internment of JAs led to an official apology from the U.S. government and financial redress, but the unjust treatment of Japanese Latin Americans still languishes in obscurity.

"The commission will have an educational purpose as Americans of all ages will be fully informed about this unfortunate episode in our history," said Becerra in a statement.

To find out who your elected officials are go to [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) and [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov). ■

For more information:  
[www.campaignforjusticejla.org](http://www.campaignforjusticejla.org),  
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## APAs in the News

By Pacific Citizen Staff

### Mineta, Okimoto to Receive Japanese 'Rising Sun' Government Honor

Norman Mineta and Daniel Okimoto, a Stanford University professor, will receive the Order of the Rising Sun from the Japanese government to honor their contributions to American-Japanese relations.

Mineta is the longest serving secretary in the history of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Okimoto is a professor in the department of political science.

Created in 1875 by Emperor Meiji, past recipients of the Order of the Rising Sun include former Secretary of Defense William Perry.

Mineta and Okimoto will be given the award at the Japanese Consulate in San Francisco.

### San Jose JACL Awards Scholarships to 14 Students



Fourteen local high school students received scholarships from the San Jose JACL recently.

This year's recipients are: Nicole Santo, Eric Matsumoto, Vincent Hatakeyama, Cecily Nishimatsu, Ashley Yuki, Kristi Imai, Tiffany Louie, Sara Stamm, Kristin Matsumoto, Brett Itatani, Ryan Matsuoka, Lauren Miyashiro, Kevin Tanaka and James Matsumoto.

Pictured above: (top row, l-r) Miyashiro, Santo, Kristin Matsumoto, Stamm, Louie, Imai, Nishimatsu and Yuki. (bottom row) Chapter President Gail Sueki, Eric Matsumoto, James Matsumoto, Tanaka, Sharon Uyeda (scholarship chair), Matsuoka, Itatani and Hatakeyama.

### Judge Okamoto to be Inducted into Ranger Hall of Fame



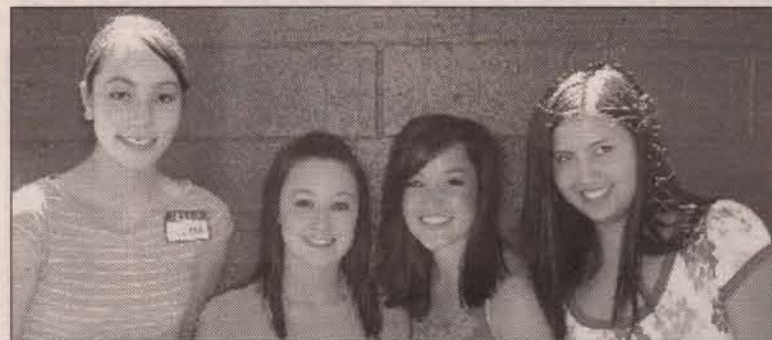
Los Angeles California Superior Court Judge Vincent H. Okamoto has been selected for induction as a member of the Ranger Hall of Fame for his extraordinary heroism in during the Vietnam War.

On August 24, 1968 Okamoto, a 2nd lieutenant with the 25th Infantry Division near Dau Tieng, was attacked by three reinforced North Vietnamese and Viet Cong companies.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and Purple Heart with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters among other individual and unit citations.

The induction ceremony will be held Aug. 8 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

### Boise Valley JACL Awards Four Scholarships



Four high school seniors were recently honored at the Boise Valley JACL annual summer picnic and graduation celebration.

The graduates not only received scholarships from the Boise Valley JACL, but an additional donation from the Shizu Yamamoto family was added to each of the four scholarships. Yamamoto passed away earlier this year at the age of 100.

Pictured above: (l-r) scholarships winners Lani Hikida, Jill Sturm, Torie Larson, and Katie Hirai.

### Judge Takasugi is Honored by his Alma Mater



U.S. District Court Judge Robert Takasugi was honored with a Public Service Award from the UCLA Alumni Association on June 10.

The award pays tribute to outstanding alumni for their professional achievement and their public, community and university service.

Takasugi has been devoted to his communities through his work as a lawyer, judge, mentor and teacher. After the internment, he went on to receive degrees from UCLA and USC and entered private practice in a small firm serving East Los Angeles. He served on both the Los Angeles County superior and municipal courts and was the first JA appointed to the federal bench.

## Honolulu's Chinatown Drops Dark Past, Provides Home for Arts

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU—Shedding its reputation for illegal gambling dens, prostitution and streets plagued by drug dealers, Honolulu's Chinatown has finally begun to emerge from its dark past.

Visit the neighborhood today and you'll find yourself swept up in the crowds buying and hawking piles of tropical fruits, fragrant flower lei and greens, and meats butchered before your eyes.

But take a closer look and you will witness a new development not as common to the nation's other Chinatowns: Bohemian nightlife, galleries, stylish stores and ever ritzier restaurants.

As night falls, the streets earlier filled with cooks and moms looking for fresh foods are repopulated with primped young people gathered at the entrances of nattily styled bars and patrons of the arts on their way to performances of modern dance or Japanese flute music.

Long concerned with the happiness of the sun-seeking mainlanders and Japanese jet-setters hosted in the hotels of Waikiki, Honolulu now has a fun neighborhood for young locals to call their own in Chinatown.

But it's also a great place for tourists to see a side of Hawaii that isn't buffed up and manicured just for visitors.

"It used to be a different place filled with this kind of rugged potential that was kind of fraught with drug dealers and — it had a really, really bad reputation," said Rich-



Once notorious for crime, this Chinatown is now a bohemian mecca.

Richardson, creative director of the ARTS at Marks Garage.

Founded with seed money from the city in 2001, the gallery was among the innovators in the eastern half of Chinatown, which had languished despite the buzzing ethnic commerce a few blocks to the west.

In roughly two years the area has sprouted at least five new restaurants, three new bars, a nightclub, a cafe, a couple of spas, a yoga studio, a wine store, a hair salon, an arty surf board shop, a stylish skate board shop, a home decorating store and a handful of arts spaces.

During the day, one of the best introductions to the neighborhood is tours with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce or the Hawaii Heritage Center.

Staffed with an enthusiastic band of volunteers, the center on Smith Street is also a great place to get a sense of the history and traditions of the waves of various Asian groups,

as well as Irish, into the neighborhood.

"It's always the same and it's always changing," said Karen Motosue, vice president of the center.

Farther west, Maunakea Street is known for one of the neighborhood's oldest enterprises — lei shops. Originally run by Hawaiians, many of the shops selling the garlands — a complex construction of flowers, nuts and leaves — are run by Vietnamese families who string them onsite.

There are a number of pleasant lunch options to be found in the district. Popular, but not for the faint of heart, are the food stalls at the back of the Maunakea Marketplace. Behind the booths of rambutan, long beans and displays of fish — some very similar to the beauties you just saw snorkeling — is another room with stalls serving a wide range of workman's meals from across Asia. ■

## Manzanar NHS Seeks Public Comment

### Comments are sought for Draft Scope of Collections Statement and Draft Cemetery Management Plan.

The National Park Service invites the public to review and comment on the Draft Scope of Collections Statement (SOCS) and the Draft Cemetery Management Plan (CMP) for the Manzanar National Historic Site. These two documents outline the proposed process for making additions to the park's museum collection.

The SOCS serves to define the scope of the present and future museum collections for Manzanar National Historic Site. Contributing directly to the park's purpose, themes, and resources, the museum collections are preserved by Federal mandate. This document is designed to ensure that all museum objects and specimens are clearly relevant to the mission of the park. The CMP is a supplement to the SOCS and is provided to address issues specific to cemetery and memorial offerings at Manzanar.

The purpose of the cemetery offerings and memorial collection is to document and preserve the daily phenomenon of commemoration by visitors to the park, demonstrated by the act of leaving offerings and memorabilia at the cemetery and monument. The collection is intended for scholarly research, education of park employees and visitors, permanent documentation of park resources, and preservation for possible future exhibits and interpretation.

The NPS hopes the guidelines provided in these documents will prevent additions to the park's muse-

um collection to ensure that the collection remains relevant to the park's purpose.

Manzanar National Historic Site was established in 1992 to tell the stories of the relocation of Japanese Americans during World War II. In operation from 1942-1945, Manzanar War Relocation Center had a peak population of more than 10,000.

The camp's high school auditorium now serves as an interpretive center featuring extensive exhibits, audio-visual programs, and a bookstore. The center is open daily and a self-guided auto tour is available any time during the day. Call 760/878-2194 or visit [www.nps.gov/manz](http://www.nps.gov/manz) for more information. ■

### To Make Your Comment

Make comments on the NPS planning Web site: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/parkHome.cfm?parkId=320>.

Or print and send written comments to:

Manzanar National Historic Attn: Superintendent, Site, P.O. Box 426, Independence, CA 93526 or e-mail: [manz\\_superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:manz_superintendent@nps.gov).

The deadline is July 20.

If you are unable to access the plan online contact Mark Hachtmann at 760/878-2194 ext. 2715 or [mark\\_hachtmann@nps.gov](mailto:mark_hachtmann@nps.gov) to request a hard copy.

## Event Highlights Presidio's MIS Service History

'Nisei Linguists' author and MIS vets headline the event geared towards developing a historic learning center.

In an effort to develop Monterey's Presidio Building 640 into a Military Intelligence Service Historic Learning Center, the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) along with the Presidio Trust and the National Park Service sponsored a June 13 event featuring U.S. Army historian James McNaughton.

This event was part of an ongoing public education campaign to tell the story of Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) during World War II and to develop a MIS Historic Learning Center.

The proposed center is currently a non-descript warehouse. Building 640 was the home of the U.S. Army's top-secret MIS language training school. There, Nisei were taught Japanese language skills in anticipation of the country's entry into the war with Japan. The building was also the site of the first graduating class of MIS students in 1941-1942.

"We are excited about the opportunity to have a MIS Historic Learning Center at the Presidio," said Craig Middleton, Presidio Trust executive director. "It would tell important stories about military history, as well as the personal experiences of the soldiers stationed here."

McNaughton is the author of, "Nisei Linguists: Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service During World War II," a new book published by the U.S. Army Center of Military History. ■



## New UC AAPI Policy Research Program Established

The Office of Research of the University of California has approved the establishment of the UC Asian American and Pacific Islander Policy Multi-Campus Research Program (UC AAPI Policy MRP), which will officially start operating July 1.

The MRP will support and promote applied research on policy issues related to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in California and the nation. The MRP currently has 50 faculty affiliates from all 10 campuses, representing a diverse range of disciplines, including political science, sociology, economics, ethnic studies, law, public health, nursing, urban planning, education, Asian American studies, ethnic studies and social welfare.

The UC AAPI Policy MRP will bring together UC researchers, community-based organizations and legislators to identify, implement and disseminate research related to the AAPI community. The MRP will provide support and training to faculty and their students to conduct policy research, and will sponsor forums for them to present findings to elected officials, policy makers, community leaders and the general public.

In doing so, it will enhance the university's broader mission of integrating research, teaching, and community service in ways that enlighten

en public policy.

The University of California Office of the President will provide funds for core operations for three years. The MRP will be housed at UCLA's Asian American Studies Center, which will provide matching funds and administrative support.

UCLA's Graduate Division with-

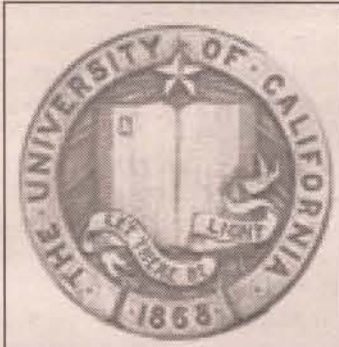
in the Chancellor's Office and UCLA's Asian American Studies Department will provide additional support. The Berkeley, Davis, and Irvine campuses will provide matching funds and will

sponsor and host annual conferences and workshops to further the MRP's goals.

The founding of the MRP was made possible through the active involvement of faculty from throughout the UC system, with support from the UC Office of the President, California Policy Research Center, UCLA Asian American Studies Center, the UC Center at Sacramento, and the Joint API Legislative Caucus.

Professor Paul Ong (Asian American Studies and School of Public Affairs) will serve as the MRP's faculty director.

Additional information on the UC AAPI Policy MRP can be found at <http://www.aasc.ucla.edu/policy/default.htm>. Inquires can be sent to: [aapipolicy@aasc.ucla.edu](mailto:aapipolicy@aasc.ucla.edu). ■



## Twin Cities JACL Curriculum Guide on the MIS Now Available Online

The contributions of Japanese American World War II MIS veterans has long been overlooked. Now their stories are a click of a mouse away.

A curriculum and resource guide on the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) developed by the Twin Cities JACL Education Committee is now available for download online.

Included are biographies of Minnesota MIS veterans like Harry Umeda, who was in the first MIS class at Camp Savage in May 1942. After training, he was assigned to the Central Japanese Prisoner of War (POW) Compound in New Guinea, where he interrogated Japanese prisoners of war for combat and strategic intelligence.

Toshio William Abe was also in the first graduating class at Camp Savage. He was sent as a replacement for Merrill's Marauders to the China-Burma-India Theater, where he served in continuous combat for eight months.

George Suzuki, Edwin (Bud) Nakasone and Bill Doi are also highlighted in the guide.

"We are happy to have this opportunity to teach students about the experiences of the Nisei MIS soldiers," said Sally Sudo, chair of the Twin Cities JACL Education Committee. "They contributed significantly to the war effort and post-war rebuilding of Japan, and we are finding out more about their sacrifices and heroic acts through declassified government documents and personal stories."

The MIS curriculum guide also includes lesson plans and learning activities about interrogating



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Lil Grothe (left) and Lucy Kiriara (right) display the Twin Cities JACL MIS Curriculum Guide at the 2007 Great Lakes regional social studies conference.

Japanese POWs and translating the Japanese language.

A hardcopy of the guide was unveiled in March at the Great Lakes Conference, a seven-state regional meeting of social studies teachers, hosted by the Minnesota Council on the Social Studies in Prior Lake, Minn.

In 2004, the project was approved by the Minnesota Department of Education's Academic Standards in History and Social Studies and implemented this school year as one of the examples to be taught under Minnesota and WWII history in grades four through eight.

The U.S. Army's MIS program was established in November 1941, a few weeks before Pearl Harbor, at the Presidio of San Francisco. In 1942, Executive Order 9066 necessitated a move inland.

While most governors were against having the MIS program moved to their states, then Gov. Harold Stassen felt that Minnesotans would provide a friendly and accepting atmosphere to the Nisei soldiers. The MIS program was moved to Camp Savage in May 1942 and later to larger facilities at Fort Snelling from August 1944 to June 1946.

A historical marker placed in 1995 by the Savage Chamber of Commerce at Highway 13 near Xenwood Avenue in Savage identifies the site of Camp Savage and describes the role of the MIS during WWII.

The guide can be downloaded at no charge from the "Education" link on the Twin Cities JACL Web site: [www.twincitiesjACL.org](http://www.twincitiesjACL.org). ■

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## COMMENTARY

### NCWNP District Council Recognizes and Gives Support to Muslim American Advocate, Basim El-Karra

By BARBARA TAKEI  
Special to the *Pacific Citizen*

"The Muslim community today is psychologically intertwined with Japanese Americans," said Basim El-Karra, executive director of the Council on American Islamic Relations - Sacramento Valley (CAIR-SV). "They know what we're going through."

El-Karra's remarks followed adoption of a resolution by the NCWNP district council at a recent meeting in Sacramento that recognized El-Karra's work. The NCWNP district joined other groups — including elected officials in the California State Legislature's Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus, the Organization of Chinese Americans, and the Harry S. Truman Democratic Club — in expressing organizational support for El-Karra, who was recently at the center of a bruising encounter with a U.S. Senator.

The JACL is a "partner in the struggle to uphold the civil and human rights of all Americans," El-Karra said, recalling the JACL was the first organization to show support toward Muslim Americans. He thanked JAs for "standing side by side with the Muslim community, providing strength and support since the tragic events of 9/11."

El-Karra's work as a spokesperson and bridge-builder for the Muslim American community was targeted as part of a broader anti-

CAIR campaign when U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer rescinded a routine certificate of appreciation that her Senate office presented to him.

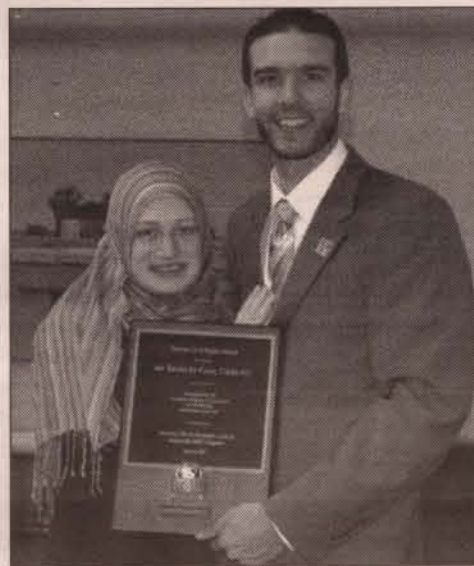
The rescission was done in deference to Joe Kaufman and his virulent anti-CAIR Web site that accused Sen. Boxer of supporting terrorism by giving positive recognition to El-Karra and CAIR.

Despite a groundswell of individual and organizational petitions to Sen. Boxer, she has maintained silence regarding the matter.

Sheparding a JACL response to the matter, Andy Noguchi and Karen Kurasaki sought the district resolution on behalf of El-Karra. The resolution passed unanimously, 22-0, with two chapters abstaining.

"In the same way Japanese Americans were treated after Pearl Harbor, Muslim Americans are suddenly treated as being responsible for the act of every Muslim and judged guilty by association," said Andy Noguchi, the Civil Rights chair of the NCWNP district council.

Karen Kurasaki, Florin JACL chapter president, presented El-Karra with a Daruma Award from the Berkeley, Florin, Honolulu, Lodi, and Marysville JACL chap-



Basim El-Karra, with his wife Sarah, was honored with the Daruma Award.

ters, and told him, "as Japanese Americans we have a unique understanding of the predicament of Muslim Americans."

"Basim El-Karra has worked tirelessly to stem the backlash against American Muslims after 9/11," said Kurasaki, noting the important role El-Karra and CAIR play in providing education to promote civil rights. "He has accomplished so much and done more than most of us will ever do in a lifetime."

Similar thoughts were voiced by JACL Regional Director Patty Wada who said, "Basim El-Karra is a friend and an ally in the civil rights community, and the JACL district vote demonstrates our support of him and his good work." ■





New Yorkers young and old celebrated the 40th anniversary of the *Loving* decision.

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## 'LOVING'

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Virginia statute barring whites from marrying nonwhites. The decision also overturned similar bans in 15 other states.

The Supreme Court ruled that Virginia could not criminalize the marriage that Richard Loving, a white, and his black wife, Mildred, entered into nine years earlier in Washington, D.C. It's been four decades, but in the context of U.S. history, not long ago at all.

Before Mineta, Chung and Yamaguchi there was Dick Miyagawa and his Norwegian bride Marion Smithback, whom he married twice (once in 1945 on a Georgia military base and again in 1956) because the state of Georgia didn't recognize the marriage between a Nisei and a white woman.

People still don't believe that such laws existed, said Judy Miyagawa, the couple's daughter. "Some even don't believe me, that is, until I produced the actual letter from the attorney general's office in Georgia."

Marion was eight months pregnant in 1949, homeless because no one would rent to them and filled with despair at her doctor's office until she heard some prophetic words.

"[The doctor] said 'Marion, you are a pioneer. Not in our lifetime or even our children's, but in the future, race won't matter, there will be such a big melting pot of cultures and people,'" said Judy.

On the 40th anniversary of the *Loving* decision, how far has the country come since its racist past?

## Looking into History to Find Inspiration

Race mattered in 1909 when Gunjiro Aoki, a handsome kendo master and socialist, was engaged to Helen Gladys Emery, daughter of the archdeacon of San Francisco's Grace Church.

The union, touted to be the first interracial Japanese/Caucasian marriage in California, so enraged local politicians that an emergency session was called in the assembly to specifically keep the wedding from happening. In order to get married, the couple boarded a train and kept traveling north. At every stop, hordes of people would try to stop their progress. But finally in Seattle the mayor, who was also a socialist, married Gunjiro and Helen.

"My grandfather and Gunjiro being upper class had no minority consciousness. Gunjiro saw a beautiful girl and he went for her," said Brenda Wong Aoki, who put together a one-woman play based on her great uncle.

They weren't trying to change laws or make political statements. By living and loving, they became trendsetters.

Noted San Francisco poet and community activist Janice Mirikitani married Rev. Cecil Williams in

1982, but that was after Williams presided over Mirikitani's wedding to her first husband in 1966 — a year before the *Loving* decision.

It wasn't love at first sight. She was going back to graduate school and needed to get a part-time job. A friend who was working at San Francisco's Glide Church recommended Mirikitani for a temporary position.

The first day on the job, she was transcribing tapes when Williams walked in and stood over her.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked her.

"No," she replied indignantly and he walked out. Her first impression was of a man "so egotistical they need to widen the doorways," but after years of friendship, love blossomed.

"We knew each other for 18 years before we got married. He's my best friend. Our lives have been affected by various different struggles," said Mirikitani, including resistance from their respective families over a marriage between a Japanese American and an African American.

"I think that more mixed marriages are an inevitable situation," she added. "The more integrated our society becomes, the more we as human beings are attracted to others who understand our souls."

## Celebrating Loving Day

Since *Loving v. Virginia*, the number of interracial marriages has soared, according to Census Bureau figures. Coupled with a steady flow of immigrants from all parts of the world, the surge of interracial marriages and multiracial children is producing a 21st century America more diverse than ever, with the potential to become less stratified by race.

About 6.8 million described themselves as multiracial — 2.4 percent of the population. But many have not forgotten their roots.

For the last three years, the Loving Day Campaign has celebrated the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision with events nationwide. In New York's East River area, the largest Loving Day celebration was held June 10 with food and beverages.

"Part of Loving Day's mission is to fight prejudice through education. Prejudice certainly still exists; according to the FBI, race is still the top motivating factor in hate crimes by a large margin. Racial prejudice is especially persistent in the context of intimate relationships. Teaching people about the *Loving* decision is our way of fighting that prejudice," said Ken Tanabe, Loving Day creator.

"Legally, we have come a long way. From a social perspective, we still have a long way to go. Hundreds of years of racism will not disappear overnight," he added. ■

For more information about the *Loving Day* campaign: [www.loving-day.org](http://www.loving-day.org)

## FOR THE RECORD

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to financial records of individuals suspected in foreign intelligence cases. There was an approval process for issuing NSLs and a standard of reasonable cause for delving into private records of individuals residing in this country.

Passage of the Patriot Act in 2001, however, changed all that by lowering the standard for the issuance of NSLs and essentially changed their purpose from investigation of suspected spies or terrorists to casting a broad net to data mine lists as a preventative tool against possible terrorist activities. And in so doing, the NSLs became a secret tool of the FBI for gathering private information about the lives of Americans.

In March of this year, the Justice Department's Inspector General issued a report which revealed a disturbing picture of the abuse by the FBI's private and secret investigation of thousands of Americans through the NSLs. The report substantiated what I had suspected from research I had been doing on the NSLs last year, but it was much worse than I had imagined.

NSLs were previously used when a trail of evidence pointed to their need in individual cases, but their use has become widespread after passage of the Patriot Act. Conservatively, the IG reported that over 140,000 NSLs were issued over a two-year period ending in 2005 to third party entities (compared to 2,000 NSLs issued in 2000). In the past, the discretionary use of NSLs was controlled by a requirement that they be approved by ranking officials at FBI headquarters in Washington, but now the

letters can be issued by special agents in field offices.

As a result, the FBI can now issue NSLs to get private information about virtually anyone, including American citizens, with minimal checks and balances to justify their use. The letters are being used to gather information from third parties (financial institutions, telecommunications companies, internet providers, credit companies) on individuals who are not necessarily connected to suspected terrorists or agents of foreign powers. That is, according to the inspector general's report, the FBI seems to be casting a wide net to obtain database information from companies for the purpose of ferreting out suspects from those database lists.

In other words, rather than targeting individuals based on suspicious activities and evidence, the NSLs are now being used to get entire lists from, say, telephone company databases to see who may be making overseas calls to places like the Middle East or other Muslim countries. And of equal concern, all the data from such searches are being stored in government files so that private information of individual users is now part of the government's records. Add to this, records of financial institutions, electronic communications, and credit records to see how broadly the FBI can delve into the private records of Americans.

While gag orders have always been part of the NSLs as a way of not tipping off suspects that they were being investigated for their suspicious activities, the current climate of secrecy connected with the ways the NSLs are being used is troubling. By demanding large database


records, the FBI — unwittingly or not — gathers unwarranted private information about American citizens who will never be informed that they're under the same investigative shadow as someone who may be a terrorist suspect.

Because recipients of NSLs cannot reveal to their subscribers that their personal records have been subpoenaed by the government and because the NSL net is so wide now, the NSLs have taken on a cloak of secrecy that previously didn't exist. Despite the guaranteed right of privacy that has been one of the cornerstones of American democracy, the Patriot Act precludes this right in the matter of NSLs.

The use of NSLs, under the right conditions and with proper controls, can serve as a useful tool against espionage and terrorism. But under the present conditions given to NSLs by the Patriot Act, they present a danger to the fundamental right to privacy of American citizens. The insistence on secrecy and silence and the invasion of the privacy of American citizens run counter to principles of democracy in America.

The ACLU seems to be the only organization challenging the post-Patriot Act use of national security letters. It's time the nation's civil rights community, which of course includes the JACL, got serious about this and pressed Congress to re-examine the Patriot Act and repeal the broadened authority given to the NSLs. ■

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## SUMO

# Newest Yokozuna Makes a Grand Hawaiian Debut

HONOLULU—As a foreigner competing in the ancient Japanese sport of sumo, Hakuho has always felt compelled to learn faster, train harder and win.

The Mongolian giant made an impressive debut as sumo's newest yokozuna by defeating fellow Mongolian yokozuna Asashoryu to win the Grand Sumo Tournament in Hawaii.

Hakuho won the Sakura Cup, symbolic of the overall championship of the June 9-10 tournament.

Hakuho, whose real name in Munkhbat Davaajargal, was recently promoted to grand champion becoming the 69th yokozuna in history and the third-youngest wrestler to achieve the revered rank that is a mark of honor.

"As a yokozuna, you can't lose. A god can't lose," he said in a recent interview.

The 22-year-old is only the fourth non-Japanese to reach sumo's highest rank. Overall, there are eight Mongolian wrestlers competing in

sumo's elite division.

Hakuho said he tried for yokozuna last year, but injuries prevented him from achieving his long dream. This year, he has been dominant, winning back-to-back Emperor's Cups, including a 15-0 record at the Summer Grand Sumo Tournament in May.

Hakuho made his debut as a yokozuna at the two-day tournament in Hawaii, the first sanctioned grand event in the U.S. since Las Vegas two years ago.

What gives them their girth is their usual fare of *chankonabe* — a fatty stew mixture of pork, cabbage, egg and bean sprouts.

"I ate a lot of that. I've eaten so much I've thrown up," Hakuho said. "My senior sumo wrestlers forced me to eat. That was more difficult than our sumo training."

Besides Mongolia, other foreign wrestlers from Russia, Bulgaria, Hungary and South Korea are helping to change the face of sumo.

There has not been a Japanese grand champion since Takanohana retired in 2003. The last American yokozuna was Musashimaru, who retired in 2004. ■



## GOLF

# Once Filled with Unlimited Potential, Wie Now Surrounded by Controversy

HAVRE DE GRACE, Maryland—Phil Mickelson withdrew because of a wrist injury and flew home to San Diego for an MRI. He saw two doctors, had one cortisone shot and decided to withdraw from his next tournament.

Michelle Wie withdrew because of a wrist injury and went to the range to hit balls.

In fairness, at least she took a day off.

Maybe that made her left wrist feel better, but it did nothing to quell the mounting criticism around her.

That the 17-year-old from Honolulu would walk out of the Ginn Tribute recently with only two holes left in the first round is suspicious enough. The U.S. LPGA Tour has a rule that nonmembers who don't break 88 — and Wie was two bogeys away from that — cannot play again for the rest of the year.

Worse yet was showing up at Bulle Rock on the weekend to hit balls. She played the pro-am June 4 at the U.S. LPGA Championship, practiced some more on June 5 and has no expectations for the second women's major of the year, conceding she is not at her best.

That didn't sit well with the tour's biggest star — Annika Sorenstam — who happened to be the tournament host at the Ginn.

"I just feel that there's a little bit of lack of respect and class just to leave a tournament like that and then come out and practice here," said Sorenstam, who soldiered on for four days despite returning from a back and neck injury.

"It's a little funny that you pull out with an injury and then you start grinding. My doctor told me to rest."

Sorenstam was quick to note that Wie received a sponsor's exemption to the tournament. That means she was invited. The feeling on the LPGA Tour is that Wie has mistaken invitation for entitlement.

Only it is becoming apparent that Wie doesn't see it that way.

She opened her press conference June 5 wanting to clarify a few issues. One suspected there might be an apology to the tournament sponsors for a situation beyond her control.



AP PHOTO

Wie, 17, ignited a firestorm of criticism after she withdrew from a tournament because of a wrist injury, but then practiced at the range. 'I'm only human,' she said.

Instead, she explained when she injured her wrist during the tournament (first hole), how she injured her wrist in the first place (running in a park) and that she still wasn't 100 percent.

"I'm going through a hard time," she said. "It's my first time facing an injury."

Asked about Sorenstam's criticism, Wie said nothing was said to her and she had nothing to say back.

"I don't think I need to apologize for anything," she said. "I just have to take care of my body and move forward and only think of positive things."

Those are becoming hard to find.

The hysteria over Wie was at a high last year at Bulle Rock. She had narrowly missed qualifying for the U.S. Open at Winged Foot, stopped only by her putting at the Canoe Brook qualifier. She was poised to become golf's youngest major champion until a wayward wedge from the 16th fairway of the final round at the LPGA Championship.

But her game began to disintegrate that summer. She was taken away on a stretcher from the John Deere Classic. She finished dead last in consecutive weeks in Switzerland

and Pennsylvania competing against the men. She failed to break 80 at the Casio World Open on the Japanese tour. She even struggled against the women, finishing 17th in a field of 20 at the Samsung World Championship.

Her troubles now go beyond the wrist injury and her swing.

She talked endlessly June 5 about wanting to have fun, yet there was a quiver in her voice, and no one would have been surprised to see a tear. One minute she begged for patience, the next she was defiant as ever.

Wie, whose class at Punahou School went through commencement without her June 2 in Honolulu, said she would be patient with herself and asked others to do the same.

"I'm only human," she said.

But she is no longer the prodigy that amazed the golf world with such power for such youth.

She is 17, but no longer a kid.

There was a time the LPGA Tour needed Wie a lot more than Wie needed the LPGA Tour. That might not be the case anymore.

People are far more willing to forgive a bad round than bad manners. ■

## BASEBALL

# Major League Baseball Officials Hope to Decide on Asia Trips Soon

NEW YORK—U.S. Major League Baseball officials hope to decide by late July whether to play in Beijing and Tokyo early next year.

Bob DuPuy, MLB's chief operating officer, headed a delegation that went to China recently and inspected the ballpark being built in Beijing for next year's Olympics. He said exhibition games in Beijing and regular-season games in Tokyo weren't related and that different teams could be involved in each event.

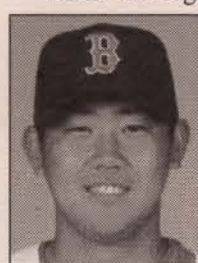
"We are talking about both tracks," he said. "We clearly don't have a lot of time."

Teams opened the season in Tokyo in 2000 (Chicago Cubs and New York Mets) and 2004 (New York Yankees and Tampa Bay Devil Rays), and Seattle and Oakland were scheduled to start 2003 there before that series was scrapped because of the threat of war in Iraq.

"I think getting an overall logistical plan, talking to the players' association, determining sponsorship and broadcast possibilities and then reviewing what teams might be interested would be the next four steps," DuPuy said.

Gene Orza, the union's chief operating officer, said talks with management were likely to take place soon.

"There are logistical difficulties



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with doing both China and Japan, but we're interested in a Japan opener and we're interested in playing in Beijing," he said. "A lot has

to be worked out."

Boston Red Sox president Larry Lucchino was among three clubs officials on the trip along with San Diego's Sandy Alderson and Pittsburgh's Kevin McClatchy. With Daisuke Matsuzaka and Hideki Okajima, the Red Sox have appeal to Japanese sponsors.

The Yankees sent a high-level delegation to China during the offseason and said they would be interested in playing there but haven't heard back from the MLB commissioner's office of late.

"The Dodgers have a long history in Asia. Los Angeles has a huge

Asian-Pacific population and we would definitely be interested in both opportunities," team spokeswoman Camille Johnston said.

MLB officials wanted to get a firsthand look at facilities in China. DuPuy said construction is ongoing at the Beijing ballpark.

"The sod has been put in. Most of the light fixtures are up. Most of the facility is built," he said. "They still have to build a mound. They still have to finish the basepaths. They still have to do some work with the outfield."

Lucchino was excited about possibilities.

"It's inevitable that Major League Baseball will be more active in China than we have been," he said. He can envision a youth baseball academy being started there.

"We've done it elsewhere, so we're not writing on a completely blank slate, but there is a need to recognize China is a unique place and it would have to be done in a way that is compatible with the unique circumstances," he said. ■

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## Nikkei Expressions, Flourishing or Forgotten



**T**WENTY FIVE YEARS ago, this column reprinted samplings from the Evacuation Camp Lexicon (1945 WRA Community Analysis Report) of words and phrases that flourished in the camps.

That column was carried in the *Hokubei Mainichi* and Editor Howard Imazeki hoped "our Sansei kids would relax sometimes and coin some pointed words that would tickle funny bones." Bill Hosokawa remembered some "Issei-ese" in his "Frying Pan" columns. Kay Tateishi in Tokyo sent Toru Matsumoto's "A Random Dictionary" of foreign words borrowed by Japanese. The San Francisco Nisei-Retirement Group gathered a list of Issei pidgin English, calling it "unadulterated Nichibei-go."

Meantime, *P.C.* readers submitted expressions of Issei pidgin and words bandied to and fro by Nisei in the camps.

The WRA analyst recorded words and phrases he thought were the "most tellingly" expressed. Issei compacted English words when they were too much to mouth and Nisei chose playful Japanese (Jp.) words that became Americanized slang or when Japanese words you knew were easier to say.

Merging of two language styles was truly "camp language." The analyst noted: "The (WRA) center is an abnormal community with distinctive characteristics. It is not a corner of Japan nor is it the mainstream of American life. Such a separate community develops its own vocabulary, assimilating into it the type of humor, sarcasm and attitudes which reflect the daily life of the center."

### Terms most common at Tule Lake:

AJI (from *agitator*.) BURU (*bourgeoisie*.) DEMO (*demonstration*.) SEKON HAN (*second hand*.) SENCHI (*sentimental*.) TAKUSHI DE YUKU (means "to walk," *takushi*=taxi, *de*=with, *yuku*=to go. Since there were no taxis in camp, the expression was a

humorous attitude toward camp life.) TOTÉ SHAN (means "very pretty," *toté-totemo* (Jp., "very," German *schön*, "pretty.") YANGU ("young," used in a derogatory manner by Issei addressing a Nisei, describing a person unversed in anything practical.)

### Terms reflecting Issei interest in sports:

AU-TOH (*out*=in baseball.) BESU BOHRU (*baseball*.) DORON GEHMU (*drowned-out game*, game called on account of rain, *doron*=two syllables in Japanese for "drown.") GORO (*ground ball*. From Jp. *goro goro* = sound of something rolling, thunder.) TONNERU (*tunnel* refers to error when ball passes through the player's legs.) Baseball positions were said with a Japanese accent: PICCHA. KETCHA. FAS'TO BES'. SEKON BES'. SAADO BES'. SHOTO-STOP'. AU-TOH-FEERUDA.

### Terms reflecting foods:

Issei pronunciation of American food. MESU (*mess hall*.) BATA. B'REDDO. BURONI. EGISU (instead of Jp. *tamago*.) KEIKI (*cake*.) MIRUKU. PAI. ROHSU (*roast beef*, Issei style of voicing the first two syllables to American words. Japanese regarded "roast beef" as one word.) [I wonder which camp served ROAST BEEF?] SUPPU. WEENEE.

### How Issei said some English words:

BANKU. BEHRU (bell.) BOT-TORU (bottle.) HOHSU (horse.) KAATEN (*curtain*.) KYAMPU (camp.) KYANTEEN. OFISU (*office*.) OH-RAI (all right.) RAKKU (*lock*.) SHABERU (*shovel*.) STOHBUR (*stove*.) WAADO (*ward*.)

### Terms coined by older Nisei:

Block head = The block manager, often in a derogatory way; *Chôchin mochi* (Lantern carrier.) In camp, a person who accompanied a timid suitor to help his courtship; *Damé* (Jp.: uselessness, impossibility.) "It's no good." Everyone in

camp knew this word.

Did you *went*? Shall we *went*? (Instead of using correct tense, "go".) *Donchu sôdan* me? (Nisei for "Why didn't you *donchu* ask me?" *Sôdan*=meeting, consultation.); Esquire = Boy, all dressed-up; *Happa* (half caste.) Introduced by Hawaiians at Tule Lake; Hollywood = Girl, all dressed-up. *Ibei-Kibei* (Nisei: "Japanesey"); *Inu* (Jp.: *dog*.) As applied to so-called stool pigeons in camp; *Kau-kau* (Chinese: "to eat") Hawaiian slang at Tule Lake; *Koshinuké* (Jp., cowardice.) "He's a *koshinuké*." (From two Japanese words: *koshi* = hip, *nuké* = dislocated.) "He has no backbone."

Mop Head = The boys with long-hair; *Nanchu Say?* Combination of *nani* (what), *chu* (you.) "What did you say?"; Pachuko = Mexican American zoot suit style, long and interlaced in back; *Pechanko* (Jp.: to be flattened.) "My wallet is *pechanko*"; *Peko-peko* (Jp.: not to grudge, bow one's head.) Often said when hungry. "My stomach is *peko-peko*."

Powder factory = Girl heavily made-up, especially with powder; *Shimpai* (Jp.: anxiety, worry.) Often heard: "No *shimpai*"; Slop suey = Variant for "chop suey," as dinner of rice, meat and veggies was slapped on one dish; *Suppon-tei* = superintendent. (Jp.: *suppon* = terrapin, snapping turtle.) (Jp.: *tei* = emperor.)

Waste time = Dislike of some activity; Wolfing glasses = Dark glasses; *Yabo* (Jp.: boorishness, awkward country bumpkin.) Applied in a self-derogatory manner to "Japanese"; *Yogoré* (Jp.: *yogoreru* = to get dirty.) Term applied to some rough elements, an unsavory gang.

A generation would pass after the WWII camp years that the term, "Nikkei" (of Japanese ancestry) came to being, referring to the Issei, Nisei, Sansei and persons of Japanese ancestry. Occasionally, Yonsei (fourth generation) and Gosei (fifth generation) see print. Whether succeeding Japanese American families will continue counting will be up to them. ■

• CHERYL WATAMURA MARTINEZ •  
A BROAD VIEW



## Golf Orphans

**T**oday, I'm going to write about golf in Germany. OK, you might be asking yourselves, is GOLF really news and information for the Asian American community? Well, 851 thousand AA golfers will no doubt think it is, and for the rest of you — well, read on anyway.

Here in Germany, spring is in the air. The weather is finally starting to turn for the better: the rain isn't so insistent, birds are coming out of their hiding places and the sun is trying to peek through. And that means it's time to take out those golf clubs and get out on the course.

However, this being Germany, that's easier said than done. Because Germans really take their sports seriously. In order to play here, you first have to take hours of lessons with a professional trainer, then pass a written and oral test. After that, you get your license, but you still have to join a golf club in order to play. It takes a lot of time and effort, but a few years ago I decided to take up the challenge.

I had barely even watched the game before, but my husband was spending a lot of time on the golf course and I was tired of being left at home. So I decided to spend my free days taking lessons, going to the driving range, reading up on golf rules and shopping for all those cute accessories that go with the game like little club covers with elephant heads on them.

When I first started to practice, no one told me how hard it would be to hit a non-moving object placed directly before my very own feet. "Swoosh - swoosh": that was my club swinging through the air after not making contact with the ball. All around me, I heard: "swoosh, whack! - swoosh, whack!" But my efforts all ended only with a "swoosh".

Not to worry, not to worry, said my husband with encouragement. It's like that for all beginners! So I persisted in going to the driving range on most weekends with my by then very large collection of golf

paraphernalia. I had a battery driven golf trolley, striped Capri pants, brilliantly colored caps, spiffy white golf shoes, polished clubs and by now a whole zoo of club covers: Mr. Elephant, Miss Panda and Baby Piggy were my trusty companions.

After about a year, I could proudly say that I was hitting most of my balls. I had finally graduated to a "whack"! And so, after taking my final test, successfully earning my golf license (the bribes to my golf instructor were truly very, very small), and joining a club, I was ready for my first round of golf!

Whoever says golf is not a sport has just never played it. I was prepared for the big day with a thermos of coffee, a large sandwich, candy bars, a bottle of water, an apple, Mr. Elephant, Miss Panda and Baby Piggy. But I never had a chance to enjoy any of those. As it turns out, golf is a never-ending race to keep up with the players in front of you and avoid getting hit from the players behind. If your ball keeps on losing itself in some tall grass, as mine had an odd tendency to do, you spend the entire game running. Running into the shrubbery to find your ball, running to keep up, running to avoid getting hit, running to make sure you haven't hit anyone, running to find your ball again and running to make sure your electric trolley doesn't speed away with your bag after you've set it to automatic.

My day went like this: Mr. Elephant got lost on the second hole, Miss Panda somewhere around the 8th and Baby Piggy got stuffed into the bag at the 10th in order to keep him from becoming an orphan. When we were done I took toll. Besides my animal friends I had lost six balls, a bottle of water, four pounds and the patience of my husband. And I learned that my license didn't help me one bit out there on the course. A hard hat would have made more sense. ■

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## WWII JA Vets' Legacy Engraved in Stone



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The names of 114 Japanese American World War II veterans with ties to the Pocatello, Idaho area have been added to the Southeast Idaho Veterans Memorial located at Upper Ross Park.

The Pocatello-Blackfoot JACL along with veteran Jun Shiosaki worked to place bricks with the names of JA veterans. Some veterans declined the honor, saying they didn't serve in the war or active duty. ■



Inspired by the true story of Hachiko, a Japanese icon known for his loyalty, this Sansei is helming a feature film about the canine starring Richard Gere.

# Telling a Dog's Story

By LYNDA LIN

THE REAL DEAL: Vicki Shigekuni Wong with her real life Hachiko, a Japanese Shiba who inspired her to make a film.

PHOTO COURTESY OF VICKI SHIGEKUNI WONG

During her first visit to Japan in the mid 1980s, Vicki Shigekuni Wong found inspiration in a bronze statue. Above the hustle and bustle of Tokyo's Shibuya Train Station, the likeness of an Akita memorialized Japan's most beloved canine named Hachiko.

"I really have an affinity towards dogs, so the moment I spotted Hachiko's bronze statue I was absolutely smitten," wrote Wong in an e-mail from her South Pacific vacation home.

Wong wasn't alone — many fell in love with the real-life Hachiko, the devoted dog that became a fixture at Shibuya Station where he waited for almost a decade starting in the mid-1920s for his master's return.

Man's best friend and its two-legged companion have always shared a special friendship and Hollywood has paid homage to the relationship by immortalizing dog stars like Benji and Lassie. But Hachiko's story stuck to Wong like peanut butter to the roof of her mouth.

"Something about this dog's simple act of unwavering loyalty of waiting is so profoundly moving," said Wong, who is introducing an American audi-

ence to the Japanese icon.

In an industry that tends to stamp out ethnicity onscreen and behind the scenes, Wong is co-producing a \$15 million feature film called "Hachiko: A Dog's Story" starring Richard Gere and possibly Ken Watanabe. Filming is slated to begin this fall in Connecticut.

"People seem to identify with Hachiko. He symbolizes so many different things to different people. Hachiko represents innocence, fear, hope, joy, loss and loneliness," she said.

## 'Little Buddha'

On Christmas of 1987, Wong's husband at the time brought home a Japanese Shiba puppy wrapped in a big red bow that they naturally named Hachiko (Hachi for short). The fluffy pup instantly became a serene influence on her life.

"Hachiko's calm manner inspired me to call him 'Little Buddha' and I often mused on what a spiritual lift I received from just being in his presence. We had a deep bond and I took him everywhere. When Hachiko was a puppy, he was so cute that a little boy pointed to Hachiko and asked, 'where are his batteries?' He looked like a plush stuffed toy!"

"My parents, Ruth and Tom Shigekuni of Malaga Cove, would take care of Hachiko whenever I traveled. My mother called him her 'grand dog' and my father would be

the official dog walker when and if he could convince Hachiko to go outside. They would have these hilarious standoffs at the front door with neither side giving ground," said Wong.

When Hachi passed away at 16, she struggled with a deep sense of loss.

"During this time, I just wanted to keep Hachi's memory alive and this is when I first wanted to make this film."

"Hachiko: A Dog's Story," will be an American adaptation of the famous Japanese true story set in present-day Connecticut. In the film, Hachiko arrives from Japan and is discovered by Parker (Gere, who is also co-producing the film), a university professor.

Like the true story, Hachiko accompanies his master to the train station every day and returns each afternoon to greet him after work. But when Parker passes away, Hachiko faithfully returns to the same spot at the station every day for the next nine years to wait for his beloved master.

"I've seen grown men who don't even like dogs ... shed tears while reading the screenplay. This is the basis for a great film," said Wong.

## Learning on the Job

Wong, a Sansei who grew up in Torrance, Calif. didn't have any formal education in the entertainment

industry.

She was working as the president of her condo association across the street from the Viacom offices of Paul Mason, senior vice president of production. Mason was looking for an assistant, so he asked Wong to fill in until he found a replacement. A year later, she was jack-of-all-trades doing everything from visiting editing rooms to reading scripts and basically learning all about "the biz."

"It was like enrolling in 'Entertainment 101' and learning about film production, budgets, sound, editing and the legal aspects of the business in a real-life setting."

Wong began pushing the Hachiko film at the same time she had bought a vacation home on the island of Vanuatu.

"My fantasy was to spend six months a year reading, swimming and relaxing amidst my tropical gardens in this dream house overlooking the turquoise sea. The script was completed just days before leaving and I really forgot about it during all the excitement of the move. Within a month of arriving in Vanuatu, I got word that a company wanted to back my little dog film. My ambitious idea of rest and relaxation was not to be!" she said. ■

"Hachiko: A Dog's Story" will be released theatrically in both domestic and foreign territories.



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# Calendar

## National

### SAN JOSE

**June 29-July 1**—JACL National Youth/Student Conference: "Cultivating Leaders by Defining Our Roots"; Santa Clara University; early registration fees: \$175/JACL members and \$200/non-members (postmarked by June 15); registration includes meals, two nights lodging; non-member registration also includes a JACL youth/students membership; conference is open to high school and college students from all over the United States; housing will be in the dormitories. Info: [www.jaclyouth.org](http://www.jaclyouth.org).

### TUKWILA, Wash.

**July 26-29**—PNW-IDC JACL Bi-District Conference; registration \$160 if received by July 1, \$50/youth 25 and under; events include a welcome mixer, recognition luncheon, workshops, networking luncheon and awards dinner; Best Western River's Edge, 15901 W. Valley Hwy., 800/544-9863; mention JACL Bi-District Conference to receive the room rate of \$99 plus tax. Info: Elaine Akagi, [pnwgov@jaclo.org](mailto:pnwgov@jaclo.org).

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Aug. 9-12**—EDC/MDC JACL Bi-District Conference; Washington Hilton Hotel. Info: 773/728-7170.

**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; proceeds will help fund a Sen. Daniel Inouye Fellowship. Info: 202/223-1240 or [dc@jaclo.org](mailto:dc@jaclo.org).

## East

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Sat., June 30**—Washington, D.C. JACL Picnic; 12:30 p.m.; Wheaton Regional Park, Shelter G, Shorfield Rd., Wheaton, Md. Info: Clyde Nishimura, 703/867-9397.

## Midwest

### CHICAGO

**Thurs., July 12**—16th Annual Chicago JACL Golf Tournament; 9:30 a.m.; Pinecrest, Algonquin Road, Huntley, Ill.; \$80 fee includes cart,



'RED HOT,' an Asian art exhibition featuring over 100 pieces from 66 artists, runs from July 22-Oct. 21 at Houston's Museum of Fine Arts.

prizes, lunch and soft drinks; open to the first 40 registrants. Info: 773/728-7170.

## HOUSTON

**July 22-Oct. 21**—Exhibition, "RED HOT: Asian Art Today from the Chaney Family Collection"; Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Audrey Jones Beck Building, 5601 Main St.; Tue.-Wed. 10-5 p.m., Thurs. 10-9 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 10-7 p.m., Sun. 12:15-7 p.m.; features 100 works and 66 artists and reflects the powerful economic shifts and deep social changes that have impacted a rapidly growing class of young artists; admission is \$7/adults, \$3.50/youth and seniors, free for MFAH members. Info: 713/639-7300 or [www.mfah.org](http://www.mfah.org).

## Pacific Northwest

### PORTLAND

**Through-Aug. 12**—Exhibition, The Art of Jimmy Mirikitani; Tues.-Sat. 11-3 p.m., Sun. 12-3 p.m.; Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center, 121 NW Second Ave.; a poignant exploration of the lasting impacts of war and discrimination and the healing power of creativity; \$3 donation, free to members of ONLC. Info: [www.oregonnikkei.org](http://www.oregonnikkei.org).

## Intermountain

### DELTA, Utah

**Sat., June 30**—Topaz National Historic Landmark Ceremony and Pilgrimage; 10 a.m. unveiling of the National Historic Landmark plaque at

the Topaz site followed by tours of the site; lunch will be in Delta followed by a presentation by Klancy deNevers, author of "The Colonel and the Pacifist"; 3:30 p.m. screening of "American Pastime" at the Twin Theaters in Delta. Info: [topazmuseum@frontiernet.net](mailto:topazmuseum@frontiernet.net) or 435/864-2098.

## TWIN FALLS

**June 21-22**—2nd Annual Civil Liberties in Wartime Symposium; College of Southern Idaho; event includes "Current Challenges to Civil Liberties" workshop and a one act play about the treatment of JAs during WWII. Info: [www.mindoka.org](http://www.mindoka.org).

## Northern California

### ALAMEDA

**Sun., Aug. 12**—Salute to Our Veterans; 10-5 p.m. (come and go as you please); USS Hornet Museum, 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3, Alameda Point; program will honor the men and women from WWII to the Korean Conflict, two screenings of Lane Nishikawa's "Only the Brave," tours of the USS Hornet, silent auction and bento lunch; \$30/adults, \$20/children 12 and under. Info: Milo Yoshino, 925/933-7584 or [miloyoshi@aol.com](mailto:miloyoshi@aol.com).

### PALO ALTO

**July 20-22**—Exhibition, "I Bow to You" featuring Buddhist Sculptures by Thomas Matsuda; Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Rd.; 10-5 p.m.; July 20, 7-9 p.m. opening reception; July 21, 11-noon, slide presentation of contemporary work, 1-4:30 p.m. "Creating Jizos in Clay" workshop; July 22, 10 a.m. service followed by a Buddhist sculpture carving demonstration. Info: 650/856-0123

### SACRAMENTO

**June 28-July 1**—Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) National Convention; Sheraton Grand Hotel,

1230 J St.; registration: \$300/member, \$400/non-member, \$100/student. Info: [www.oconational.org](http://www.oconational.org).

## SALINAS

**Sat., July 7**—Salinas Valley JACL 75th Anniversary Celebration; National Steinbeck Center. Info: Shari Higashi, 831/659-1707 or Lorrie Mikuni, 831/455-0741.

## SAN FRANCISCO

**July 24-31, Aug. 2-5**—Exhibition, "I Bow to You" featuring Buddhist Sculptures by Thomas Matsuda; Dentoh Gallery (July 24-31), 1737 Post St., #365; hours: Sun.-Thurs. 10-6 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 10-7 p.m.; San Francisco Zen Center (Aug. 2-5), 300 Page St.; hours vary; exhibition features recent Buddhist sculptures. Info: Dentoh Gallery, 415/359-9570, San Francisco Zen Center, 415/863-3136.

## SAN JOSE

**Fri., June 22**—San Jose JACL's Children's Day; noon-2 p.m.; Issei Memorial Building, 565 N. Fifth St.; enjoy a picnic lunch, crafts, activities and prizes; lunch provided by San Jose JACL. Info and RSVP: Lisa Kobayashi, 408/254-9487 or [kobayashi@netzero.net](mailto:kobayashi@netzero.net).

## SARATOGA

**Sat., Aug. 18**—West Valley JACL's 30 Annual Daruma Festival; 9:30-4 p.m.; Saratoga Community Center, 19655 Allendale Ave.; featuring arts and crafts, food, raffle prizes, children's activities and more; free and open to the public. Info: [www.daruma-festival.org](http://www.daruma-festival.org) or 408/253-0458.

## Central California

### HANFORD

**Through July 31**—Exhibit, The Exploration of Unseen Worlds: Imagination as Reality in Japanese Art; 1-5 p.m. Tues.-Sat.; The Ruth and Sherman Lee Institute for Japanese Art, 15770 Tenth Ave.; \$5/adults, \$3/students, members and children under 12 are free. Info: 559/582-4915 or [www.shermanleeinstitute.org](http://www.shermanleeinstitute.org).

## Southern California

### GARDENA

**June 23-24**—Gardena Valley JCI Carnival; Sat. noon-9 p.m., Sun. noon-7:30 p.m.; GVJCI, 1964 W. 162nd St.; food, games, entertainment and demonstrations; Info: 310/324-6611.

**Sat., July 7**—Annual Hana Uno Scholarship Benefit Dance; 7-11 p.m.; Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 162nd St.; featuring exhibition dance by David Shinjo. Info: [www.glasjaclo.org](http://www.glasjaclo.org) or Miyako, 310/839-1194.

## LOS ANGELES

**Through June 30**—Exhibition, "From 12/7 to 9/11: Lessons on the Japanese American Internment";

UCLA's Charles E. Young Research Library; exhibit features photographs, artwork and archival materials to tell personal stories that raise questions about loyalty, racism and government expediency; admission is free and library hours vary by day. Info: [www2.library.ucla.edu/news/2152.cfm](http://www2.library.ucla.edu/news/2152.cfm) or 310/825-6925.

**June 17-Oct. 21**—Exhibition, "Landscaping America: Beyond the Japanese Garden"; JANM, 369 E. First St.; exhibit explores the history and influence of Japanese-style gardens and JA gardeners on the American landscape. Info: JANM, 213/625-0414.

**Thurs., July 19**—LEAP's 25th Anniversary Gala; reception 6 p.m., dinner 7-9 p.m.; Los Angeles Hilton, Universal City, 555 Universal Hollywood Dr.; program will honor AAPI leaders and LEAP's 25-year history. Info and tickets: [www.leap.org](http://www.leap.org).

## Arizona

### PHOENIX

**Sat., June 30**—An Evening Stroll in the Ro Ho En; 7 p.m.; Japanese Friendship Garden of Phoenix, 1125 N. 3rd Ave.; wear your cotton yukata or happi coat with geta or zori; light food and drinks will be available; \$5; tickets must be purchased by June 20. Info and tickets: Doris Asano, 602/997-0679.

## Nevada

### LAS VEGAS

**Sept. 17-19**—Manzanar High School Reunion featuring the Clubs of Manzanar; California Hotel; anyone with photos, club rosters or emblems are asked to contact Sam Ono, 310/327-5568. Info: Sus Ioki, 310/202-9199, [sioki@comcast.net](mailto:sioki@comcast.net), Henry Nakano, 714/871-8178 or Victor Muraoka, 818/368-4113, [v.muraoka@verizon.net](mailto:v.muraoka@verizon.net).

**Nov. 6-7**—All-Minidoka Reunion; Golden Nugget Hotel. Info: Tak Todo, 206/362-8195 or [tjtodo@aol.com](mailto:tjtodo@aol.com).

## Brazil

### SÃO PAULO

**July 18-21**—COPANI XIV, PANA Convention; Hotel Blue Tree Convention Ibirapuera; registration \$300, golf tournament \$200; hotel rates: Blue Tree Convention Hotel Ibirapuera, \$82/single, \$94/double or Hotel Nikkey Palace, \$57/single, \$68/double. Info: Arturo Yoshimoto, [panausa@usa.net](mailto:panausa@usa.net); JACL contact, Lillian Kimura, [lkimura@att.net](mailto:lkimura@att.net); overseas registrants, Prof. Ii-sei Watanabe, [watanabe@icb.usp.br](mailto:watanabe@icb.usp.br).

## TANFORAN

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"Then why were the barbed wire fences pointing inward and the guards pointing their guns at us?" said Lou Minamoto, 75, of Oakland.

Minamoto was 10 when she was crammed into a horse stall at Tanforan with her mother, sisters and brother. They slept on hay, and what she remembers most is the smell of manure, she said. From Tanforan, the family was sent to a remote desert camp in Topaz, Utah, where they were detained even though two other brothers were fighting in the war on the U.S. side.

Being held in what some participants called U.S. "concentration camps" has pushed many internees to become outspoken on issues of civil liberties.

"We don't want it to happen again to any other nationality," said Hatsu Aizawa, 82, of San Francisco, a Tanforan internee, who worries over the treatment of Arab Americans since Sept. 11.

The detentions at Tanforan began in April 1942, just a few months after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, drove the U.S. into the war. Authorities quickly opened about a dozen temporary detention centers like Tanforan across California to funnel JAs away from the coast, where the Roosevelt administration believed they posed a threat.

Actors playing men and women facing imprisonment at Tanforan reminded the multigenerational audience at the mall of the government edict instructing internees to bring only what they could carry. Families with babies, as the performers portrayed, could carry little else.

Judith Jue, 65, of Los Angeles has no memory of Tanforan, though the camp has always been a part of her life. Jue was the first of 64 babies born at the detention center before she too was sent to Topaz with her parents until the end of the war.

Unlike many families, Jue and her parents returned to San Leandro to find their home intact thanks to sympathetic white neighbors who cared for the house in their absence. Jue's parents talked little about the experience afterward, she said, like many others of their generation who suppressed their bitterness both out of fear of further discrimination and as a point of pride.

"I think they tried as much as possible to pick up where they left off ... as hard as it was," Jue said.

On June 2, many of the oldest surviving internees were ready to remember those painful days. Men and women in their 90s, some with canes, another in a wheelchair, struck a ceremonial bell to commemorate their days at Tanforan.

"We survived that," Minamoto said. "And we pretty much came back with our heads held high." ■



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## COUNT ME IN!

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over 24,000 undergraduates. For Riesch, the numbers just don't add up.

In order to call attention to the plight of smaller APA ethnic groups, UCLA's Asian Pacific Coalition (APC) is leading a campaign to pressure university administrators to disaggregate the "Other Asian" category, which critics say traps some APAs under the Model Minority Myth.

### Beating the Odds

The Count Me In! Campaign, which is currently a UCLA initiative but will soon spread to the other UC campuses, seeks to achieve:

- the inclusion of 10 more APA ethnic groups such as Bangladeshi, Fijian and Hmong in the university's collection of data;
- the creation of a Pacific Islander racial category; and
- financial support for outreach projects targeted at disadvantaged APAs.

"The truth of the matter is, we can't be placed under the homogeneous Asian American umbrella," said Riesch, who grew up in East Palo Alto, known then for being the murder capital of the country. "Not everyone fits in that category."

Statistically the odds are against Pacific Islanders like Riesch: only 15 percent get their bachelor's degree and only one percent go on to get their master's degree. For many, upward mobility and higher education are virtually inaccessible without help. Being lumped into an "Asian" group undermines the struggles of smaller APA ethnic groups, critics say.

The campaign was the direct response to anti-Asian sentiment expressed at UCLA when admission numbers were released. An October 2006 column in the university newspaper blamed APA students for lowered numbers of African American and Hispanic admits.

"It was a wake up call," said Riesch. "It was supposed to be sarcastic, but for us it was filled with hate."

The APC immediately hosted a forum to dispel the misconception and from there, the Count Me In! campaign was born.

"We're underrepresented and from a different part of history, a different part of the world," said Kevin Peanh, 20, about his Cambodian heritage.

Being placed under a ubiquitous Asian classification was personally detrimental to the Long Beach, Calif. native because his classmates would often think his family was more affluent than their reality.

"My mom is a caretaker and my dad is a machinist," said Peanh.

## Disaggregating APA Racial Categories in California

University of California officials agree that placing all APAs in a single category likely masks differences in experience, educational background and socio-economic status.

"We are currently developing a report that disaggregates these categories at the system wide level," said Nina Robinson, director of policy and external affairs for the University of California. "In addition, we are studying the possibility of expanding the number of subcategories of data we collect and report."

In conjunction with the Count Me In! Campaign, Calif. State Assemblyman Ted Lieu is pushing AB 295, which seeks to disaggregate data collected by state agencies. If passed, state agencies must collect data on smaller AAPI communities similar to the method used in the U.S. Census.

Currently, the University of California's undergraduate application offers students the option to report their ethnicity in multiple categories including eight Asian subcategories — the most of any other racial group. The Chicano/Latino, African American and Caucasian categories remain homogenous.

But campaign supporters say their efforts are specially geared towards dismantling the Model Minority Myth.

"I am not opposed to other groups being able to access disaggregated data. The intent of this bill, however, is to address the Model Minority Myth that exists for the API community. It will accomplish this by gathering accurate data for individual groups that are starkly different from one another in terms of immigration patterns, language and culture," said Lieu.

UCLA's APC is an alliance of 21 different APA organizations. This summer, they are planning to widen their base and build networks on all the UC campuses. For many, the campaign is an APA effort, even for larger APA ethnic communities that are currently represented.

"Japanese Americans for the most part have a pretty well-off community. But this is why it needs to be recognized. We can't just be complacent because our community is doing well," said Craig Ishii, the Pacific Southwest regional director and current UCLA student. "We as JAs and we as JACL need to stand up together with other communities when support is needed. And we as JAs and JACL need to look beyond what directly affects us as Nikkei and instead look to what affects us as Asian Americans and even beyond."

For more information on UCLA's APC, visit [www.apcla.org](http://www.apcla.org)

## IN MEMORIAM

# Tom Kitayama, the first JA to Hold Office in Calif., Dies at 83

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Tom Kitayama, the first Japanese American elected to public office in California, was known as "Mr. Union City" and the "Carnation King."

In the San Francisco Bay Area city he called home, Kitayama was the first and longest-serving mayor. Before his passing on June 5 of heart failure, he had dedicated over 33 years to serving the people of Union City. He was 83.

Kitayama was the city's first appointed mayor (1959) and the city's first elected mayor (1974). Under his leadership, Union City grew from a small town to a bustling suburb of about 50,000 upon his



retirement in 1991.

Kitayama was born at Port Blakely, Bainbridge Island on July 13, 1923 to Takeshi and Masuko. He studied horticulture at Washington State University in Pullman. At the outbreak of World War II, Kitayama was not sent to an internment camp because he was attending college far enough away from the Pacific Coast.

In 1946, Kitayama and his wife Heidi moved to California with dreams of starting a nursery business. Years later, Kitayama Brothers Nursery was established in Union City. At one time, the nursery occupied more than 50 acres.

Aside from running a successful business, Kitayama was active in local government and helped to prevent an attempt by Hayward to annex portions of the townships of Alvarado and Decoto that later merged to form Union City.

From 1959 through 1970, Kitayama and other council members rotated tenures as mayor. Then in 1974, Kitayama won the first direct election for mayor. He won three more elections before his retirement. He was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy in the late 1980s and only given 10 years to live, but he managed to beat the odds for another 20 years.

He is survived by four children and 14 grandchildren.

Union City lowered its flags to half-staff to remember Kitayama's contributions. Family members are preparing a June 16 funeral service at 4 p.m. at Harbor Lights Church in Fremont, Calif. The burial will be private. Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation June 15 from 4-8 p.m. at Berge Pappas Smith Chapel of the Angels in Fremont. ■

## In Memoriam - 2007

All the towns are in California except as noted.

**Agawa, John Heygi, 87**, Vancouver, Wash., April 15; survived by wife, Fumiko; son, Thomas; daughter, Gail (Dean) Robinson; 2 gc.; brothers, Robert and Jim; and sister, Ann Foster.

**Aiu, Ernest W. K. Jr., 46**, Monterey Park, May 14; survived

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by sons, Christopher and Jonathan; daughter, Lisa; father, Ernest; siblings, Thomas (Joan) Aiu, Christine (Jorge) Aiu-Quezada, Timothy (Carrie) Aiu and Catherine (Kalani) Lee Loy; and companion, Elia Valencia.

**Hamamoto, Tamotsu "Tom," 78**, Torrance, May 8; survived by wife, Shifumi; son, Wendell (Lori); daughter, Stacy (Chris) Furuya; 4 gc.; and sister, Mary Mizuo.

**Hasui, Stanley Ken, 64**, Medford, Ore., Nov. 24, 2006; survived by wife, Roberta; daughter, Anjanette (Brad) Derix; 1 gc.; sisters, Naomi (Tonney) Yamane, Azusa (George) Yoshioka and Yoshimi (Alley) Watada; and brother, James.

**Hayashi, Henry Minoru, 84**, Monterey Park, May 15; survived by wife, Akiko; son, Naoto (Masako); 2 gc.; and sister, Mineko (Takao) Kuwaki.

**Ikeuye, Kay Kaneyuki, 84**,

Sunnyvale, May 10; survived by wife, Sets; daughters, Adele (Norman) Sato, Noreen (Doug) Schmidt and Colleen Ikeuye; 2 gc.; sisters, Nobuko Kukita and Yoshiko Ikeuye; and brother, Dale.

**Kawahara, May Haru, 82**, Rowland Heights, May 15; survived by husband, Daniel; sons, Alan, Bryan and Steve (Debbie); daughter, Linda (Craig) Ohira; 2 gc.; brother, Mas Kanemoto; and sisters, Miye Nosaka and Yoshi Ikegami.

**Kosako, Hiroshi "Hiro," 72**, Monterey Park, May 20; survived by son, Paul; daughters, Barbara Annand and Karen Fong; 5 gc.; and 4 ggc.

**Matsui, Takeshi Eddie, 71**, Huntington Beach, May 9; survived by wife, Takako; son, Steve (Joy); daughters, Jane (Brett) Nakamura and Susan (Russell) Matsuda; 2 gc.; brothers, Hisako (Kazuko) and Seishi (Teruko); and sister, Kyoko Iwamoto.

**Mikawa, Tsuruko, 87**, Culver City, May 17; survived by daughters, Irene (Daniel) Matsumura and Judy Mikawa; sisters, Sakaiye Sato, Shigeko (Morimasa) Nishikawa and Itsuko Kuroda; brother, Kazumasa (Emiko); brother-in-law, Henry (Sakaye) Mikawa; sister-in-law, Masaye Sato; and 3 gc.

**Mikuriya, Tod, 73**, Berkeley, May 20; survived by son, Tadafumi; daughter, Hero and sisters, Mary Jane and Beverly.

**Motoyama, Iwao, 88**, Montebello, May 13; survived by wife, Haru;



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son, Dale (Violeta); daughter, Marsha (Leonard) Young; and 4 gc.

**Nitta, Miye, 84**, Los Angeles, May 15; survived by brothers, Keiichi (May) and Reiji.

**Oyakawa, Nobuichi Roy, 80**, Orange, May 30; survived by wife, Yuki; son, Daniel, daughter, Shirley Meade; 4 gc.; and brother, Iwao Nakamura.

**Ozawa, Eiko, 83**, Los Angeles, May 17; survived by sons, Kenny and Michael (Kathy); daughters, Kayo (Ray) Kmak and Sayo (Gary) Kanemoto; 5 gc.; 1 ggc.; and sister, Kimi (Ted) Okuno.

**Tsutomichi, Tooru "Frank," 85**, Fountain Valley, May 14; survived by wife, Yoshiko; daughters, Frances (Don) Henley, Aimee Buck and Judy (Jesse) James; 4 gc.; and sisters, Mitsuko Horita and Koko Matsui.

**Yamaguchi, Chiye, April 10**; survived by son, Akira Takaoka; brother, Noboru (Lily) Kamibayashi; sister, Shizue Kiyohiro; brothers-in-law, Hiroshi (Sachiko) Isoda and Mikio (Tazuko) Wakatsuki; and sisters-in-law, Yayoi Maruyama and Tomie Uetake.

**Yamaguchi, Peter Masaichi, April 3**; survived by sisters, Yayoi Maruyama and Tomie Uetake; brothers, Hiroshi (Sachiko) Isoda and Mikio (Tazuko) Wakatsuki; sister-in-law, Shizue Kiyohiro; and brother-in-law, Noboru (Lily) Kamibayashi.

**Yamashita, Miyako "Mimi," 87**, West Covina; survived by son, Glen; daughters, Gail and Aimee (Walter) Fujinami; 4 gc.; and sister, Matsy (Tamo) Isozaki.

**Yoshimoto, David Sadamu, 81**, Gardena, May 14; survived by daughters, Linda Young and Amy Yoshimoto; sons, Geoffrey and Steve (Cynthia); 4 gc.; and sisters, Irene Imada and Mildred Ueda. ■

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## IMMIGRATION NIGHTMARE

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approval for a hardship waiver for Akiko, something the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has yet to make a ruling on.

So Keith and Akiko are taking matters into their own hands. In February they launched an aggressive public relations campaign, including the BringAkikoHome.com Web site. They have called politicians, printed up bumper stickers and made sure media outlets tell their story.

"We've been married for nine years, we have kids. There's no doubt that we're a legitimate marriage," said Keith. "We say that family is the backbone of this country but the government is breaking up my family over nothing."

### An Innocent Mistake

Keith was in Tokyo, Japan on a business trip when he met Akiko at a local hangout in the Roppongi District. After several months of courtship the two decided to get married and applied for a fiancée

visa.

Told by the local U.S. embassy in Japan that the visa would take about three to four months, Keith and Akiko planned their 1998 dream wedding in Hawaii, even allowing for an extra month. But with the wedding date fast approaching and still no visa, they asked the local U.S. embassy for advice.

According to Keith, he and Akiko were told to go ahead with the wedding and simply adjust Akiko's status from a fiancée visa to a marriage visa after she entered the U.S. That piece of advice has led to nine years of immigration nightmares and ultimately got Akiko kicked out of the country.

"We did what the government told us to do. Their timeline was wrong," said Keith. "Our initial intent was to get married and our intent is to stay married. There's no fraud on [Akiko's] side."

But after countless hours, three attorneys, and over \$10,000 the Campbells' situation remains grim.

The couple thought they had finally gotten some good news when the local Tampa immigration office recently told them Akiko's visa petition had been approved. All she had to do was pick up the visa in Japan

and re-enter the U.S. But at her visa interview in February, the Tokyo embassy told Akiko her visa application had been rejected and she could not re-enter the U.S. for 10 years.

"It was a Gestapo trick," said Keith, who accuses USCIS of knowingly deceiving his wife so she would return to Japan. "She left the country under the pretense that she could come back. She couldn't even pack up her things, she couldn't even say goodbye."

Now Akiko has been stripped of her Japanese passport and is living with their two sons in her parents' home in Nagano. Five-year-old Leo doesn't understand why his family is being separated and often asks his mom why they can't go home.

"Our older son ... Leo, is especially having a hard time. He loves his daddy. He misses home so much," said Akiko.

### The Ongoing Immigration Debate

Akiko continued her successful career as a graphics designer when she and Keith moved to Bradenton. She soon made good friends and got involved in the local church. And in addition to their two younger sons, she helped raise Keith's oldest son Matthew, 19.

But now her life in America will have to be put on hold for 10 years if the U.S. government does not grant her a hardship waiver.

"I am native Japanese and lived here for 33 years until I got married to Keith. The house in Bradenton is our home now and is where we started our family. That is where my family belongs," said Akiko.

The current national debate on immigration reform often focuses on illegal immigration, usually from Mexico. But often lost in the debate are the stories of legal family immigration and the problems they too

face in an immigration system that is often unforgiving.

"We focus on the illegal part of immigration but what about the two million families separated by immigration policy?" said Keith.

Paul Donnelly, a spokesperson for American Families United — a group that works to ensure American immigration laws protect families — believes the only option for the Campbells is a "legislative fix."

"Those married to American citizens should not be treated less equally," said Donnelly, who noted that current legislation looking at giving legal status to undocumented illegal immigrants does not provide legal status for those like Akiko.

"We want the same fairness applied to Akiko," he said. "What's the national interest in keeping Akiko and their kids in Japan?"

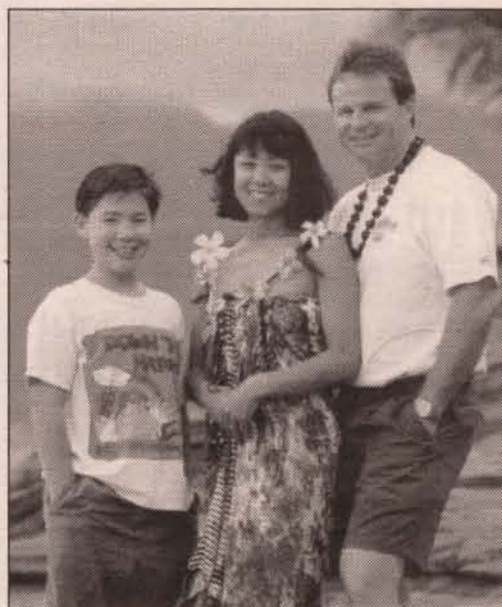
Calls to Chris Bentley, a spokesperson for USCIS, were not returned but in an interview with the *Associated Press* he said: "we're bound by making determinations based on what the law says."

### An Uncertain Future

In March Keith visited Japan for four days, spending rare face-to-face time with his wife and two sons. In June he plans to return, this time for three weeks.

But the limited time he gets to spend with his two young sons is taking a toll.

With his oldest son Matthew, Keith admits he was often traveling for work and missed a lot of father-



Akiko and Keith are joined by their son Matthew on their wedding day.

son time, especially when his son was very young. It's something he has long regretted and vowed would not happen with his two younger sons.

"I swore this wouldn't happen with these two kids. But now the government is doing this to us. I've already missed six months of their lives," he said.

And he's not prepared to spend any more time away from his family. Although he's hopeful the hardship waiver will be granted, he's willing to ultimately move to Japan to be with his wife and kids.

"The plan is to get her home but my place is with her," said Keith. "We'd rather live our lives in the open somewhere else than to live here illegally."

"I am not giving up," said Akiko. "I will fight until I get justice." ■

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## RACIST MENU

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leaders of Tucson's Asian community including JACL, the YWCA, Chicanos Por La Causa, Tucson Urban League and members of the Tucson City Council and the Pima County Board of Supervisors denounced Reynolds' advertising as racist and further criticized him for failing to respond to concerns first raised in February by the Tucson Chinese Association.

Jason Wong, president of that group, said he was pleased that the

business finally responded to the complaints, but disappointed that it took so much community pressure to make it happen.

"The issue wasn't solely just the Chinese community," Wong said. "Any group or member of the community should not have to feel there is no one to support them if an injustice has been done. The support showed this is a wonderful community," he said.

Reynolds said the changes to his advertising were planned before the groups held their May 16 press conference. ■

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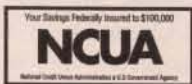
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